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The UNC Environmental Finance Center hosts Green Schools Symposium

RALEIGH, N.C., Feb. 8, 2019—The [Environmental Finance Center at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill \(EFC\)](#) will host the first ever Green Schools Symposium to bring various stakeholders from around the Triangle and state together to facilitate a green schools partnership in Wake County.

The Green Schools Symposium, sponsored by [The Conservation Fund](#), will have nearly 80 attendees from around the Triangle and North Carolina, including: the City of Raleigh, Wake County Environmental Services, Wake County Public School System, North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, NC Conservation Network, NC GreenPower, Water Resources Research Institute, and many others.

“When we started interviewing stakeholders for this project, it became immediately apparent that the green school discussion had already been happening in Wake County in many capacities for years, and everyone shared the same level of excitement and enthusiasm for making it finally happen,” said EFC Project Director Erin Riggs. “The time felt ripe for bringing everyone together in one room to see if, together, we can chart a path forward to make this a reality for the region.”

The Green Schools Symposium will take place at the Wake County Commons Building on Feb. 8, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information on the event and the EFC’s work on green schools, visit the [EFC website](#).

About the Environmental Finance Center at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill:

The Environmental Finance Center at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is part of a network of university-based centers that work on environmental issues, including water resources, solid waste management, energy, and land conservation. The EFC partners with organizations across the United States to assist communities, provide training and policy analysis services, and disseminate tools and research on a variety of environmental finance and policy topics.

The EFC is dedicated to enhancing the ability of governments to provide environmental programs and services in fair, effective, and financially sustainable ways.

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