



Urban Drawdown Initiative: Capturing Carbon, Creating Opportunity

Breakout Summary:

For cities to meet our carbon reduction goals, we cannot rely on carbon emission reduction strategies alone. Carbon sequestration, especially through the capture and recycling of organic material, is a key way cities like Cleveland will meet their climate action goals.

Brett KenCairn, Director, Urban Drawdown Initiative, provided an introduction to UDI and shared innovative ways cities are treating carbon as a resource, not a burden. Marc White/Randy McShepard of Rid-All Green Partnership and Daniel Brown of Rust Belt Riders highlighted local efforts and opportunities to scale up organic waste diversion and reuse in Cleveland.

Presenters:

- Daniel Brown, Founder, Rust Belt Riders
- Brett KenCairn, Senior Policy Advisor for Climate and Resilience, City of Boulder, Colorado and Director, Urban Drawdown Initiative
- Marc White, Founder, Rid-All Green Partnership

Watch a recording of this session here: [Urban Drawdown Initiative Capturing Carbon, Creating Opportunity | Sustainable Cleveland 2020 Virtual Summit](#)

Information and Resources shared during breakout:

- Urban Drawdown Initiative: <https://urbandrawdown.solutions/>. Carbon removal strategies that simultaneously improve the social, economic, and environmental resilience of local communities through partnerships.
- Rust Belt Riders: <https://www.rustbeltriders.com/>. The fight against food waste: at our home, our place of work, or in our community.
- Rid-All Green Partnership: <https://www.greenghetto.org/>. Growing Food, Creating Jobs, and Building Healthy, Green Neighborhoods.