





## 11th Annual Green Infrastructure Conference The Future of Green Bond Financing

- Introductions
- What is the Inflation Reduction Act ("IRA"), the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund and the National Green Bank?
- How the IRA is making an impact on the local level?
  - O The creation of local green banks, partnerships with state and local governments, CDFIs, and more
  - What local green banks are doing to take advantage of funding
  - How New Orleans is responding to the IRA
    - Finance New Orleans
      - The impact of Hurricane Katrina and other historic events
      - Plans and collaboration with the City of New Orleans, Regional Transit Authority, Orleans Parish School Board, Sewerage and Water Board, and other local government entities
  - How institutions like Coalition for Green Capital are supporting organizations like Finance New Orleans
- Leveraging funds allocated in the IRA for green projects
  - o Types of funding opportunities
  - o Creative ways to utilize IRA funds
  - o How Finance New Orleans is taking advantage of funding opportunities
- What challenges lie ahead?
  - o Lack of, or insufficient, policies in place to take advantage of funding opportunities
  - o Need to educate the muni market on new financing alternatives
  - o Increase and/or improve muni marketplace disclosure
  - o Lack of political support
- What opportunities exist?
  - o Invest in projects that matter
  - o Participate in innovative financings
  - o Muni bond issuance tax benefits