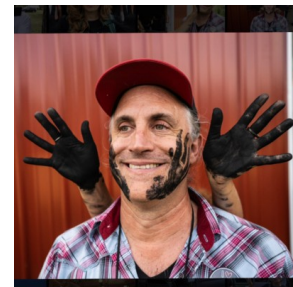




Letter from the Executive Director

This month I want to take this opportunity to thank John Webster for his work supporting USBI over the past years. John has departed USBI to focus on his [bulk biochar sourcing](#) and consultation services. Don't worry, John will be staying solidly in the US biochar world, leading the [Biochar on Site](#) initiative and as a member of the 2025 conference team.



John started by volunteering with USBI in late 2020, becoming a key organizer of the 2022 North American Biochar Conference in Morgantown, WV. From there, John became Communications Director at USBI, publishing newsletters, growing interest in biochar and USBI on social media, hosting and promoting demonstrations, and so much more. John put so much into this organization, and is a big part of our growth. Thank you John, and we wish you luck leading Biochar on Site and moving the needle on bulk biochar sales.

Connect with [John on LinkedIn](#) or email john@gobiochar.com. You can also find out more about Biochar on Site below.



Myles Gray
Executive Director

Call for Speakers and Abstracts Extended

2025 North American Biochar Conference

Save the Date for September 15–18, 2025 in Minneapolis, Minnesota!

The North American Biochar Conference, organized by USBI, has become the premier gathering for the biochar industry in North America and beyond. For 2025, as interest and momentum within the biochar community continue to grow, we anticipate an exceptional turnout of over 1,000 attendees and 75+ exhibitors and sponsors.

Submissions closing March 31

[Submit Your Abstract](#)

We're looking to bring together the best content on biochar research, practical uses, finance, carbon, policy, and more. Submission categories can include:

- Biochar Feedstocks: Foundations for Success
- Scaling Biochar: Production Technologies, Logistics, and Operations
- Biochar in Infrastructure: Sustainable Urban and Built Environments
- Agricultural and Forestry: Driving Production and Use
- Carbon Markets and Climate Mitigation: Unlocking Biochar's Decarbonization Potential
- Building the Biochar Industry: Business Models, Finance, and Market Development

Accepted speakers receive discounted registration!

Industry Highlight

Minneapolis to become first city in North America to own and operate biochar facility

Minneapolis is making history by becoming the first city in North America to own and operate a biochar facility. With the City producing its own biochar, it is reinforcing its commitment to building a climate legacy.

The Minneapolis biochar facility will be located at 670 25th Ave. SE and have the capacity to annually:

- Process over 3,000 tons of wood waste
- Produce over 500 tons of biochar



Construction on the facility is expected to begin this spring with biochar production beginning in the summer or early fall.

[Read More](#)



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Introducing Biochar On Site: A Hands-On Approach to Place-Based Biochar



The mission of [Biochar On Site](#) (BOS) is to make on-site biochar production and application a mainstream, locally adapted practice. We empower land managers, foresters, and communities to transform

waste into a valuable resource, reduce wildfire risks, and boost soil carbon for resilient ecosystems; all through education, innovation, and community engagement.

Advancing on-site biochar best practices, from simple flame cap kilns and managing conservation burn piles to utilizing efficient air curtain carbonizers, BOS fosters information sharing about current regulations & permitting, cost-shares and grant opportunities, local events put on by members of the BOS community, and a growing directory of service providers, equipment manufacturers, tools, and resources.

Join our next meeting! BOS holds monthly video meet ups for on-site practitioners on the [first Wednesday of each month](#). The next meeting is April 2nd, 2025.

BOS began with [Kelpie Wilson's](#) inspiring "Biochar in the Woods" concept in 2020. From a simple idea, and the contributions of many at USBI and beyond, it has grown into a thriving program. Today, led by Program Director [Korina Stark](#) and Outreach & Development Director [John Webster](#), and with Kelpie's ongoing involvement, BOS is driving real change. Workshops, demonstrations, and online connections are helping people implement practical, affordable biochar solutions.

Your financial support is key to this story. Your contributions and sponsorships enable

us to expand our training, enhance our digital resources, and move closer to becoming a non-profit. Every contribution helps us put biochar to work and create a more sustainable future. Discover how you can get involved at BiocharOnSite.org!

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Biochar Events Calendar

Connect and collaborate at in-person or online events!

March 2025

March 18–20

[2025 International Biomass Conference & Expo](#)

Atlanta, GA

March 27

[Scaling Up Biochar Project Presentation](#)

Virtual

March 25–27 | USBI Panel March 25

[North American Carbon World](#): America's premier event on carbon markets and climate policy. Myles Gray (USBI) to lead a panel discussion: Scaling Biochar as a Carbon Removal Technology by Growing End-Use Market Demand.

Los Angeles, CA

April 2025

April 7

[SHOWDOWN: Biochar vs Direct Air Capture](#)

Virtual

April 7–9

[US Biochar Coalition's DC Fly-in](#): stay tuned for details!

Washington, DC

April 8

[Measuring, Reporting, and Verifying Biochar Projects: The Continuous Impact of Audits](#): International Biochar Initiative Webinar

Online

April 28–May 2

[DC Climate Week](#): Providing opportunities to engage with policymakers, fund climate solutions, and showcase cutting-edge technologies.

Washington, DC

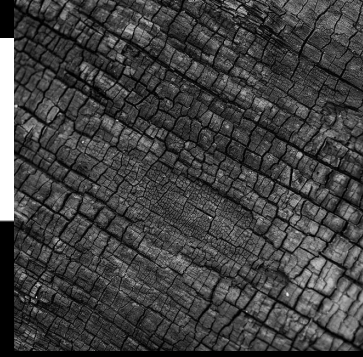
May 2025

May 20–21

[Carbon Unbound, East Coast](#): The Global Business Summit Accelerating Gigaton-Scale CDR

New York, NY

Biochar Roundup



[New Developments for Biocarbon Standards](#)

Dive into the current status of biochar standards with Biomass Magazine: the challenges, the opportunities, and where the industry could go from here.

[Washington State University Launches \\$5M Study on Biochar and Hemp's Impact on Crop Yields and Soil Health](#)

Washington State University has launched a six-year study to explore how biochar and hemp can improve soil health and crop yields, funded by a \$5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Energy. USBI is proud to be a partner institution in the project! Our role is focused on biochar sourcing, development of biochar enhanced fertilizers, and experimental design, with a focus on economically viable applications.

Stay connected!

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