Conference Program Detail

Pre-Conference Day 1 of 1: Wednesday, May 28, 2008

8:00 – 2:00

American Forests Board of Directors Meeting. (Lunch 12:00 – 1:00)
Location: TBD

8:30 – 5:00

Community Tree Leadership Forum (Optional Activity), Presented by the Alliance for Community Trees
Location: TBD

6:00 – 9:00

Registration Opens
Location: TBD

6:00 – 10:00

Board and VIP Dinner
Location: TBD

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7:30 – 5:30
Registration Open
Location: TBD

7:30 – 8:15
Continental Breakfast
Location: TBD

8:30 – 10:00
Opening General Session
Location: TBD

Welcome: Deborah Gangloff

Conference Overview: Cheryl Kollin

Nature and Network Animation (short video): Theresa Flaxman
Description: TBD

Topic: Nature and the Network - A New Conceptual Framework
Understanding the Natural and Human Systems and How They Interact
The Piedmont Crescent Example
Speaker(s):
The Human Network: Michael Gallis, MGA
The Natural World: Gary Moll, American Forests
The Interaction: Michael Flaxman, MIT
Summary: TBD

10:00 – 10:30
Break

10:30 – 12:00
Keynote Session
Location: TBD

(10:30 – 11:00)
Topic: Investments in Transportation are Investments in the Environment
Speaker: Emil Frankel
Summary: (3/31) To be supplied in three or four weeks

Topic: Connecting Nature and the Network for Regional Development
Speaker: Win Hallett, Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce
Summary: Recent economic development in Mobile Bay Area, and how it is viewed by Chamber members and the community. How the growth will impact the Mobile Bay environment and what the Chamber is doing to manage that growth.

12:00 – 12:15

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Break

12:15 – 1:30

Lunch with Presentation
Location: TBD

Topic: Natural Systems (Florida's Waterways)
Speaker: Jeff Danter, Nature Conservancy, Florida Chapter
Summary: TBD

1:30 – 2:00

Break

2:00 – 3:00

General Session
Location: TBD

Topic: The MyRegion Experience
Speaker: Shelley Lauten
Summary: TBD

3:00 – 3:30

Break

3:30 – 5:00

Concurrent Sessions

Session 1
Topic: Interaction / Modeling
Speaker(s): Dr. Michael Flaxman, MIT Systems Modeling
Summary: TBD
Location: TBD

Session 2
Topic: A Model for Easier Access to Mapping Data Useful for Urban Forestry & Planning
Speaker(s) Ian Hanou, NCDC; Bill Peel, RFP Mapping
Summary: High-resolution green & gray infrastructure mapping data has many uses for urban forestry and green planning. Until now, it has never been available on-the-shelf. A recent program in Chicago, IL will change how the industry obtains high value GIS data.
Location: TBD

Session 3
Topic: Planning the Urban Forest: Ecology, Economy and Community Development
Speaker(s): Cheryl Kollin, American Forests; Jim Schwab, American Planning Association; Phillip Rodbell, USFS, Moderator
Summary: The focus of this session is on a forthcoming report from the American Planning Association, based on a project that partnered APA with American Forests, the International Society of Arboriculture, and the USDA Forest Service. Moderator Phillip Rodbell will introduce the role of the Forest Service in supporting and fostering planning for urban forestry through this research project and explain why the role of urban planning is so vital to the future of the urban forest. Jim Schwab, APA's project manager for the

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report, will provide an overview of the project's aims and describe how planning makes a difference in advancing the urban forest as a solution to a variety of community and regional environmental, social, economic, and development challenges. He will also delineate the essential principles the partners identified for this field of practice and the process of selecting 13 case studies that highlight the best practices around the nation. Cheryl Kollin contributed three case studies--from North Carolina, Florida, and Texas. In addition, she prepared parts of two other chapters discussing the benefits of the urban forest and a framework for understanding the issues involved. She will summarize the findings of those case studies, as well as some of the major issues facing both planners and foresters.
Location: TBD

Session 4
Topic: USFS Redesign
Speaker(s): Jim Hubbard, USFS
Summary: TBD
Location: TBD

5:00 – 7:00

Evening Reception
Location: TBD

7:30 – 5:00

Registration and Information Open

7:30 – 8:15

Continental Breakfast

8:30 – 10:00

Concurrent Sessions

Session 1
Topic: Natural System
Moderators: Ed Macie & Phillip Rodbell, USFS
Speakers: TBD
Summary: TBD
Location: TBD

Session 2
Topic: Human Network
Moderators: TBD
Speaker(s): Dominique Lueckenhoff, Robb Jolly, Neil, EPA GHP
Summary: TBD
Location: TBD

Session 3
Topic: Measuring and Monitoring Green Infrastructure, City of Bellevue
Speaker(s): Andrew Brenner, Sanborn; Kevin LeClair, Bellevue (tentative)
Summary: (Brenner) This presentation would cover how to use existing and new resources to create information on green infrastructure. How this information can be combined with other datasets to refine the CITYgreen analysis and how to keep these datasets up to date.
Location: TBD

Session 4
Topic: Florida's Waterways Session 1 - Defining the Landscape Context for the Northern Everglades Region
Moderators:
Speaker(s): Keith Fisher, The Nature Conservancy, Florida Chapter; TBD
Summary:
- Historic vs. Current conditions in the northern Everglades, where we are and where do we need to be.
- Integrating restoration needs in the northern Everglades with the MyRegion Vision
- Greater Ridge Conservation Planning Tool - A tool for evaluating landscape context for growth planning decisions
Location: TBD

10:00 – 10:30

Break

10:30 – 12:00

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Concurrent Session

Session 1
Topic: Natural System
Moderators: Ed Macie & Phillip Rodbell, USFS
Speakers: TBD
Summary: TBD
Location: TBD

Session 2
Topic: National Advocacy and Action Regarding the Federal Forestry Budget
Speaker: Alice Ewen Walker, ACT; Gerry Grey, AF
Summary: TBD
Location: TBD

Session 3
Topic: Sustainability Based Tree Ordinances
Speaker: Buck Abbey, LSU; Liz Kramer, Natural Resource Spatial Analysis Laboratory (NARSAL),
University of Georgia
Summary: TBD
Location: TBD

Session 4
Topic: Florida's Waterways Session 2 - Defining the Process, How to Move From Planning to
Implementation
Speaker: Keith Fisher, The Nature Conservancy, Florida Chapter; TBD
Summary:
* The Disney Wilderness Preserve Story and Targeted Mitigation
* The Wekiva Basin Task Force - Lesson Learned and Application to the northern Everglades Issues
* Panel Discussion - Tying It All Together. How do we get where we need to be.
Location: TBD

12:00 – 12:15
Break
Location: TBD

12:15 – 1:30
Lunch with Presentation
Location: TBD

Topic: Video Preview
Louisiana Public Broadcasting

Topic: The Southern Piedmont Crescent: Evolution of an Urban Region
Speaker: David Goldfield, Historian, UNC Charlotte
Summary: The Southern Piedmont Crescent, extending from southern Virginia to the foothills of the
Appalachians near Birmingham, Alabama, emerged as the economic engine of the South during the
years following the Civil War, as well as the focal point for social change. The acceleration of
development since WWII created an interdependent urban region with connections to a national and
global networks.

1:30 – 1:45

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Break

1:45 – 3:00
Closing General Session
Location: TBD

Topic: A Systems Framework for Every Region
Speaker: Michael Gallis, MGA
Summary: TBD

3:00 – 3:30
Open

3:30 – 5:00
Small Group Presentations or Meetings

Topic: CITYgreen Presentation
Presenters: Eric Ray and Mike Lehman
Summary: TBD
Location: TBD

Topic: Margo's Meeting
Presenter: Margo Dawley
Summary: TBD
Location: TBD

Topic: TBD
Presenter: Gerry Gray
Summary: TBD
Location: TBD

Topic: OPEN
Presenter:
Summary:
Location:

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Possible Remaining Pieces

Rick Roti, Mecklenberg County, Catawba River, Mountain Island Lake

Climate Communities

Florida Water Management District

Southern Growth Policies Board - http://www.southern.org

Dan DeWald, Bellevue – with Sanborn?

Peter Eredics, ESRI – Mike reports that he is really interested.

Green Infrastructure Center

Robin Chase, CEO of Zipcar

Program Committee

Michael Gallis	Michael Gallis and Assoc
Gary Moll	American Forests
Michael Flaxman	MIT
Dominique Luekenhoff	EPA Green Highways
Ed Macie	USDA Forest Service
Robb Jolly	ReVision

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