

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

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 – Gary to provide

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 – Gary to contact

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

Break

12:15 – 1:30

Lunch with Presentation

Location: TBD

Topic: Natural Systems (Florida's Waterways) TBD
Speaker: Jeff Danter, Nature Conservancy, Florida Chapter
Summary: TBD
Out until Wednesday, Gary will contact

1:30 – 2:00

Break

2:00 – 3:00

General Session

Location: TBD

Topic: The MyRegion Experience
Speaker: Shelley Lauten
Summary: TBD – Gary to Contact

3:00 – 3:30

Break

3:30 – 5:00

Concurrent Sessions

Session 1

Topic: The Digital Description and Conceptual Model for the Piedmont Crescent
Speaker(s): Dr. Michael Flaxman, MIT Systems Modeling; Michael Gallis, MGA; Gary Moll, AF
Summary: TBD - Gary
Location: TBD

Session 2

Topic: A Model for Easier Access to Mapping Data Useful for Urban Forestry & Planning – Reword this
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 – Reword this
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

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. - Shorten this.
Location: TBD

Session 4

Topic: USFS Redesign

Speaker(s): Jim Hubbard, USFS

Summary: TBD – Gary

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: Landscape Scale Projects

Moderators: Ed Macie & Phillip Rodbell, USFS

Speakers: Heather Montgomery, Potomac Partners; Jenny Gulick, Davey Resource Group

Summary: **TBD**

Location: *TBD*

Session 2

Topic: Human Network

Moderators: **TBD**

Speaker(s): Dominique Lueckenhoff, Robb Jolly, EPA Green Highways Program

Summary: **TBD – Gary to Contact Robb**

Location: *TBD*

Session 3

Topic: Measuring and Monitoring Green Infrastructure, City of Bellevue

Speaker(s): Andrew Brenner, Sanborn; Kevin LeClair, Bellevue **(tentative, Kate coordinating)**

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 - Gary**

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

Concurrent Session

Session 1

Topic: Landscape Scale Projects

Moderators: Ed Macie & Phillip Rodbell, USFS

Speakers: Jim Fox, UNC; Rob Pirani, Regional Plan Association NY

Summary: TBD

Location: TBD

Session 2

Topic: Federal Update: Opportunities and Challenges for Urban National Resources in the Federal Agenda

Speaker: Alice Ewen Walker, Alliance for Community Trees; Gerry Grey, AF

Summary: The urban and community forestry program has been an important source of support and innovation for urban natural resources management.

Learn about the Sustainable Urban Forest Coalition's advocacy action this year, and contribute to roundtable discussion about how urban natural resources can be promoted in the national agenda.

Location: TBD

Session 3

Topic: Sustainability Based Tree Ordinances

Speaker: Buck Abbey, LSU

Summary: TBD – Kate: Buck to have on 4/8

Topic: An assessment of Canopy and Impervious surface changes for Metropolitan Areas across the SE US: results of a prototype for a national database system.

Speaker: Liz Kramer, Natural Resource Spatial Analysis Laboratory (NARSAL), University of Georgia

Summary: Measurements of tree canopy, impervious surface, for circa 1991 and 2001 have been derived for 11 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA's) in the Southeastern US. 11 MA's will be reported Atlanta, GA Birmingham AL, Charlotte NC, Charleston SC, Raleigh-Durham NC, Jackson MS, Jacksonville FL, Lexington KY, Nashville TN, Washington, DC/Northern VA and Greenville, SC. In addition we will discuss how these changes impact a number of environmental metrics such as water quality, air quality, and carbon sequestration.

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 – Gary

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.

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Topic: Video Preview
Louisiana Public Broadcasting – Kate working with Tika

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

Break

1:45 – 3:00

Closing General Session

Location: TBD

Topic: A National Systems Framework for the Environment
Speaker: Michael Gallis, MGA
Summary: TBD - Gary

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:

Possible Remaining Pieces

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

Climate Communities

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

Green Infrastructure Center

Robin Chase, CEO of Zipcar

Program Committee

Michael Gallis	Michael Gallis and Assoc
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Michael Flaxman	MIT
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