

## 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**

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**Registration Open**

Location: TBD

**7:30 – 8:15**

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**Continental Breakfast**

Location: TBD

**8:30 – 10:00**

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**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**

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**Break**

**10:30 – 12:00**

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**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**

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## Break

**12:15 – 1:30**

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### Lunch with Presentation

*Location: TBD*

Topic: Natural Systems (Florida's Waterways) TBD  
Speaker: Jeff Danter, Nature Conservancy, Florida Chapter  
Summary: TBD  
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**1:30 – 2:00**

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## Break

**2:00 – 3:00**

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### General Session

*Location: TBD*

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

**3:00 – 3:30**

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## Break

**3:30 – 5:00**

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### 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**

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**Evening Reception**

*Location: TBD*

**7:30 – 5:00**

**Registration and Information Open**

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**7:30 – 8:15**

**Continental Breakfast**

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**8:30 – 10:00**

**Concurrent Sessions**

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Session 1

Moderators: Ed Macie & Phillip Rodbell, USFS

Topic: Landscape Scale Projects

Speaker(s): Jenny Gulick, Davey Resource Group

Summary: **TBD**

Topic: **A Model for Large Scale Watershed Restoration and Stewardship**

Speaker: **Heather Montgomery, Potomac Partners**

Summary: **The Potomac Watershed Partnership (PWP) is a collaborative effort among federal, state, and local partners to restore the health of the land and waters of the Potomac River Basin, thereby enhancing the quality of life and overall health of the Chesapeake Bay.**

**Heather Montgomery, PWP Coordinator, will provide background to the success of this partnership while focusing on PWP's signature project Growing Native and its role in engaging partners, students, and community volunteers in supporting riparian buffer establishment and school tree canopy increase.**

Topic: **Albuquerque Openspace / Rio Grande River Riparian Forest Restoration Project**

Speaker: **Matt Schmader (invited)**

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

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Session Title: Florida's Waterways Session 1 - Defining the Landscape Context for the Northern Everglades Region  
Moderator: Keith Fisher, The Nature Conservancy, Florida Chapter

Topic: Historic vs. Current conditions in the northern Everglades, where we are and where do we need to be.

Speaker: Paul Gray, Ph. D., Okeechobee Science Coordinator, Audubon of Florida (invited)

Topic: Integrating restoration needs in the northern Everglades with the MyRegion Vision  
Speakers: Walt Thomson, Central Region Conservation Director, The Nature Conservancy; Jenny Conner, Senior Policy Advisor, The Nature Conservancy; Tom Teets, South Florida Water Management District (invited)

Topic: Greater Ridge Conservation Planning Tool - A tool for evaluating landscape context for growth planning decisions

Speaker: Tricia Martin, Lake Wales Ridge Program Director, The Nature Conservancy

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**10:00 – 10:30**

**Break**

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**10:30 – 12:00**

**Concurrent Session**

Session 1

Moderators: Ed Macie & Phillip Rodbell, USFS

Topic: Landscape Scale Projects

Speaker(s): Jim Fox, UNC;

Summary: **TBD**

Topic: Landscape Conservation in the Northeast Mega-Region

Speaker: Rob Pirani, Regional Plan Association NY

Summary: Landscape conservation in the Northeast Megaregion can help sustain drinking water and other natural resources as the region adds 19 million people by 2050. Regional approaches developed for the Long Island Pine Barrens, New Jersey Highlands, and Long Island Sound can make a vital contribution to meeting the \$277 billion that EPA estimates is needed to repair and improve our water infrastructure.

*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.

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Session 3

Topic: Sustainable Tree Ordinances

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Speaker: Buck Abbey, LSU

Summary: Authorities on municipal tree laws and other green laws discusses the changing nature of urban tree regulations and how they must be revised to embrace the truly unique natural concept of sustainability. The theoretical concept of urban sustainability is driving the design of modern buildings, cities and landscapes and the tree ordinance and the landscape code are two principal tools that are helping society understand that the urban forest canopy is one of the most important aspects of urban sustainability. People in the tree industry have known that for years, now is the time for our tree ordinances to reflect this knowledge.

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.

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#### Session 4

Session Title: Florida's Waterways Session 2 - Defining the Process, How to Move From Planning to Implementation

Moderator: Keith Fisher, The Nature Conservancy, Florida Chapter

Topic: The Disney Wilderness Preserve Story and Targeted Mitigation

Speaker: Keith Fisher, Disney Wilderness Preserve Program Director, The Nature Conservancy

Topic: The Wekiva Basin Task Force - Lesson Learned and Application to the northern Everglades Issues

Speaker: Keith Schue, Central Florida Conservations Project Coordinator, The Nature Conservancy

Topic: Panel Discussion - Tying It All Together. How do we get where we need to be.

Speakers: Charles Lee; Director of Advocacy; Audubon of Florida (invited)

Representative, South Florida Water Management District (invited)

Representative, US Army Corp of Engineers, Jacksonville District (tentative)

Representative, Everglades Coalition (tentative)

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**12:00 – 12:15**

**Break**

Location: TBD

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**12:15 – 3:00**

**Closing Lunch with Presentations**

Location: TBD

Topic: Video Preview

Louisiana Public Broadcasting – Kate working with Tika

Topic: The Southern Piedmont Crescent: Evolution of an Urban Region

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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.

Closing General Session

Topic: A National Systems Framework for the Environment

Speaker: Michael Gallis, MGA

Summary: TBD - Gary

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**1:30 – 1:45**

**Break**

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**1:45 – 3:00**

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**3:00 – 3:30**

**Open**

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**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**

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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**

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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