2008 National Conference on Urban Ecosystems

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

PRE-CONFERENCE				
8:00 – 2:00	American Forests Board of Directors Meeting Lunch 12:00 – 1:00			
8:30 – 5:00	30 – 5:00 Community Tree Leadership Forum (Optional Activity) Presented by the Alliance for Community Trees			
6:00 - 9:00	Registration Opens			
6:00 - 10:00	Board and VIP Dinner			

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Program Day 1 of 2: Thursday, May 29, 2008

IDEAS						
8:30 – 10:00	Opening General Session Welcome Sponsor Recognition Conference Overview: Cheryl Kollin Nature and Network Animation (short video) Session: Nature and the Network - A New Conceptual Framework Understanding the Natural and Human Systems and How They Interact The Piedmont Crescent Example The Human Network: Michael Gallis, MGA The Natural World: Gary Moll, American Forests The Interaction: Michael Flaxman, MIT					
10:00 – 10:30	Break					
10:30 – 12:00	Keynote Session Connecting Nature and the Network for Regional Development: Win Hallett, Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce Natural System: TBD: Jerry Franklin [†] Human Network: TBD: Emil Frankel [†]					
12:00 – 1:30	Break					
NEW INITIATIVES						
1:30 – 3:00	Concurrent Session 1. The MyRegion Experience: Shelley Lauten (large session)	Concurrent Session 2. USFS Redesign: Jim Hubbard (small session)	Concurrent Session 3. Other Agency Sessions: EPA, DOT [†]			
3:00 - 3:30	Break					
3:30 – 5:00	Concurrent Session 1. Interaction / Modeling: Michael Flaxman	Concurrent Session 2. NCDC				
5:00 - 7:00	Evening Reception					

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Program Day 2 of 2: Friday, May 30, 2008

OPPORTUNITIES & CHALLENGES							
8:30 – 10:00	Concurrent Session 1. Natural: Ed Macie, USFS	Concurrent Session 2. Human: Dominique Lueckenhoff, Robb Jolly, EPA GHP					
10:00 – 10:30	Break						
10:30 – 12:00	Concurrent Session 1. Natural: Ed Macie, USFS	Concurrent Session 2. National Advocacy and Action Regarding the Federal Forestry Budget: Alice Ewen Walker, ACT	Concurrent Session 3. Sustainability Based Tree Ordinances: Buck Abbey, LSU				
12:00 – 12:15	Break						
12:15 – 1:30	Lunch and Speaker David Goldfield, Historian, UNC Charlotte						
1:30 - 1:45	Break						
STRATEGIC FUTURES							
1:45 – 3:00	Closing General Session A Systems Framework for Every Region: Michael Gallis						
3:00 - 3:30	Open						
3:30 - 5:00	Small Group Presentations	American Forests Presentation: Gerry Gray and Margo Dawley	American Forests Presentation: Greg Meyer	CITYgreen Presentation: Eric Ray and Mike Lehman			

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Possible Remaining Pieces

Rick Roti, Mecklenberg County, Mountain Island Lake - possibly with Ed Macie

Sanborn. "Measuring and Monitoring Your Green Infrastructure" – 1 hour presentation. with Flaxman?

Louisiana Public Broadcasting - Video Preview

Green Infrastructure Center

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