

Conference Program Overview Version 2.3  
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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	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

<b>IDEAS</b>				
7:30 – 8:15	Continental Breakfast			
8:30 – 10:00	<b>Opening General Session</b> Welcome Sponsor Recognition Conference Overview: Cheryl Kollin Nature and Network Animation (short video): Theresa Flaxman  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	<b>Keynote Session</b> Connecting Nature and the Network for Regional Development: Win Hallett, Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce Human Network: Emil Frankel			
12:00 – 1:30	Break			
<b>NEW INITIATIVES</b>				
1:30 – 3:00	<b>Concurrent Session</b> 1. The MyRegion Experience: Shelley Lauten (large session)		<b>Concurrent Session</b> TBD	
3:00 – 3:30	Break			
3:30 – 5:00	<b>Concurrent Session</b> 1. Interaction / Modeling: Michael Flaxman	<b>Concurrent Session</b> 2. Chicago Region Green Infrastructure: NCDC panel	<b>Concurrent Session</b> 3. APA Report: Cheryl Kollin and panel	<b>Concurrent Session</b> 4. USFS Redesign: Jim Hubbard (small session)
5:00 – 7:00	Evening Reception			

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

OPPORTUNITIES & CHALLENGES				
7:30 – 8:15	Continental Breakfast			
8:30 – 10:00	<b>Concurrent Session</b> 1. Natural: Ed Macie, USFS	<b>Concurrent Session</b> 2. Human: Dominique Lueckenhoff, Robb Jolly, EPA GHP	<b>Concurrent Session</b> 3. Measuring and Monitoring Your Green Infrastructure: Sanborn panel	
10:00 – 10:30	Break			
10:30 – 12:00	<b>Concurrent Session</b> 1. Natural: Ed Macie, USFS	<b>Concurrent Session</b> 2. National Advocacy and Action Regarding the Federal Forestry Budget: Alice Ewen Walker, ACT TBD: Gerry Grey, AF	<b>Concurrent Session</b> 3. Sustainability Based Tree Ordinances: Buck Abbey, LSU	
12:00 – 12:15	Break			
12:15 – 1:30	<b>Lunch and Speaker</b> The Southern Piedmont Crescent: Evolution of an Urban Region: David Goldfield, Historian, UNC Charlotte			
1:30 – 1:45	Break			
STRATEGIC FUTURES				
1:45 – 3:00	<b>Closing General Session</b> A Systems Framework for Every Region: Michael Gallis			
3:00 – 3:30	Open			
3:30 – 5:00	Small Group Presentations	CITYgreen Presentation: Eric Ray and Mike Lehman	Margo?	Gerry?

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**Possible Remaining Pieces**

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

Climate Communities

Florida Water Management District

Southern Policy Growth Board

Louisiana Public Broadcasting – Video Preview

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

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

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