

Conference Program Overview Version 2.5  
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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

7:30 – 5:30	Registration Open			
IDEAS				
7:30 – 8:15	Continental Breakfast			
8:30 – 10:00	<p><b>Opening General Session</b> Welcome Sponsor Recognition Conference Overview: Cheryl Kollin Nature and Network Animation (short video): Theresa Flaxman</p> <p>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</p>			
10:00 – 10:30	Break			
10:30 – 12:00	<p><b>Keynote Session</b> Connecting Nature and the Network for Regional Development: Win Hallett, Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce Investments in Transportation are Investments in the Environment: Emil Frankel</p>			
12:00 – 1:30	Break			
NEW INITIATIVES				
1:30 – 3:00	<p><b>General Session</b> The MyRegion Experience: Shelley Lauten</p>			
3:00 – 3:30	Break			
3:30 – 5:00	<p><b>Concurrent Session</b> 1. Interaction / Modeling: Dr. Michael Flaxman, MIT Systems Modeling</p>	<p><b>Concurrent Session</b> 2. A Model for Easier Access to Mapping Data Useful for Urban Forestry &amp; Planning: Ian Hanou, NCDC &amp; Bill Peel, RFP Mapping</p>	<p><b>Concurrent Session</b> 3. APA Report: Cheryl Kollin, American Forests &amp; Jim Schwab, American Planning Association</p>	<p><b>Concurrent Session</b> 4. USFS Redesign: Jim Hubbard, USFS</p>
5:00 – 7:00	Evening Reception			

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

7:30 – 5:00	Registration and Information Open			
<b>OPPORTUNITIES &amp; CHALLENGES</b>				
7:30 – 8:15	Continental Breakfast			
8:30 – 10:00	<b>Concurrent Session</b> 1. Natural System: Moderators Ed Macie & Phillip Rodbell, USFS	<b>Concurrent Session</b> 2. Human: Dominique Lueckenhoff, Robb Jolly, EPA GHP	<b>Concurrent Session</b> 3. Measuring and Monitoring Green Infrastructure: Sanborn panel Andrew Brenner	
10:00 – 10:30	Break			
10:30 – 12:00	<b>Concurrent Session</b> 1. Natural System: Moderators Ed Macie & Phillip Rodbell, 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</b> Video Preview: Louisiana Public Broadcasting  The Southern Piedmont Crescent: Evolution of an Urban Region: David Goldfield, Historian, UNC Charlotte			
1:30 – 1:45	Break			
<b>STRATEGIC FUTURES</b>				
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		Gerry?

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**Possible Remaining Pieces**

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

Climate Communities

Florida Water Management District

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

Matt King, Palm Beach – with Sanborn?

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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