2008 National Conference on Urban Ecosystems

# **Conference Program Overview**

#### 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					
7:30 – 8:15	Continental Breakfast					
	Opening General Session Welcome: Deborah Gangloff, AF					
	Sponsor Recognition: Deborah Gangloff, AF					
	Conference Overview: Cheryl Kollin, AF					
8:30 – 10:00	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	Keynote Session Investments in Transportation are Investments in the Environment: Emil Frankel					
	Connecting Nature and the Network for Regional Development: Win Hallett, Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce					
12:00 – 12:15	Break (need to determine timing)					
12:15 – 1:30	Lunch with Presentation Natural Systems (Florida's Waterways): Jeff Danter, The Nature Conservancy, Florida Chapter					
1:30 – 2:00	Break					
2:00 – 3:00	General Session The MyRegion Experience: Shelley Lauten					
3:00 - 3:30	Break					
3:30 – 5:00	Concurrent Session 1. Interaction / Modeling: Dr. Michael Flaxman, MIT Systems Modeling	Concurrent Session 2. A Model for Easier Access to Mapping Data Useful for Urban Forestry & Planning: Ian Hanou, NCDC & Bill Peel, RFP Mapping	Concurrent Session 3. Planning the Urban Forest: Ecology, Economy and Community Development: Cheryl Kollin, American Forests; Jim Schwab, American Planning Association; Phillip Rodbell, USFS, Moderator	Concurrent Session 4. USFS Redesign: Jim Hubbard, USFS  Or Florida's Waterways		
5:00 - 7:00	Evening Reception	Evening Reception				

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

7:30 – 5:00	Registration and Infor	mation Open				
7:30 – 8:15	Continental Breakfast					
8:30 – 10:00	Concurrent Session 1. Natural System: Moderators Ed Macie & Phillip Rodbell, USFS	Concurrent Session 2. Human: Dominique Lueckenhoff, Robb Jolly, EPA GHP	Concurrent Session 3. Measuring and Monitoring Green Infrastructure: Sanborn panel Andrew Brenner	Concurrent Session Florida's Waterways Session 1 - Defining the Landscape Context for the Northern Everglades Region		
10:00 – 10:30	Break					
10:30 – 12:00	Concurrent Session 1. Natural System: Moderators Ed Macie & Phillip Rodbell, USFS	Concurrent Session 2. National Advocacy and Action Regarding the Federal Forestry Budget: Alice Ewen Walker, ACT TBD: Gerry Grey, AF	Concurrent Session 3. Sustainability Based Tree Ordinances: Buck Abbey, LSU; Liz Kramer, Natural Resource Spatial Analysis Laboratory (NARSAL), University of Georgia	Concurrent Session Florida's Waterways Session 2 - Defining the Process, How to Move From Planning to Implementation		
12:00 – 12:15	Break					
12:15 – 1:30	Lunch with Presentation Video Preview: Louisiana Public Broadcasting  The Southern Piedmont Crescent: Evolution of an Urban Region: David Goldfield, Historian, UNC Charlotte					
1:30 – 1:45	Break					
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 or Meetings	CITYgreen Presentation: Mike Lehman	Margo's Meeting	Gerry?		

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#### **Possible Remaining Pieces**

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

Climate Communities

Florida Water Management District

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

Dan DeWald, Bellevue - with Sanborn?

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

Green Infrastructure Center

Robin Chase, CEO of Zipcar

#### **Program Committee**

Michael Gallis Michael Gallis and Assoc

Gary Moll **American Forests** 

Michael Flaxman MIT

Dominique Luekenhoff EPA Green Highways Ed Macie **USDA Forest Service** 

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