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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Nature & the NETWORK
Building a new framework for people and nature to work together.

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

7:30 – 5:30	Registration Open
7:30 – 8:15	Continental Breakfast
8:30 – 10:00	**Opening General Session** Welcome: Deborah Gangloff, AF Sponsor Recognition: Deborah Gangloff, AF Conference Overview: Cheryl Kollin, AF 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, Dir. of Transportation Policy, Bipartisan Policy Center and former Assistant Secretary for Transportation of US DOT Connecting Nature and the Network for Regional Development: Win Hallett, Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce and Chairman, US Chamber of Commerce Committee of 100
12:00 – 12:15	Break (need to determine timing)
12:15 – 1:30	**Lunch with Presentation** Landscape Conservation and the Network: Guiding Principles: Jeff Danter, The Nature Conservancy, Florida Chapter
1:30 – 2:00	Break
2:00 – 3:00	**General Session** The MyRegion Experience: Shelley Lauten, myregion.org
3:00 – 3:30	Break

3:30 – 5:00	**Concurrent Session 1** Developing a Digital Model for Analyzing Community Development: Dr. Michael Flaxman, MIT Systems Modeling; Michael Gallis, MGA; Gary Moll, AF	**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, AF; Jim Schwab, American Planning Association; Phillip Rodbell, USFS, Moderator	**Concurrent Session 4** USFS Redesign: Jim Hubbard, USFS

5:00 – 7:00	Evening Reception

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7:30 – 5:00	Registration and Information Open			
7:30 – 8:15	Continental Breakfast			
8:30 – 10:00	**Concurrent Session 1** Landscape Scale Projects: Moderators Ed Macie & Phillip Rodbell, USFS A Model for Large Scale Watershed Restoration and Stewardship: Heather Montgomery, Potomac Partners Jenny Gulick, Davey Resource Group Albuquerque Openspace / Rio Grande River Riparian Forest Restoration Project: Matt Schmader (invited)	**Concurrent Session 2** Human: Dominique Lueckenhoff, Robb Jolly, EPA Green Highways Program	**Concurrent Session 3** Measuring and Monitoring Green Infrastructure: Andrew Brenner, Sanborn; Kevin LeClair, City of Bellevue, WA	**Concurrent Session 4** Florida's Waterways Session 1 - Defining the Landscape Context for the Northern Everglades Region: Keith Fisher, The Nature Conservancy, Florida Chapter Historic vs. Current conditions in the northern Everglades, where we are and where do we need to be: Paul Gray, Ph. D., Audubon of Florida (invited) Integrating restoration needs in the northern Everglades with the MyRegion Vision: Walt Thomson, The Nature Conservancy; Jenny Conner, The Nature Conservancy; Tom Teets, South Florida Water Management District (invited) Greater Ridge Conservation Planning Tool - A tool for evaluating landscape context for growth planning decisions: Tricia Martin, The Nature Conservancy
10:00 – 10:30	Break			

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10:30 – 12:00	**Concurrent Session 1** Landscape Scale Projects: Moderators Ed Macie & Phillip Rodbell, USFS Jim Fox, UNC Landscape Conservation in the Northeast Mega-Region: Rob Pirani, Regional Plan Association NY The Green Seattle Partnership - Combining Human and Ecologically Systems For a City Wide Forest Restoration Program: Mark Mead, Senior Urban Forester, Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation	**Concurrent Session 2** Federal Update: Opportunities and Challenges for Urban National Resources in the Federal Agenda: Alice Ewen Walker, Alliance for Community Trees; Gerry Grey, AF	**Concurrent Session 3** Sustainable Tree Ordinances: Buck Abbey, LSU An Assessment of Canopy and Impervious surface Changes for Metropolitan Areas Across the SE US: Results of a Prototype for a Nat'l database System: Liz Kramer, Natural Resource Spatial Analysis Laboratory (NARSAL), UGA	**Concurrent Session 4** Florida's Waterways Session 2 - Defining the Process, How to Move From Planning to Implementation:: 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 The Wekiva Basin Task Force - Lesson Learned and Application to the northern Everglades Issues: Keith Schue, The Nature Conservancy Panel Discussion - Tying It All Together. How do we get where we need to be.: 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)
12:00 – 12:15	Break			
12:15 – 3:00	**Closing Lunch with Presentations** *Return to the Forest Where We Live* Video Preview, Presented by: Louisiana Public Broadcasting The Southern Piedmont Crescent: Evolution of an Urban Region: David Goldfield, Historian, UNC Charlotte Closing General Session A National Systems Framework for the Environment: Michael Gallis			
3:00 – 3:30	Open			
3:30 – 5:00	Small Group Presentations or Meetings	CITYgreen Presentation: Mike Lehman	Margo's Meeting	Gerry Gray

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