

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

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	<p>Opening General Session Welcome: Deborah Gangloff, AF</p> <p>Sponsor Recognition: Deborah Gangloff, AF</p> <p>Conference Overview: Cheryl Kollin, AF</p> <p>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>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</p> <p>Connecting Nature and the Network for Regional Development: Win Hallett, Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce and Chairman, US Chamber of Commerce Committee of 100</p>			
12:00 – 12:15	Break (need to determine timing)			
12:15 – 1:30	<p>Lunch with Presentation Landscape Conservation and the Network: Guiding Principles: Jeff Danter, The Nature Conservancy, Florida Chapter</p>			
1:30 – 2:00	Break			
2:00 – 3:00	<p>General Session The MyRegion Experience: Shelley Lauten, myregion.org</p>			
3:00 – 3:30	Break			
3:30 – 5:00	<p>Concurrent Session 1 Developing a Digital Model for Analyzing Community Development: Dr. Michael Flaxman, MIT Systems Modeling; Michael Gallis, MGA; Gary Moll, AF</p>	<p>Concurrent Session 2 A Model for Easier Access to Mapping Data for Urban Forestry & Planning: Ian Hanou, NCDC & Bill Peel, RFP Mapping</p>	<p>Concurrent Session 3 Planning the Urban Forest: Ecology, Economy and Community Development: Cheryl Kollin, AF; Jim Schwab, American Planning Association; Phillip Rodbell, USFS, Moderator</p>	<p>Concurrent Session 4 USFS Redesign: Jim Hubbard, USFS</p>
5:00 – 7:00	Evening Reception			

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

7:30 – 5:00	Registration and Information Open			
7:30 – 8:15	Continental Breakfast			
8:30 – 10:00	<p>Concurrent Session 1 Landscape Scale Projects: Moderators Ed Macie & Phillip Rodbell, USFS</p> <p>A Model for Large Scale Watershed Restoration and Stewardship: Heather Montgomery, Potomac Partners</p> <p>Jenny Gulick, Davey Resource Group</p> <p>Rebuilding Charlotte's Natural System by Re-establishment of the County's Tree Cover: Rick Roti, Charlotte, North Carolina Tree Board</p>	<p>Concurrent Session 2 Session: Human Network: Green Infrastructure - Opportunities and Challenges</p> <p>Green Highways Partnership Speaker: Dominique Lueckenhoff, Water Protection Division, EPA Region III; GHP Ad Hoc Committee</p> <p>Low Impact Development (LID) + Best Management Practices (BMP), An Environmental Management Systems (EMS) Approach: Robb Jolly, AIA, CSI, ReVision Strategy + Design; GHP Outreach, Development and Communications</p> <p>Drawing a Link between Congestion Mitigation, the Environment, and Pavement Type: Leif Wathne, P.E., American Concrete Pavement Association</p>	<p>Concurrent Session 3 Measuring and Monitoring Green Infrastructure: Andrew Brenner, Sanborn; Kevin LeClair, City of Bellevue, WA</p>	<p>Concurrent Session 4 Florida's Waterways Session 1 - Defining the Landscape Context for the Northern Everglades Region: Keith Fisher, The Nature Conservancy, Florida Chapter</p> <p>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)</p> <p>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)</p> <p>Greater Ridge Conservation Planning Tool - A tool for evaluating landscape context for growth planning decisions: Tricia Martin, The Nature Conservancy</p>
10:00 – 10:30	Break			

10:30 – 12:00	<p>Concurrent Session 1 Landscape Scale Projects: Moderators Ed Macie & Phillip Rodbell, USFS</p> <p>Jim Fox, UNC</p> <p>Landscape Conservation in the Northeast Mega-Region: Rob Pirani, Regional Plan Association NY</p> <p>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</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Concurrent Session 3 Sustainable Tree Ordinances: Buck Abbey, LSU</p> <p>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</p>	<p>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</p> <p>The Disney Wilderness Preserve Story and Targeted Mitigation Speaker: Keith Fisher, Disney Wilderness Preserve Program Director, The Nature Conservancy</p> <p>The Wekiva Basin Task Force - Lesson Learned and Application to the northern Everglades Issues: Keith Schue, The Nature Conservancy</p> <p>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)</p>
12:00 – 12:15	Break			
12:15 – 3:00	<p>Closing Lunch with Presentations <i>Return to the Forest Where We Live</i> Video Preview, Presented by: Louisiana Public Broadcasting</p> <p>The Southern Piedmont Crescent: Evolution of an Urban Region: David Goldfield, Historian, UNC Charlotte</p> <p>Closing General Session A National Systems Framework for the Environment: Michael Gallis</p>			
3:00 – 3:30	Open			
3:30 – 5:00	Small Group Presentations or Meetings	CITYgreen Presentation: Mike Lehman	Margo's Meeting	Gerry Gray