



NATIONAL GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE CONFERENCE 2011



FEBRUARY 23-25, 2011

National Conservation Training Center
Shepherdstown, WV

AGENDA

Tuesday, February 22, 2011:

- 1:00pm – 5:00pm** **Optional Primer on Green Infrastructure**
Advanced Registration Required; check-in begins at 11:00am
- 11:00am – 7:00pm** **Conference Registration, NCTC Entry Building**
- 5:30pm – 7:00pm** **Dinner** (Available in the Dining Hall), The Commons
- 7:30pm – 9:00pm** **Welcome Reception, Roosevelt Room, The Commons**

Wednesday, February 23, 2011:

- 7:30am – 5:00 pm** **Registration, NCTC Entry Building**
- 7:30am – 5:00pm** **Sponsor Exhibits and Poster Sessions** on *New Tools, New Practices, New Partners*
- 8:30am – 9:45am** **Official Welcome and Opening of the Meeting**

Keynote Welcoming Address:
Larry Selzer, President/CEO, The Conservation Fund
- 9:45am – 10:00am** **NETWORKING BREAK**

Program sessions are being designed to maximize dialogue, to highlight the various practices and perspectives, along with any relevant policy and research needs. Each plenary session will end with a summary and dialogue on key principles that will continuously be vetted by conference participants.



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Wednesday, February 23, 2011 (continued):

PART I: CONCEPTS, APPLICATIONS, AND BENEFITS OF GI

10:00am – 11:30am

Plenary Session 1: Applications of Green Infrastructure in the U.S.

Green Infrastructure is widely used and the applications have expanded tremendously over the last decade. This session is designed to showcase a variety of applications, some familiar – some new!

John Shafer, NiSource (moderator)

GI and Transportation – Connecting the DOTs

Neil Pedersen, Administrator, Maryland State Highway Administration

GI and Energy Development

John Anderson, Director of Siting Policy, American Wind Energy Association

GI and the Greening of U.S. Ports

Kurt Nagle, CEO, American Association of Port Authorities

11:30am – 1:00pm

LUNCH, *The Commons*

1:00pm – 2:30pm

Plenary Session 2: International Perspective on Green Infrastructure

What's happening internationally on green infrastructure? This panel will feature presentations from the European Union (EU) Commission on the status of green infrastructure with their member countries and the policy approach the EU plans to take in 2011, plus perspectives from other international organizations.

Kris Hoellen, The Conservation Fund (moderator)

GI and the European Union Commission

Marco Fritz, European Union Commission DG Environment

GI and the United Arab Emirates

Hazem Qawasmeh, Abu Dhabi Municipality

GI Action Planning Part I

2:30pm – 3:00pm

NETWORKING BREAK



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Wednesday, February 23, 2011 (continued):

3:00pm – 4:30pm

Concurrent Sessions: Valuing and Communicating the Benefits of Green Infrastructure

Session 3a: Valuing GI – Discussion Forum on Ecosystem Services and Practical Application to GI

Ole Amundsen, The Conservation Fund (moderator)

Al Todd, USDA Office of Ecosystem Services & Markets

Dr. Kathleen Wolf, University of Washington

Dr. Dan Campbell, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Session 3b: Communicating Benefits of GI – Strategies for Engaging both Traditional and Non-Traditional Partners when Developing Leadership Groups – Discussion Forum on Success Stories and Lessons Learned

Nancy Williamson, Illinois Dept of Natural Resources – Chicago Wilderness

Claire Robinson, Amigos de los Rios – Los Angeles

Barbara Boland, Fayetteville (AR) Natural Heritage Association

Session 3c: Corporate Sustainability Discussion Forum: What is it, Why do it, and What's the Benefit?

Martin McHugh, Kean University Center for Sustainability Studies (moderator)

Skelly Holmbeck, NextEra Energy Resources

Denise Coogan, Manager Safety and Environmental Compliance, Subaru

5:30pm – 6:30pm

Networking Reception

6:30pm – 7:30pm

Dinner

7:30pm – 9:00pm

Green Infrastructure Salons (optional)

Engage in stimulating discussion on cutting edge topics related to Green Infrastructure. Salon discussions are being offered on the following topics:

- **Air Quality**, Tom Jacobs, Mid-America Regional Council
- **Environment education/access issues**, Lindsay Smith, Lower Merion Conservancy
- **Effective Public Participation**, CJ Lammers, Prince George's County Planning Department
- **GI Network Design and Implementation – Feedback Session**, Ole Amundsen, The Conservation Fund
- **EPA Stormwater Regulations**, Jon Devine, Natural Resources Defense Counsel
- **GI & Low-Impact Development**, Elvidio Diniz, Weston Solutions



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Sponsor Exhibits and Poster Sessions

8:30am – 10:30am

Plenary Session 4: GI and Quality of Life

This session will raise awareness for how GI is serving as the foundation to address many of our most pressing social issues.

GI and Livability

*Beth Osborne, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy, US
Department of Transportation*

GI and Home(Town) Security

Majora Carter, President, Majora Carter Group

GI and Sustainability Planning

Charles Flink, President, Greenways, Inc.

GI Action Planning Part II

10:30am – 11:00am

NETWORKING BREAK

11:00am – 12:00pm

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: “Nashville ~ Naturally”

The Honorable Karl Dean, Mayor of Nashville, Tennessee

12:00pm – 1:30pm

LUNCH



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Thursday, February 24, 2011 (continued):

PART II IMPLEMENTATION OF GI

1:30pm – 3:00pm

Concurrent Sessions: The Scales of GI

Case studies will be presented explaining what GI looks like at a certain scales, the tools and techniques used, including incentives and/or regulations.

Session 5a: GI at the Urban Scale – Discussion Forum

Ben Grumbles, Clean Water America Alliance (moderator)

Kevin Shafer, Executive Director, Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District

Breece Robertson, Trust for Public Land

CJ Lammers, Prince Georges County, MD

Session 5b: GI at the Regional Scale – Discussion Forum

Will Allen, The Conservation Fund – Highway 301 Project

John Krupovage, Tinker Air Force Base

Bob Henszey, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service – Fairbanks North Star Borough

Session 5c: GI at the Landscape Scale – Discussion Forum

Bob Adamcik, End Point Strategies, LLC (moderator)

Tom Darden, ASE, Inc. – Long-Leaf Pine Alliance

Tom Magnuson, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service – NiSource MSHCP

Sherry Ruther, Pima County Development Services Department – Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan

3:00pm – 3:30pm

NETWORKING BREAK

3:30pm – 5:00pm

Concurrent Sessions: Financing, Management and Liability

The three most challenging implementation issues of GI plans include long-term management issues, financing strategies and liability concerns. These breakout discussions will address these issues, offering practical advice, lessons learned and creative solutions.



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Session 6a: Long-Term Management Considerations of GI - Discussion Forum

Kendra Briechele, The Conservation Fund (moderator)
Ralph Goodno, Lancaster County Conservancy
Dennis Stewart, Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge
Tyler Macmillan, NW Florida Water Management District

Session 6b: Methods for Financing GI – Discussion Forum

Ole Amundsen, The Conservation Fund (moderator)
Jim Levitt, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy / Program on Conservation Innovation, Harvard University
Margaret Connelly, formerly of the Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation
Jeffrey Everett, Carroll County Maryland Land Preservation Program

Session 6c: Legal/Liability Issues associated with GI – Discussion Forum

Larry Levine, Natural Resources Defense Council (moderator)
Karen Hansen and Jennifer Abdella, Beveridge & Diamond

Session 6d: GI and Urban Forestry – Discussion Forum

Jennifer Judd Hinrichs, Sustainable Urban Forests Coalition (moderator)
Mike Rosen, Manager, Bureau of Environmental Services, Watershed Division, Portland, Oregon
David Rouse, Principal, WRT/Wallace Roberts & Todd, LLC
Nancy Q. O'Donnell, Philadelphia Green, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society

6:00pm – 7:30pm

CONFERENCE BANQUET, *The Commons*

Dinner and presentation of Green Infrastructure Implementation Awards

7:30pm – 9:00pm

Screening of the Film: “We Are All Smith Islanders”

Followed by a discussion with the author and filmmaker, Mike Tidwell

Mike Tidwell is an author and filmmaker who predicted in vivid detail the Katrina hurricane disaster in his 2003 book Bayou Farewell: The Rich Life and Tragic Death of Louisiana’s Cajun Coast. His newest book, focusing on Katrina and global warming, is titled [The Ravaging Tide: Strange Weather, Future Katrinas, and the Coming Death of America’s Coastal Cities](#). Tidwell’s most recent documentary film, [We Are All Smith Islanders](#), vividly depicts global warming in Maryland, Virginia, and D.C.



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Friday, February 25, 2011:

7:30am – 12:00pm **Registration, Sponsor Exhibits and Poster Sessions**

PART III **FUTURE OF GI**

8:30am – 10:00am **Plenary Session 7: Looking to the Future**
What does the future hold for green infrastructure planning? The applications as seen today were not fathomed a decade ago. Hear about the next generation of GI to include homeland security and climate change applications, along with the potential for institutionalizing GI in legislation.

GI and Climate Change

Dr. Thomas Armstrong, Senior Advisor for Climate Change, U.S. DOI

GI and the “Food and Fuel for the Force” Program

Major General Jensen, Marine Corps Installations East

10:00am – 10:15am **BREAK**

10:15am – 11:15am **GI Action Planning Part III**

11:15am – 12:00pm **Wrap-Up**, Conference Adjourns at 12:00pm

12:00pm **Lunch** (Available in the Dining Hall), The Commons