

Detailed Agenda

Tuesday, July 26, 2016 (continued)

2:00pm-3:30pm Concurrent Sessions

Session 1A: Crash Course in Understanding Environmental Justice – EJ 1.0 (North)

This interactive session is geared to those who are relatively new to working with environmental justice communities and will cover basic definitions and principles, and how to transcend language and cultural barriers to build meaningful, authentic partnerships. Join peers in a moderated discussion about environmental justice challenges and discover insights for effectively working in, and with, communities that face a range of economic, social, environmental and organizational capacity challenges.

Mustafa Ali, US EPA Administrator's Office; **Dr. Marva King**, US EPA Office of Environmental Justice; **Matthew Tejada**, US EPA Office of Environmental Justice

Moderator: **Vernice Miller-Travis**, Senior Advisor for Environmental Justice, Skeo

Session 2A: Can Green Infrastructure Provide Community-Based Solutions? (South)

Learn effective messaging around green infrastructure practices to address community needs and goals. How to communicate the benefits of green infrastructure to broader audiences.

Richard Dolesh, National Recreation and Parks Association; **Erik Meyers**, Conservation Fund; **David Washington**, Prince George's County Clean Water Partnership; **Tony Torrence**, Community Improvement Association and Proctor Creek Stewardship Council (invited)

Moderator: **Sheila Frace**, Deputy Director, US EPA Office of Wastewater Management/OW

Session 3A: How Do You Build Effective Public Private Partnerships to Support Your Work? (Concourse)

This session will focus on how local urban waters projects can create effective public private partnerships to support community revitalization and urban waters restoration efforts.

Judson Greif, US Water Alliance; **Dave Ives**, US Economic Development Administration; **Jeff Lerner**, American Forests; **Lesly Melendez**, Groundwork Lawrence; **Sharon Bradley**, Bradley Site Design

Moderator: **David Lloyd**, Director, US EPA Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization/OLEM

3:30pm-3:45pm Break

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3:45pm-5:15pm **Concurrent Sessions**

Session 1B: Conversations with the Funding Partners of National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (North)

Hear from contributors that support NFWF's Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program. Participants will glean tips for approaching local and regional philanthropic partners to support their own Urban Waters efforts. Hear how to make a business case for your urban waters work. Other foundations and corporations will also gain a better understanding in how investing in urban waters can support their interests and goals.

Carrie Clingan, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation **Leslie Cox**, Southern Company; **Mike Shaw**, Wildlife Habitat Council; **Angelina Yost**, US Fish and Wildlife Service

Moderator: **Dan Jirón**, Associate Chief of US Forest Service

Session 2B: Effective Strategies for Working with Environmental Justice Communities – EJ 2.0 (South)

Join peers in a moderated discussion about environmental justice challenges and discover insights for how agency staff and organizations can effectively work in and with communities that face a range of economic, social, environmental and organizational capacity challenges. Learn how to build relationships and get to know the communities you are trying to work in and how to identify and work with authentic / credible community leadership. How do you build mutual capacity for long-term success? What are some of the tensions speakers have encountered and how did they overcome them? This session provides an opportunity to hear from representatives of other EJ communities about how partnerships have been most useful for them and lessons learned.

Derrick Evans, Gulf Coast Community Initiative; **Brenda Thomas**, Marlborough Community Coalition; **Sabrina Johnson**, US EPA Office of Transportation and Air Quality; **Robert Garcia**, City Project

Moderator: **Michael Wenstrom**, US EPA Region 8

Session 3B: Successful Partnering between National NGOs and Local Partners (Table Top Conversations) (Concourse)

This will be an interactive session to provide participants with opportunities to directly interact with established NGO representatives and community-based partners. Participate in roundtable discussions on building stronger, more effective and successful collaborations between national NGOs and community-based organizations.

Representatives from National NGOs including American Forests, American Rivers, Arbor Day Foundation, Conservation Fund, Earth Force; National Recreation and Parks Association, National Wildlife Federation, River Network, Trust for Public Land, U.S. Water Alliance and Wilderness Inquiry

Moderator: **Dave Evans**, Deputy Director, US EPA Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds/OW

5:30pm – 7:00pm **City of Trees Screening sponsored by American Forests** (South)

American Forests invites workshop participants to join a screening of the film City of Trees. Light refreshments and cash-bar available. See flyer at registration for more information about the film.

Welcome by **Ian Leahy**, American Forests

City of Trees screening

Discussion following film moderated by **Dana Coelho**, US Forest Service

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Wednesday, July 27, 2016

8:00am Registration and Networking

8:45am Morning Plenary (Commonwealth)

Partnering with Community-based Organizations – Lessons from Philanthropy

In the age of public private partnership increasing in our work, what are the lessons learned from Foundations about working with community based organizations and communities of color on environmental issues? Private foundation representatives will share their approach for engaging local communities, lessons learned and provide location-based examples.

Opening Remarks: **Jeff Reinbold**, Assistant Director for Partnerships and Civic Engagement, National Park Service, Department of the Interior

David Beckman, President, Pisces Foundation

Lois DeBacker, Managing Director, Kresge Foundation

Moderator: **Mark Van Putten**, President and CEO, Wege Foundation

10:00am Break

10:15am-11:45am Concurrent Sessions

Session 1C: Making a dollar go further: Ambassadors and the Triple Bottom Line (North)

Every funding dollar is expected to work harder these days, to provide a return on multiple local priorities at once. Urban Waters Ambassadors are navigating their partnerships through the crossroads of competing demands and complicated funding environments towards deeper placed-based impact and more sustainable outcomes. Join this conversation about why each location should have a "quarterback," how an Ambassador can be key to facilitating the intersection of local issues and identifying resources for sustaining local urban waters work.

Carol Armstrong, City of Los Angeles Mayor's River Works; **Dr. Jalonnie White-Newsome**, Kresge Foundation; **Lisa Pelstring**, Department of the Interior and more to come!

Moderator: **Pauline Louie**, Los Angeles River Watershed Ambassador

Session 2C: Addressing Public Health Challenges (South)

Hear how communities respond innovatively to public health issues through their urban waters efforts. From the first urban waters Health Impact Assessment to preparing for the Zika Virus to addressing the impacts of living next to a large port, speakers will deliver insights that can be deployed across the country.

Dr. Hector Villanueva, HealthmedPro, Puerto Rico (invited); **Florence Fulk**, US EPA Office of Research and Development; **Dr. Erica Holloman**, Southeast CARE Community Coalition; **Hannah Kett**, Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition

Moderator: **Peter Grevatt**, Director, US EPA Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water/OW

Session 3C: Crash Course in Understanding Environmental Justice – EJ 1.0 (Concourse)

See Session 1A description – this is a repeat offering to ensure everyone can participate in one of these sessions.

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Moderator: **Michael Wenstrom**, US EPA Region 8

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11:45am-2:00pm **Lunch and Concurrent Options**

12:00pm-2:00pm **Urban Waters Tools Expo** (Foyer)

Please join us in the foyer to see project displays and demos of urban waters tools that can support you in your work. See list of displays and tools on last page.

12:30pm-1:10pm **Participants Choice A** (South)

1:10pm-1:50pm **Participants Choice B** (South)

Join us for open discussion on topics chosen by you! Please submit your topic ideas by 10am on Wednesday using the index cards provided in your packet and at the registration table.

Moderators: **Ann-Marie Mitroff**, Groundwork USA and **Diana Toledo**, River Network

1:45pm-2:00pm **Break**

2:00pm-3:30pm **Concurrent Sessions**

Session 1D: Building an Effective Program: How'd they do it? Lessons Learned (North)

This session will focus on a range of perspectives on building an effective program and how the Urban Waters Federal Partnership has helped local efforts be more effective. Speakers will also provide insights on cultivating champions, paths to securing funding and developing reportable metrics.

Dennis Chestnut, Groundwork Anacostia; **Michelle Melendez**, First Choice Community Health; **Claire Robinson**, Amigos de Los Rios; **Deborah Scott**, Georgia Stand-Up

Moderator: **Corita Waters**, National Park Service

Session 2D: How to Build a Broader, More Diverse, More Culturally Competent Coalition (South)

Hear how a coalition of regional funders and their grantee network of local and regional watershed organizations are thinking differently about how to reach new constituents. Learn about the need to identify a new approach to diversifying communities of practice and how these watershed organizations are thinking differently about engaging with broader constituencies.

Jamie Baxter, Chesapeake Bay Funders Network; **Chante Coleman**, Choose Clean Water Coalition; **Elise Bruner**, Blue Water Baltimore; **Angie Rosser**, West Virginia Rivers Coalition

Moderator: **Vernice Miller-Travis**, Senior Advisor for Environmental Justice, Skeo

Session 3D: Lessons from Other Place-Based Partnerships (Concourse)

The Urban Waters movement can gain strength and stability by gathering lessons learned from other place-based partnerships. Come hear about these efforts and answer questions like: How do you ensure benefits for local partners, and how do you initiate project ideas and mobilize resources, partners and momentum to implement urban waters projects over time?

Naomi Friedman, Department of Housing and Urban Development; **Dr. Marva King**, US EPA CARE Initiative; **Sally Sears**, Southfork Conservancy; **Yudith Nieto**, Moving Forward Network; **Javier E. Laureano**, San Juan Bay Estuary Program

Moderator: **Tara McGuinness**, OMB Community Solutions

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Session 1E: What Social Science Research is Telling Us – Nexus Between Health, Nature and Community Quality of Life (North)

Hear from researchers how their findings support efforts in the urban waters movement. Topics include environmental strategies for improving urban health and safety; barriers to homeowner maintenance to septic systems; urban sustainability; and ethnic perceptions of natural environments; outdoor recreation behavior and preferences for minority groups.

Michelle Kondo, US Forest Service; **Natalie Johnson**, Northwest Indiana Urban Waters Ambassador; **Dwane Jones**, University of the District of Columbia; **Cassandra Johnson Gaither**, US Forest Service Southern Research Station

Moderator: **Carl Lucero**, the Director of Landscape Restoration and Ecosystem Services Research, US Forest Service

Session 2E: Citizen Science, Monitoring and Engaging Youth (South)

Practitioners share lessons learned from developing citizen science and volunteer monitoring programs. Hear how to meaningfully engage youth, and learn about efforts that have led to job creation, especially in environmental justice communities.

Fred Tutman, Patuxent River Keeper; **Lynn Youngblood**, Blue River Watershed Association; **Michelle Luebke**, Bronx River Alliance

Moderator: **Betsy Southerland**, Director, US EPA Office of Science and Technology/OW

Session 3E: The Need for Partnerships and Collaboration (Concourse)

Hear about the nuts and bolts of building effective partnerships and innovative ideas used for problem solving. Session will showcase diverse federal agencies that are supporting Urban Water projects in various ways to encourage more federal agencies to participate.

Lance Davisson, National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council; **Ed Reyes**, former Los Angeles City Councilor (invited); **Joe Rieger**, Elizabeth River Project; **Lorisa Smith**, Missouri Department of Natural Resources (invited)

Moderator: **Donna Myers**, Chief, Office of Water Quality, US Geological Survey

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Thursday, July 28, 2016

8:00am Registration and Networking

9:00am Morning Plenary (Commonwealth)

Authentic Community Engagement

Join peers in a moderated discussion about opportunities and challenges for working with underserved communities on Urban Waters and community revitalization efforts. Discover insights for effectively working in, and with, communities that face a range of economic, social, environmental, and capacity challenges. Speakers will share their personal experiences of meaningfully, successfully and authentically engaging with local communities and why this is important.

Opening Remarks: **Adam Kent**, Local Initiatives Support Corporation

Michael Brady, South Bronx Overall Development Corp. (SOBRO) Port Morris - Harlem River, Bronx, NY;
Katrina Lashley, Smithsonian's Anacostia Community Museum; **Deborah Scott**, Georgia Stand-Up;
Mathy Stanislaus, US EPA Assistant Administrator for the Office of Land and Emergency Management

Moderator: **Vernice Miller-Travis**, Senior Advisor for Environmental Justice, Skeo

10:30am Break

10:30am-11:45am Urban Waters Federal Partnership and the Urban Waters Movement

Discussion of how the Urban Waters Federal Partnership is moving forward and how your community and others from across the country can tap into their support.

Opening Remarks: **Michael Shapiro**, Deputy Assistant Administrator, US EPA Office of Water

Moderators: **Roy Simon**, Staff to the Urban Waters Federal Partnership, US EPA Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds/OW

Vernice Miller-Travis, Skeo

11:45am-12:15pm Taking It Home

Participants are seated by location or region for a group discussion. Participants will share and plan with others the actions they will take as a result of this workshop. This is a regional and national networking opportunity. This is also your chance to invite a partner (including federal agency, NGOs, and foundation contacts) to join you in your planning for your location.

12:15pm-12:30 pm Closing by Surabhi Shah, Director, US EPA Urban Waters Program

1:30pm-5:00pm Mobile Tours and Time for Optional Side Meetings

Mobile tours (see packet for more information about specific tours and timing)

1:30pm-3:30pm: Urban Waters Ambassadors (closed meeting) (North 1)

1:30pm-3:30pm: Federal Urban Waters Partners Meeting (North 2)