



**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**  
*Room 161 I-West*  
*Advanced Registration Required; check-in begins at 11:00am*
- 11:00am – 7:00pm      **Conference Registration—NCTC Entry Building**
- 5:30pm – 7:00pm      **Dinner—The Commons, Dining Hall**
- 7:30pm – 9:00pm      **Welcome Reception with Dessert Buffet**  
*The Commons, Roosevelt Room*
- Jay Slack, Director, US Fish & Wildlife Service,  
National Conservation Training Center*

### 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**  
*Entry Building Foyer, I-West Corridor, and Commons Building Foyer*
- 8:30am – 9:45am      **Official Welcome and Opening of the Meeting**  
*Entry Building, Senator Robert C. Byrd Auditorium*
- Keynote Welcoming Address:**  
*Larry Selzer, President/CEO, The Conservation Fund*
- 9:45am – 10:00am      **NETWORKING BREAK—Entry Building Break Station**



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## Wednesday, February 23, 2011 (continued):

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

### **PART I: CONCEPTS, APPLICATIONS, AND BENEFITS OF GI**

10:00am – 11:30am

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

*Entry Building, Senator Robert C. Byrd Auditorium*

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!

##### GI and Energy Infrastructure

*John Shafer, Principal, NiSource (moderator)*

##### GI and Transportation – Connecting the DOTs

*Neil Pedersen, Administrator, Maryland State Highway Administration*

##### GI and the Greening of U.S. Ports

*Kurt Nagle, CEO, American Association of Port Authorities*

11:30am – 1:00pm

**LUNCH**—*The Commons, Dining Hall*

1:00pm – 2:30pm

#### **Plenary Session 2: International Perspective on Green Infrastructure**

*Entry Building, Senator Robert C. Byrd Auditorium*

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, and an overview of GI trends in the United Arab Emirates.

*Kris Hoellen, The Conservation Fund (moderator)*

##### GI and the European Union Commission

*Marco Fritz, Policy Officer, European Union Commission DG Environment*

##### GI and the United Arab Emirates

*Hazem Qawasmeh, Advisor, Abu Dhabi Municipality*

**GI Action Planning Part I**



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## Wednesday, February 23, 2011 (continued):

2:30pm – 3:00pm

**NETWORKING BREAK**—*I-West Break Stations*

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**

*I-West, Room 161*

*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**

*I-West, Room 151*

*Kendra Briechle, The Conservation Fund (moderator)*

*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?**

*I-East, Room 201*

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

*Skelly Holmbeck, Business Manager, NextEra Energy Resources*

*Denise Coogan, Manager of Safety and Environmental Compliance, Subaru*

5:30pm – 6:30pm

**Networking Reception**—*The Commons, Roosevelt Room*

6:30pm – 7:30pm

**Dinner**—*The Commons, Dining Hall*



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## Wednesday, February 23, 2011 (continued):

7:30pm – 9:00pm

### Green Infrastructure Salons

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

- **Air Quality**  
*I-East, Room 105*  
Tom Jacobs, Mid-America Regional Council
- **Environment education/access issues**  
*I-West, Room 154*  
Lindsay Smith, Lower Merion Conservancy
- **Effective Public Participation**  
*I-West, Room 158*  
CJ Lammers, Prince George's County Planning Department
- **GI Network Design and Implementation – Feedback Session,**  
*I-West, Room 160*  
Ole Amundsen, The Conservation Fund
- **EPA Stormwater Regulations**  
*I-West, Room 161*  
Jon Devine, Natural Resources Defense Counsel
- **GI & Low-Impact Development**  
*I-East, Room 201*  
Elvidio Diniz, Weston Solutions

## Thursday, February 24, 2011:

7:30am – 5:00pm

**Registration, NCTC Entry Building**

7:30am – 5:00pm

### Sponsor Exhibits and Poster Sessions

*Entry Building Foyer, I-West Corridor, and Commons Building Foyer*

8:30am – 10:30am

### Plenary Session 4: GI and Quality of Life

*Entry Building, Senator Robert C. Byrd Auditorium*

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

*Kris Hoellen, CLN Director, The Conservation Fund (moderator)*

#### GI and Livability

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



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**Thursday, February 24, 2011 (continued):**

GI and Sustainability Planning

*Charles Flink, President, Greenways, Inc.*

GI and Home(Town) Security

*Majora Carter, President, Majora Carter Group*

**GI Action Planning Part II**

10:30am – 11:00am

**NETWORKING BREAK**—*Entry Building Break Station*

11:00am – 12:00pm

**KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: “Nashville ~ Naturally”**

*Entry Building, Senator Robert C. Byrd Auditorium*

*The Honorable Karl Dean, Mayor of Nashville, Tennessee*

12:00pm – 1:30pm

**LUNCH**—*The Commons, Dining Hall*

**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 certain scales, the tools and techniques used, including incentives and/or regulations.

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

*I-West, Room 161*

*Ben Grumbles, President, Clean Water America Alliance (moderator)*

*Kevin Shafer, Executive Director, Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District*

*Breece Robertson, GIS Director, Trust for Public Land*

*CJ Lammers, Supervisor, Prince Georges County Planning Department*

*Environmental Planning Section*

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

*I-West, Room 151*

*Will Allen, The Conservation Fund – Highway 301 Project (moderator)*

*John Krupovage, Tinker Air Force Base*

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



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**Thursday, February 24, 2011 (continued):**

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

*I-East, Room 201*

*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—*I-West Break Stations***

**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.

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

*I-West, Room 161*

*Kendra Briechle, 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**

*I-West, Room 151*

*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**

*I-East, Room 201*

*Larry Levine, Natural Resources Defense Council (moderator)*

*Karen Hansen and Jennifer Abdella, Beveridge & Diamond*



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## Thursday, February 24, 2011 (continued):

### Session 6d: GI and Urban Forestry – Discussion Forum

*I-West, Room 160*

*Jennifer Judd Hinrichs, Convener, 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, Director, Philadelphia Green, Pennsylvania Horticultural  
Society*

6:00pm – 7:30pm

### **CONFERENCE BANQUET**—*The Commons, Dining Hall*

*Dinner and presentation of Green Infrastructure Implementation Awards*

7:30pm – 9:00pm

### **Screening of “We Are All Smith Islanders” Film with Dessert Buffet**

*Entry Building, Senator Robert C. Byrd Auditorium*

*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

*Entry Building Foyer, I-West Corridor, and Commons Building Foyer*

## PART III

## FUTURE OF GI

8:30am – 10:00am

### Plenary Session 7: Looking to the Future

*Entry Building, Senator Robert C. Byrd Auditorium*

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.

#### GI and Climate Change

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

Landscape-Level Planning and the Power of Partnerships: Linking Conservation, Working Lands, and National Defense

*Major General Jensen, Marine Corps Installations East*

10:00am – 10:15am

**BREAK**—*Entry Building Break Station*

10:15am – 11:00am

### GI Action Planning Part III

*Entry Building, Senator Robert C. Byrd Auditorium*

What does the next decade promise for green infrastructure? Participate in a brainstorming session to identify incentives that can be offered at the federal, state, and local levels to facilitate green infrastructure planning and implementation.

*Kris Hoellen, CLN Director, The Conservation Fund (moderator)*

11:00am – 11:30pm

**Wrap-Up**, Conference Adjourns no later than 12:00pm

*Entry Building, Senator Robert C. Byrd Auditorium*

11:30pm – 1:00pm

**Lunch**—*The Commons, Dining Hall*