



Conference Agenda

Western Michigan Green Infrastructure Conference

Grand Rapids, Michigan

August 4 - Pre-Conference Activities

12:45pm	Meet for Field Tour (directions will be supplied)
1:00pm	Depart for Field Tours (time subject to change)
6:00pm	Networking Reception at Eberhard Center (time subject to change)

August 5 - Conference

7:30am	Registration and Continental Breakfast		
8:30am	Welcome and Opening Plenary: Grand Rapids Mayor, George Heartwell, and John Kosco, Tetra Tech – <i>Green Infrastructure: How did we get here?</i>		
9:45am	BREAK – Move to breakout sessions		
Breakout Sessions	Finance and Policy	Stormwater and Flood Management	Green Infrastructure at the Regional Scale
10:00am	<i>Municipal Stormwater Policy and Financing Panel Discussion</i> with Brenda Moore, Muskegon County Drain Commissioner; Chuck Hersey, Public Sector Consultants; Ryan Cotton, City Manager, City of Holland	<i>Low Impact Development (LID) Design for Stormwater Management</i> - Dr. Donald Carpenter, Lawrence Technological University; Mike Lunn, City of Grand Rapids	<i>Preserving Critical, Functional Green Infrastructure</i> – John Scholtz, Ottawa County Parks; April Scholtz, Land Conservancy of West Michigan; Dr. Paul Isely, GVSU
11:10am	<i>Creative Stormwater Financing – A Community Case Study</i> - Kathy Evans, WMSRDC; Cory Connolly, Levin Energy Partners	<i>LID for Flood Control and Wetland Habitat Restoration</i> - Dan Callam, Outdoor Discovery Center Macatawa Greenway; Erin Segar, NRCS; Brian Zuber, LGROW	<i>How to Incorporate Greenways into Land Use Plans and Placemaking</i> - Jason Latham, MDOT; Annamarie Bauer, MDNR; Wendy Ogilvie, GVMC
12:15pm 1:00pm	LUNCH – Networking/Exhibitors Speaker: Dave MacKenzie, Hortech		
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2:00pm	<i>Costs and Benefits of Green Infrastructure and Stormwater Management Retrofits; Implementing Green Infrastructure to Build More Resilient Communities</i> – Bob Newport, U.S. EPA; Dr. Haris Alibašić, City of Grand Rapids.	<i>Hazard Mitigation Plans and Green Infrastructure Implementation Opportunities</i> - Stephen Carlson, WMSRDC; Carrie Rivette, City of Grand Rapids; Jen Lawson, City of Ann Arbor	<i>Farm Land Open Space Preservation (Healthy Waters, Working Farms: For Future Generations)</i> - Luke Meerman, Ottawa County Farmland Preservation Board; Denny Heffron, Kent County Agricultural Preservation Board; Brian Huggett, Potawatomi RC&D
3:00pm	BREAK – Move to Plenary Session		
3:15pm	Plenary Session; David Yocca, Conservation Design Forum		
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