Urban Green Infrastructure Summit

Creating new collaborative networks, identifying research and education priorities, and sharing existing resources

The Western Center for Metropolitan Extension and Research (WCMER) is teaming up our partners in Oregon and Washington to offer an Urban Green Infrastructure Summit on Feb 21 & 22 at the Embassy Suites in Tigard, OR (http://metroextension.wsu.edu/GISummit).

Green infrastructure, in its broader definition, include vegetation, soils, and other elements and practices that restore some of the natural processes required to manage water and create healthier urban environments (EPA. October, 2017. https://www.epa.gov/green-infrastructure). Green Infrastructure elements may be integrated in communities in single, small-scale applications or networks of practices spanning entire watersheds. Examples include land conservation, urban tree canopy, green roofs, green parking, green streets and alleys, permeable pavements, bioswales, planter boxes, rain gardens, rainwater harvesting and downspout disconnection.

Flooding, stormwater management, air and water quality, public health, and social justice and equity are among the critical urban issues that green infrastructure can address. Help further these efforts by choosing to partner with WCMER in sponsoring this event.

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Additional Sponsor Opportunities:
- Supporting the recording of all sessions for after-summit placement on websites and production and publishing of summit proceedings
- Sponsor student participation at full conference registration rate (students can register for discounted rate, sponsorship will cover full cost of attendance).
Impact
This summit will connect government officials, agency personnel, University researchers, and Extension professionals from across Washington and Oregon to create new collaborative networks, identify research and education priorities, and share existing resources and best practices.

An outcome of this summit will be to build networks to pursue funding to conduct new research to address community-based issues, translate research into practice, develop and support implementation and maintenance of green infrastructure projects and programs across Washington and Oregon’s urban communities.

Draft Program Format
The summit is structured around a session format with a GI topic to be addressed through:

- A series of informational presentations on latest challenges and opportunities around session theme. The purpose is to spark ideas and conversations and not deliver a highly technical presentation on their latest research.
- Followed by small group break-out session to share successes, challenges, and opportunities while building and strengthening networks.

Tues Feb 20:
Informal social at nearby restaurant – opportunity to sponsor a formal networking social.

Wed Feb 21:
Continental Breakfast (7:30-8:30)
Welcome, Overview, and Key Note Presentation (8:30-9:30)

Session #1 – Landscape scale challenges and management (9:30-12:00). This session will address land use planning, floods and floodplain management, climate resiliency, riparian and wetland management, open spaces, etc.
Lunch (12:00-1:00)

Session #2 – Traditional GI, LID practices (1:00 – 4:00). This session will address runoff reduction, water quality treatment practices, urban trees and forests, etc.

Thu Feb 22:
Continental Breakfast (7:30-8:30)

Session #3 – Non-traditional issues (8:30 – 11:30). This session will address Social Justice and Equity, public health, air quality and heat islands, contaminants of emerging concern, economics, regulations and incentives, outreach efforts
Lunch (11:30 – 12:30)

Report out and Group Discussion (12:30 – 3:00)

Session #4 – Research and Extension Planning (Thur evening or Fri morning). This session will focus on identifying and developing research and extension projects, teams, and potential grant proposals related to the Summit outcomes.

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