URBAN GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE SUMMIT

Attendee Bio Form

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Which platforms do you use (select all that apply):

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Short Bio:

Brad Gaolach has over 13 years of leadership experience as the former County Extension Director in Washington's two most populous counties. He is recognized for his systems based approach to problem solving, and his ability to build collaborative partnerships. Dr. Gaolach utilizes his training as a research scientist and ecologist to bridge the world of academia with community based applications. Brad often provides leadership on Center projects related to environmental stewardship, systems thinking and organizational development. Brad serves as the director for both the WSU Metropolitan Center for Applied Research and Extension and the Western Center for Metropolitan Extension and Research (

What are the greatest urban environmental challenges in your discipline/area of expertise?

Water, adaptation to climate change, resiliency, Food-Energy-Water nexus, population growth

What are the major knowledge gaps/scientific questions that need to be answered to address these environmental challenges?

ability to link science with decision makers at all levels, both formal policy makers and informal, community-based decision makers.

What types of green infrastructure do you have experience with and/or study?

urban agriculture / school gardens.

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