



Thursday June 9th

10-10:15am: Conference Welcome & Introduction

Session 1: 10:15-11:45am

Climate Action Outlook: from Federal to Local
(1.5 PDH/HSW pending)

Speakers:

- **Mike Tidwell** - Chesapeake Climate Action Network
- **Shereen Hughes** - Wetlands Watch
- **Jack Neil** - Lobbyist from MD Chapter
- Moderator: **Matt Johnston**

11:45am-12:15pm: Lunch Break

Session 2: 12:15-1:45pm

Tidewater Rising: Climate Policy and Response in Coastal Virginia
(1.5 PDH/HSW pending)

Speakers:

- **Lewie Lawrence** - Executive Director, Middle Peninsula Planning Commission
- **Elizabeth Andrews** - Director, Virginia Coastal Policy Center, College of William and Mary
- **Jean K. Sleeman** - University Architect, ODU
- Moderator: **Jennifer Horn**

1:45-2pm: Break

Session 3: 2:00-3:30pm

Mitigation and Measurement: Green Infrastructure Impact
(1.5 PDH/HSW pending)

Speakers:

- [Brian VanEerden](#) - Nature Conservancy
- [Daniel McLaughlin](#) - Virginia Tech
- Moderator: [PJ Scully](#)

3:30-3:45pm Closing announcements

Friday, June 10th

10-10:15am: Conference Day 2 Welcome & Introduction

Session 4: 10:15-11:45am

Climate and Community: Equity in Response
(1.5 PDH/HSW pending)

Speakers:

- [CL Bohannon](#) - Professor, Virginia Tech
- [Zolna Russell](#) - Landscape Architect, Floura Teeter
- [Harris Trobman](#) - University of DC
- Moderator: [Joe Ignatius](#)

11:45am-12:15pm: Lunch Break

Session 5: 12:15 - 1:45

Policy in Action: Public Sector Climate Change Response
(1.5 PDH/HSW pending)

- [Mary Abe](#), Prince George's County
- [Erin Garnass-Holmes](#) - DC DOEE
- [Ellen Eggerton](#) - City of Alexandria
- Moderator: [PJ Scully](#)

1:45-2pm: Break

Session 6: 2pm to 3:30pm

Project Showcase: Design for Mitigation and Adaptation

Sectors: Practice, Policy, Justice

(1.5 PDH/HSW pending)

Speakers:

- Ryan Bouma - AECOM
- Tom McGilloway - Mahan Rykiel
- Additional Speaker TBD
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- Moderator: TBD

3:30 to 3:45pm Closing remarks & announcements

SITE TOURS

Saturday, June 11th

10:00 am to 12:00 pm – Tours (2.0 PDH/HSW pending)

12:00 pm to 1:00 pm - Lunch

Site Tour: Baltimore, MD

Project: Reimagine Middle Branch

Tour Leaders: Chris Streb, PE, Biohabitats and Megan Born, RLA, ASLA, James Corner Field Operations

Reimagine Middle Branch is a community-driven initiative to reconnect South Baltimore to its waterfront. A collaboration between South Baltimore Gateway Partnership, the City of Baltimore, and Parks and People Foundation, the plan is being led by James Corner Field Operations, with support from a locally-based multi-disciplinary consultant team. The plan seeks to build a network of places and spaces that support health, vitality, and future investments across the Middle Branch “park-shed” and its adjacent communities. The plan focuses outcomes within three ‘Equity Frameworks’: Restore and Connect the Shoreline, Transform Barriers into Connections, and Support Communities with Parks and Programs. More information can be found at www.reimaginemb.com

Members of the design and client teams will lead a tour of portions of the 11-mile long project site. The tour will begin at the mouth of the Patapsco River and extend around the Middle Branch shoreline to Middle Branch Park, during the walk the team will share insights on the long-term design vision and roadmap to realization.

Site Tour: Alexandria, VA

Project: Alexandria Waterfront Flood Mitigation and Windmill Hill Park

Tour Leaders: Matthew Landes, Beth Znidersic, City of Alexandria

Site Tour: Norfolk, VA

Project: Ohio Creek Watershed

Tour Leaders: [Selo Qejvani, PE](#), Senior Design Construction Manager for Dept. of Public Works, and [Kyle Spencer](#), Chief Resiliency Officer, [City of Norfolk](#)

The highlights of the approximately \$112M federal grant flood risk management project are:

- *About 7000LF of Earthen Berms*
- *About 1000LF of Floodwall*
- *4200LF of Living Shoreline*
- *Haynes Creek Tide Gate*
- *Haynes Creek and Ballentine Stormwater Pump Stations*
- *Community Fishing Pier*
- *Grandy Village Resilience Park*
- *Tidal Wetlands creation*
- *Relocation and Elevation of Kimball Terrace*
- *Renovation of Stormwater, Sanitary Sewer, and Potable Water pipes*
- *Project area road resurfacing*