



REGIONAL CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT

June 9 - 11, 2022



Thursday June 9th

LEAD SPONSOR: Victor Stanley, Inc.

10-10:15am: Conference Introduction and Land Acknowledgement

- Vaughn Rinner, FASLA – Climate Action Committee, ASLA

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 & 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 Introduction and Presentation

- [Megan Barnes](#) – Program Manager for Research, Landscape Architecture Foundation

Session 4: 10:15-11:45am

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

Speakers:

- [Joe Ignatius](#) – Associate Landscape Architect, Floura Teeter
- [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:

- **Projects:** The Yards West (DC); West Hyattsville MD Sector Plan; Shockoe Bottom Small Area Plan (VA); Ningbo Hi Tech Waterfront Park (China) - Ryan Bouma, AECOM
- **Ellicott City Flood Mitigation Mater Plan** - Tom McGilloway, Mahan Rykiel
- **Tides Inn** - Carlin Tacey, Waterstreet Studio
- **Regenerative Stream Conveyance** - Ellie Chetelat, Underwood and Associates
- Moderator: **Deni Ruggeri** - Executive Director, EDRA; Assistant Professor, University of Maryland

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 and Beth Znidersic, City of Alexandria](#)

City staff from the Departments of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Activities and the Department of Project Implementation will offer a guided walking tour of the recently renovated Windmill Hill Park and associated living shoreline and then proceed with a walking tour of the City's Waterfront Flood Mitigation project area for the upcoming Waterfront Flood Mitigation Project. Staff will discuss some of the challenges and opportunities experienced in each project and specific considerations and policies for these and other City projects that designers and policy makers face in relationship to: civic engagement, the City's landscape guidelines, compliance with stormwater quality and quantity requirements, accessibility, and balancing competing demands and interests within a project's budget constraints. Staff will also discuss alternative project delivery methods considered for the Waterfront Flood Mitigation project and why a Progressive Design-Build delivery was ultimately selected.

Meeting location: The tour group will meet at the southern end of Windmill Hill Park to start the tour, walk the project area of the park and living shoreline, and then walk north along the Potomac River towards Waterfront Park.

Site Tour: Norfolk, VA

Project: Ohio Creek Watershed

Tour Leader: [Selo Qejvani, PE, Senior Design Construction Manager for Dept. of Public Works, 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*