

Body and Soul: Parks and the Health of Great Cities

2008 International Urban Parks Conference
The Hilton Pittsburgh

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

12:00 PM Registration Opens
12:00 PM- Pre-Conference Tours
5:00 PM

Please note that registration is required for all tours, and additional fees may apply. Pittsburgh weather is variable. Please prepare for the possibility of showers. This schedule is subject to change.

:: Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater

12:00 - 5:00 (Departs from Hilton Liberty Avenue Landing--Departure Area B)
Located 50 miles southwest of Pittsburgh, Fallingwater is one of Frank Lloyd Wright's most acclaimed works. A 1991 poll of the American Institute of Architects voted it "the best all-time work of American architecture." It is a supreme example of Wright's concept of organic architecture, which promotes harmony between man and nature through design so well integrated with its site that buildings, furnishings, and surroundings become part of a unified, interrelated composition.

Thomas Schmidt, Vice President and Legal Council, Western Pennsylvania Conservancy;
founding President of the Frank Lloyd Wright Building Conservancy; Director of the
Fallingwater House Museum, 1975-1996

Louis Astorino, FAIA, Founder and Chairman, Astorino
Fallingwater Staff

0.5 CEUs (5 contact hours)

:: Olmsted, Olmsted, and Eliot's Vandergrift and Historic Chatham Village

12:00 - 5:00 (Departs from Hilton Liberty Avenue Landing--Departure Area B)
In 1895, in the aftermath of violent labor conflicts, Apollo Iron and Steel hired the nation's preeminent landscape architectural firm, Olmsted, Olmsted and Eliot, to design a new model industrial town: Vandergrift. Historian Ida Tarbell called Vandergrift America's "most important industrial town."

Chatham Village opened in 1932 for working-class renters and is now a National Historic Landmark. Planned by Ralph Griswold, the Village is a prototype of the British Garden City movement, an industrial-age aesthetic that tried to create a country haven within a polluted city. It was built on a for-profit basis and became a model for city planners, architects and pioneers of subsidized housing policy.

Arleyn Levee, Landscape Historian and Olmsted Scholar

Shaun Yurcaba, Main Street Manager for Vandergrift, Pittsburgh History & Landmarks
Foundation

David J. Vater, RA, AIA, Architect and Contributing Editor, *Whirlwind Downtown Walking
Tour*

Tom Swisher, RLA, ASLA, Landscape Architect, Pennoni Associates, Inc.

Edward (Ted) Muller, Professor of History and Director of the Urban Studies Program,
University of Pittsburgh

0.5 CEUs (5 contact hours)

:: Kayak on the River

1:00 – 3:00 (Departs from Hilton Front Lobby—Departure Area A)

Pittsburgh is defined by its rivers, and this guided kayak eco-tour is a great way to experience and learn about them. The leisurely tour will start with paddling and safety instruction and a little bit of practice in stable, beginner-friendly boats. Along the tour up the Allegheny River to historic Washington's Landing and back, expect beautiful views and lively conversation about the river's history and ecology.

The group will walk to the launch site, approximately 10 minutes from the Hilton hotel. Dress appropriately for the activity and the day's weather. The cost includes boat rental, safety gear, guide, water and a snack.

Venture Outdoors representatives will lead the tour.

0.2 CEUs (2 contact hours)

:: Pittsburgh's Green Buildings

2:00 - 4:00 (Departs from Hilton Liberty Avenue Landing--Departure Area B)

Pittsburgh is one of the top five cities in the United States for the number of LEED® certified and registered green buildings. Join the Green Building Alliance on a tour that will provide a firsthand view of some of the city's best examples of green buildings. You will see these exciting structures and learn how green buildings differ from conventionally constructed buildings. The tour requires step climbing.

Diane Bossart, Education Manager for Pittsburgh's Green Building Alliance

0.2 CEUs (2 contact hours)

:: Maintaining Urban Historic Parks: Building Landscape Preservation Field Skills (Departs from Hilton Liberty Avenue Landing--Departure Area B)

2:00 – 5:00

Presented at Schenley Park by NAOP and the Olmsted Center for Landscape Preservation (NPS), this hands-on training session, led by staff from the Olmsted Center, will focus on the principles and practices of field inspections as a critical aspect of a park maintenance program. The training session requires step climbing.

Routine and long-term maintenance operations have a significant effect on the success, or failure, of preserving important landscape features and the character of a historic urban park. Effective historic urban park stewardship relies on information from field inspections and condition assessments to identify resource management priorities.

This session will provide classroom instruction and field demonstrations for conducting landscape inspections at historic urban parks with a focus on balancing preservation goals with contemporary management needs. Specific topics to be discussed include:

- Determining inspection goals and objectives
- Developing condition assessment schedules and procedures
- Using diverse resource inspection tools and techniques
- Determining deficiencies in landscape condition
- Applying inspection information to park preservation maintenance operations
- Documenting and record keeping of inspection data

Charlie Pepper, Deputy Director, Olmsted Center for Landscape Preservation, a Program of the North Atlantic Region, National Park Service

Dan McCarthy, Preservation Arborist/Field Supervisor, Olmsted Center for Landscape Preservation, Boston

0.3 CEUs (3 contact hours)

:: Pittsburgh's Historic Fabric: Landscapes & Architecture

3:00 - 5:00 (Departs from Hilton Front Lobby—Departure Area A) This walking tour will begin at Pittsburgh's original public open space, Market Square. Laid out in 1784, the space is currently undergoing a \$5 million revitalization. Exploring Pittsburgh's "highrise" financial District of the 1890–1920 period will include Mellon Park, the nation's oldest park atop a parking garage, built during Pittsburgh's mid-century "Renaissance" and surrounded by monumental buildings. Also featured on the tour are historic churches, buildings by H. H. Richardson, Pittsburgh's Alden and Harlow, F.J. Osterling, and Benno Janssen, and D.H. Burnham's splendid Oliver Building. The tour requires step climbing.

Ellis Schmidlapp, President, Landmarks Design Associates

Dina Klavon, RLA, ASLA, Klavon Design Associates, Inc.; Chair, Pittsburgh Art Commission

0.2 CEUs (2 contact hours)

:: Riverfront Bike Ride

3:30 - 5:00 (Departs from Hilton Front Lobby—Departure Area A)

Pittsburgh's Three Rivers are lined with wonderful bike trails full of history and scenic beauty. After a lesson about how to use the bicycles and travel safely, this moderately-paced bike ride explores a gentle trail along and over the Monongahela River. Along the way the group will view models of urban redevelopment from the SouthSide Works to Station Square, have an opportunity to cross some of Pittsburgh's famous bridges, and learn about the region's heritage.

The tour will begin at the Hilton Pittsburgh. Dress appropriately for the activity and the day's weather. The cost includes bike rental, helmet, guide, water and a snack.

Thomas Baxter, Executive Director, Friends of the Riverfront

Linda McKenna Boxx, President, Allegheny Trail Alliance

Christine Mondor, Adjunct Assistant Professor of Architecture, Carnegie Mellon University

0.2 CEUs (2 contact hours)

6:30 PM Opening Session

Tupper Thomas, Administrator, Prospect Park; President, Prospect Park Alliance; Board Chair, City Parks Alliance

Gary Saulson, Director of Corporate Real Estate, The PNC Financial Services Group

Richard Dolesh, Director of Policy, National Recreation and Park Association

7:00 PM Keynote Address

Parks: The Common Ground for Democracy and All Human Rights

Luis Garden Acosta, founder of El Puente, a community human rights and environmental organization, and recipient of Heinz Award for the Human Condition

7:30 PM Exhibit Grand Opening and Cocktail Reception

9:00 PM

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2008

Additional speakers to be announced.

7:30 AM-8 :30 AM Early Bird Options The tours will take place rain or shine. Please dress appropriately. All Early Bird Options depart from Hilton Front Lobby—Departure Area A).

:: Point State Park Landscape History Walking Tour

Marion Pressley, FASLA, Principal, Pressley Associates

0.1 CEUs (1 contact hour)

:: Point State Park Management Issues Walking Tour

Mike Gable, Deputy Director, City of Pittsburgh Department of Public Works (DPW)

Edward Patton, Director of Capital Projects, Riverlife Task Force

Phil Gruszka, Director of Park Management and Maintenance, Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy

0.1 CEUs (1 contact hour)

:: Point State Park Cultural History Walking Tour

Doug MacGregor, Education Director, Fort Pitt Museum

Laura Fisher, Senior Vice President, Allegheny Conference on Community Development

0.1 CEUs (1 contact hour)

:: Conference on the Move: Group Walk

John M. Jakicic, Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh; Chair and Professor, Department of Health and Physical Activity; Director, Physical Activity and Weight Management Research Center

8:45 AM-
10:30 AM

General Session

Richard Reed, Chairman of the Board, Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy

Luke Ravenstahl, Mayor of Pittsburgh

Catherine Nagel, Executive Director, City Parks Alliance and National Association for Olmsted

Parks

The Future of Livable Cities

How are today's most livable cities preparing to meet future challenges? Panelists consider the links between economic development and plans to reduce urban sprawl and combat global warming, while promoting green systems, amenities and infrastructure.

Will Rogers, President, The Trust for Public Land

Bruce Katz, Vice President and Director of Metropolitan Policy, The Brookings Institution

Rohit T. Aggarwala, Director of the Mayor's Office of Long Term Planning and Sustainability
City of New York

Carol Coletta, President and Chief Executive Officer, CEOs for Cities, host of public radio's
Smart City

0.175 CEUs (1.75 contact hours)

10:30 AM- Break
11:00 AM

11:00 AM- Break-Out Sessions
12:15 PM

:: What the Olmsteds Knew: Rediscover the Prescient Vision of Frederick Law Olmsted and Sons for 21st Century People and Their Cities

As our touchstone for the urban parks movement, Frederick Law Olmsted's grasp of the intertwining of the designed landscape with human health, scenic beauty, civic development, and social equity continues to inspire best practices for parks.

Moderator: Susan Rademacher, Parks Curator, Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy

Charles Beveridge, editor of *The Papers of Frederick Law Olmsted* and co-author of *Frederick Law Olmsted: Designing the American Landscape*

William Gilchrist, Director of Planning, City of Birmingham, Alabama

0.125 CEUs (1.25 contact hours)

:: Moving Parks Up the Public Policy Agenda

News from the front lines -- how citizens, non-profits and parks agencies are working together to shape expectations, advocate for public dollars, and get results.

Moderator: Dick Dadey, Executive Director, Citizens Union

Richard Dolesh, Director of Policy, National Recreation and Park Association

Timothy J. Mitchell, General Superintendent, Chicago Park District

Christian DiPalermo, Executive Director, New Yorkers for Parks

0.125 CEUs (1.25 contact hours)

:: From Menace to Amenity: Transforming Degraded Places into Parks

Battlefields, garbage dumps, and post-industrial husks -- what it takes to turn a no-man's-land into everyone's park.

Moderator: Curtis Cravens, Brownfield Opportunity Areas Program Coordinator, New York State Division of Coastal Resources

Eloise Hirsh, Project Administrator, Staten Island Fresh Kills Park

Herbert Dreiseitl, Landscape Architect, Atelier Dreiseitl, Uberlingen, Germany

Julie Bargmann, Associate Professor, University of Virginia

0.125 CEUs (1.25 contact hours)

:: Prescriptions for Parks

Healthcare providers and public health officials are putting parks at the heart of massive campaigns to promote healthy, active lifestyles.

Moderator: Liam Kavanagh, First Deputy Commissioner, New York City Department of Parks and Recreation

Diane P. Holder, President and CEO, UPMC Health Plan

Stuart Ord, Melbourne Regional Manager, Parks Victoria, Melbourne, Australia

Joseph (Jody) Brooks, Independent Consultant, Brooks Consulting

0.125 CEUs (1.25 contact hours)

:: Building a Truly Democratic Urban Parks Movement

Leaders from diverse communities will discuss groundbreaking efforts to engage all members of urban centers to become active in community revitalization through parks and green spaces.

Moderator: Mindy Fullilove, MD, Professor of Clinical Psychiatry and Public Health, Columbia University

Vernice Miller-Travis, Executive Director, Environmental Support Center

Jarid Manos, Founder and President, Great Plains Restoration Council

Charlie Lord, Director, Urban Ecology Institute, Boston College

0.125 CEUs (1.25 contact hours)

:: Park Ecology and Global Climate Change

How will we manage our parks in the face of global warming, and how can today's best science shape management decisions?

Moderator: Carol Franklin, Principal, Andropogon Associates, Ltd., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Paul Bramhill, Chief Executive, GreenSpace, United Kingdom

Margaret Carreiro, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Biology, University of Louisville

Shawn Norton, NPS Climate Friendly Parks Program, Climate Leadership in Parks (CLIP) Tool

Prof. Dr. Shabih-ul-Hassan Zaidi, Dean, Faculty of Architecture and Planning, University of Engineering and Technology, Lahore, Pakistan

:: Seeing Green: Building a Unique Urban Parks Culture in Contemporary Korea

An array of leadership partners brings interconnected perspectives on Korea's urban parks movement to light. Featured among of number of projects is Seoul Forest Park, a massive effort which reclaimed an arterial highway as a new park.

Moderator: Kathy Blaha, Principal, Kathy Blaha Consulting, LLC

Kang-Oh Lee, Secretary General of Seoul Green Trust, Seoul

Kyung-Jin Zoh, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Environmental Studies, Seoul National University, Seoul

Byoung-E Yang, President, Seoul Green Trust, Seoul

Seung il Ahn, Ph.D., Director of Green Seoul Bureau, Seoul Metropolitan Government

0.125 CEUs (1.25 contact hours)

12:30 PM- Luncheon Tours . (Tours depart from the Hilton lobby.) 2:00 PM

:: Ride the Rivers: Pittsburgh's Waterfront Transformation

Board a riverboat docked at Point State Park and see the city's landscape from the water while you hear the story of the Greening of Pittsburgh.

Lisa Schroeder, Executive Director, Riverlife Taskforce

Kelly Rabenstein, Communications Manager, Riverlife Taskforce

0.1 CEUs (1 contact hour)

:: Pittsburgh Cultural Trust Park Projects and Downtown Redevelopment

(Departs from Hilton Liberty Avenue Landing--Departure Area B)

For more than 20 years the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, both an arts agency and a real estate and economic development catalyst, has been breathing new life into downtown Pittsburgh, with historic Market Square as a prime example. Lunch and learn about Cultural Trust initiatives at the Cabaret at Theatre Square, and see the new Katz Plaza (a collaboration between artists Louise Bourgeois, landscape architect Daniel Urban Kiley and architect Michael Graves), two residential developments, Michael Van Valkenburgh's Allegheny Riverfront Park, and that mid-century icon, Mellon Square Park, by Simonds and Simonds and Mitchell and Ritchie.

Kevin McMahon, President and CEO, Pittsburgh Cultural Trust

Michael Edwards, President and CEO, Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership

John Mumper, Facilities Manager, Pittsburgh Cultural Trust

Marc Fleming, Vice President for Marketing and Communications, Pittsburgh Cultural Trust

0.1 CEUs (1 contact hour)

2:45 PM Break-Out Sessions 4:00 PM

:: Greening the Green: At the Leading Edge

Learn how visionary landscape architects are developing new techniques and refining traditional ones to make parks more environmentally sustainable, including creative approaches to making the most of storm water, and the inherent qualities of historic parks.

Moderator: Timothy Gallagher, Superintendent, Seattle Parks and Recreation

Herbert Dreiseitl, Landscape Architect, Atelier Dreiseitl, Uberlingen, Germany

Marion Pressley, FASLA, Principal, Pressley & Associates, Inc.

Laura Solano, Principal, Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates

0.125 CEUs (1.25 contact hours)

:: Management Strategies for Historic and Natural Areas

Restoring parks often seems to bring historic and natural values into conflict. Take a look at how to navigate thoughtfully through best practices for controlling invasive species while restoring design

intent, developing resources for restoration, and developing a citywide approach to managing natural areas.

Moderator: Steven Schuckman, Parks Superintendent of Planning and Design, Cincinnati Parks

Patricia O'Donnell, FASLA, Principal and Founder, Heritage Landscapes, Charlotte, VT
John Swintosky, ASLA, Landscape Architect, Louisville & Jefferson County Parks and Recreation, Louisville

Tupper Thomas, Administrator, Prospect Park; President, Prospect Park Alliance; Board Chair, City Parks Alliance

0.125 CEUs (1.25 contact hours)

:: Getting the Big Picture: Parks Shaping New Development

Creating a green parks infrastructure ahead of the curve can drive developers to shape new and better neighborhoods and cities.

Moderator: Lisa Kunst Vavro, Assistant Professor and Director, Landscape Architecture/Landscape Studies, Chatham University

Alexander Garvin, President & CEO, Alex Garvin & Associates, Inc.; Adjunct Professor of Urban Planning and Management, Yale University; author of *The American City: What Works, What Doesn't*

John Hopkins, Landscape Architect; Urban and Environmental Planner; Project Sponsor for the London Olympic Parklands and Public Realm at the Olympic Delivery Authority, London

Dan Jones, Chairman and CEO, 21st Century Parks, Louisville, Kentucky

0.125 CEUs (1.25 contact hours)

:: One Step at a Time: Promoting Physical Activity in the Park

Innovative strategies and programs can encourage people to use parks to improve their health.

Moderator: John M. Jakicic, Ph.D., Chair and Professor, Department of Health and Physical Activity, University of Pittsburgh; Director, America on the Move in Pittsburgh

Marlane Weslian, Neighborhood Development Officer, Slavic Village Development, Cleveland

Kevin E. Jeffrey, Deputy Commissioner for Public Programs, New York City Department of Parks & Recreation

Geoffrey Godbey, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, Recreation, Park and Leisure Management, Penn State University

0.125 CEUs (1.25 contact hours)

:: Forging Funding Partnerships: Vision and Cultivation—the Pittsburgh Story

The focus is on cultivating and sustaining long-term funder support by understanding how parks are linked with other urban issues such as public health, civic engagement, and economic development. What results are these funders looking for and why do they give to parks?

Moderator: Randy Worls, Chief Executive Officer, Oglebay Foundation, Wheeling, West Virginia

Sylvia Fields, Executive Director, Eden Hall Foundation, Pittsburgh

Richard Reed, Executive Vice President, the Pittsburgh Foundation

Brian J. Hill, Program Officer, Richard King Mellon Foundation

James V. Denova, Vice President, Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation

0.125 CEUs (1.25 contact hours)

:: Global Green Space: An Emerging International Urban Parks Network

In a showcase for three innovative parks projects from around the world, learn how an international urban parks movement is helping cities adopt best practices in creating and managing new parks.

Moderator: Velma Monteiro-Tribble, Chief Operating Officer and Assistant Treasurer, Alcoa Foundation

Tony Genco, President and CEO, Parc Downsview Park, Inc.

Marínela Servitje de Lerdo de Tejada, Director, Papalote Museo del Niño, Mexico City, and former President of the Pro-Bosque de Chapultepec Trust

Russell Watkinson, Director of Parks, Conservation and Lands in the Australian Capital Territory Department of Territory and Municipal Services

0.125 CEUs (1.25 contact hours)

4:00 PM Refreshments in Exhibit Hall

4:15 PM - 5:15 PM Conversations on Everyday Issues in Parks Management and Maintenance

Resource leaders kick off an open exchange of practical experience and advice.

:: Getting Credit for Trees

Discuss innovative approaches and strategies for funding and implementing tree-planting initiatives.

John Swintosky, Landscape Architect, Louisville and Jefferson County Parks and Recreation

Marijke Hecht, Director, Western Pennsylvania Conservancy's TreeVitalize program

David Jahn, City Forester, Pittsburgh

0.1 CEUs (1 contact hour)

:: Getting the Dirt on Sustainability

Explore how heavily used public spaces can enjoy longevity with minimal horticultural inputs by using constructed soil profiles, proper plant selection, and human-wise design.

John Buck, Soil Scientist and Project Manager, Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc., Pittsburgh, PA

Phil Gruszka, Director of Park Management and Maintenance, Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy

Margaret Carreiro, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Biology, University of Louisville

0.1 CEUs (1 contact hour)

:: Increasing Community Involvement in Your Parks

Cracking the chicken and the egg – how you can get people to be more involved and get city government to be more receptive.

Steve Coleman, CEO, Washington Parks & People

Nathan Wildfire, Sustainability Coordinator, East Liberty Development, Inc., Pittsburgh

0.1 CEUs (1 contact hour)

:: Using Modern Technologies in Design and Management

Artificial turf, wi-fi, and GIS for starters – what works and what doesn't.

Tessa Huxley, Executive Director, Battery Park City Parks Conservancy

Duane Ashley, Director of Parks and Recreation, City of Pittsburgh

0.1 CEUs (1 contact hour)

:: Identifying Preservation Training Needs for the Maintenance and Stewardship of Historic Urban Parks

What are the training needs related to the knowledge and skills of maintenance staff in caring for historic urban landscapes? Audience members are encouraged to share their experience, helping the National Association for Olmsted Parks (NAOP) and the City Parks Alliance (CPA) identify training needs and develop a maintenance training program. Presented by NAOP and CPA.

Moderator: Michael Boland, Chief Planning, Projects, and Programs Officer, Presidio Trust, San Francisco, CA

Tim Almaguer, Executive Director, Friends of Patterson Park, Baltimore, MD

Christian Zimmerman, Vice President for Design and Construction, Prospect Park Alliance, Brooklyn, NY

0.1 CEUs (1 contact hour)

6:00 PM Reception (Cash Bar) in Exhibit Hall

7:00-8:30PM Keynote Address and Dinner

Meg Cheever, President and CEO, Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy and Conference Program Chair

Urban Parks: The Places That We Dream

Teresa Heinz, chairman of the Heinz Family Philanthropies and The Heinz Endowments and co-author of *This Moment on Earth: Today's New Environmentalists and Their Vision for the Future*

0.1 CEUs (1 contact hour)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2008

Additional speakers to be announced.

7:30 AM- 8:30 AM **Early Bird Options** The tours will take place rain or shine.
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Departure Area A).

:: **Point State Park Landscape History Walking Tour**
Marion Pressley, FASLA, Principal, Pressley Associates

0.1 CEUs (1 contact hour)

:: **Point State Park Management Issues Walking Tour**
Mike Gable, Deputy Director, City of Pittsburgh Department of Public Works (DPW)
Edward Patton, Director of Capital Projects, Riverlife Task Force
Phil Gruszka, Director of Park Management and Maintenance, Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy

0.1 CEUs (1 contact hour)

:: **Point State Park Cultural History Walking Tour**
Doug MacGregor, Education Director, Fort Pitt Museum

0.1 CEUs (1 contact hour)

:: **Conference on the Move: Group Walk**
John M. Jakicic, Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh; Chair and Professor, Department of Health and Physical Activity; Director, Physical Activity and Weight Management Research Center **Affinity Groups meet in hotel restaurant**

:: **Scholarship winners meet**

8:45 AM **General Session**
David Bahlman, Chair, Board of Trustees, National Association for Olmsted Parks

Dan Onorato, Chief Executive, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania

The Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder

Richard Louv, author of *Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder* and founder of the Children & Nature Network

0.175 CEUs (1.75 contact hours)

9:30 AM 10:00AM **Break and Book Signing with Richard Louv**

10:00 AM- 11:30AM **Break-Out Sessions**

:: **Nature Smart in the Park**

Environmental education gets a boost from Professor Howard Gardner's addition of an eighth intelligence (naturalistic intelligence or nature smart) to his renowned Multiple Intelligence Theory.

The naturalistic intelligence involves the full range of knowing that occurs in and through our encounters with the natural world including recognition, appreciation, and understanding of the natural environment.

Moderator: John Flicker, President, National Audubon Society
Rhonda Macdonald, Commercial Manager, Parks Victoria, Melbourne, Australia
Karen Purcell, Project Leader, Celebrate Urban Birds, Cornell Lab of Ornithology
Charlie Lord, Director, Urban Ecology Institute, Boston College

0.15 CEUs (1.5 contact hours)

:: Young Voices in the Parks

Inspired by Richard Louv's 2005 bestseller, *Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder*, this session will showcase four innovative programs that reconnect youth with nature through urban parks. Both organization leaders and young participants will tell their stories.

Moderator: Dick Skrinjar, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation, City of Pittsburgh
Flip Hagood, Senior Vice President for Strategic Initiatives, Student Conservation Association
Jarid Manos, Founder and President, Great Plains Restoration Council
Fiona Cheong, creator of "Reimagining Our City," a proposal to bring students together to help design and create green space as part of economic development
KB Kabuta, Senior Youth Leader, Great Plains Restoration Council
Marilyn Saba, Art Teacher (retired), Boston Public Schools
Liza Stearns, Education Specialist, Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site

0.15 CEUs (1.5 contact hours)

:: No One Left Inside: Lifting Barriers to Parks Access for All

ADA, certainly, but how do we broaden our commitment and actions to facilitate the broadest possible access to parks?

Moderator: Mario Browne, Project Director, Center for Minority Health, University of Pittsburgh
Caryn Ernst, Associate Director of Conservation Vision Services, Trust for Public Land
Victor Calise, Accessibility Coordinator, New York City Department of Parks and Recreation
Tim Almaguer, Executive Director, Friends of Patterson Park, Baltimore, MD

0.15 CEUs (1.5 contact hours)

:: Re-Discovering Our Neighbors and Our Community in City Parks

Just as parks build better bodies, they also build better neighbors. From overcoming the evisceration of Urban Renewal to new signs of hope in New Orleans, current research and projects point the way.

Moderator: Steve Coleman, CEO, Washington Parks & People
Mindy Fullilove, MD, Professor of Clinical Psychiatry and Public Health, Columbia University; author of *Root Shock*
Bob Becker, Chief Executive Officer, New Orleans City Park
Denys Candy, Managing Partner, Pittsburgh Community Partners Institute

0.15 CEUs (1.5 contact hours)

:: Measuring Success: Translating Good Intentions about Sustainability into Measurable Results

Parks managers will have a chance to discuss current practices and look into the future of objective standards for sustainability.

Moderator: Fred Bonci, Principal, LaQuatra Bonci, Pittsburgh
José Almiñana, ASLA, Principal, Andropogon Associates, Ltd., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Richard Dolesh, Director of Policy, National Recreation and Park Association
Richard Gelb, Performance Measures Manager, King County (Seattle), WA
Timothy Mitchell, General Superintendent & CEO, Chicago Park District

0.15 CEUs (1.5 contact hours)

:: **Uncovering History: Researching Your Local Landscape**

Join national experts from NAOP and The National Park Service for a hands-on workshop on researching historic landscapes. Using the newly republished *Master List of Design Projects of the Olmsted Firm 1857-1979* and other resources, participants will learn about the research process, tools and sources. Presenters will address hands-on applications for communities interested in restoring their historic parks and answer participants' specific research concerns. Copies of the *Master List* will be available for purchase.

Moderator: Catherine Nagel, Executive Director, National Association for Olmsted Parks

Lucy Lawliss, Master List Editor, Superintendent of George Washington Birthplace National Monument and Thomas Stone National Historic Site, National Park Service

Caroline Loughlin, Master List Editor, Co-author of *Forest Park*

Anthony Reed, Archivist, Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site, National Park Service

0.15 CEUs (1.5 contact hours)

:: **Where the Rubber Leaves the Parkway: Balancing the Relationship of Parks and Cars**

America's city parks contain thousands of miles of roadways. Some bring users into the resource, others provide a pleasant commuter route, and others are used mostly for parking. But park managers are increasingly questioning the safety and environmental impact of traffic, and a fledgling "car-free park" movement is spreading across the nation. Many users are finding true benefits from closing a park roadway, but the concept is controversial. Panelists will discuss the pros and cons of road closures and how to go about testing the idea in your city.

Moderator: Peter Harnik, Director, Trust for Public Land's Center for City Park Excellence, Washington, D.C.

Andrew Wiley-Schwartz, Assistant Commissioner, Division of Planning and Sustainability, New York City Department of Transportation

Barry Bessler, Chief of Staff, Fairmount Park Commission, Philadelphia

0.15 CEUs (1.5 contact hours)

:: **It Takes Three: Lessons in Collaboration**

In 1993, many parks in Philadelphia were in a state of disrepair and neglect. Government was under resourced and community was frustrated and overwhelmed by the state of many neighborhood parks. An innovative partnership was formed with Philadelphia Green, Community Residents and the Philadelphia Department of Recreation that dramatically changed the landscape of these parks. The partnership managed to do what no one entity could have done alone. It has not only continued but flourished over the past 15 years. A model for sustainable stewardship was put in place, real systems change occurred, new resources were leveraged and the parks moved from liabilities to treasured community assets. This workshop will engage participants in discussing what it takes to build effective collaborations that truly transform not only the landscape but the systems and people engaged in its stewardship.

Joan M. Reilly, Senior Director, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's Philadelphia Green program and associates

Mark Focht, Executive Director, Fairmount Park Commission

Barbara McCabe, Parks Coordinator, Philadelphia Department of Recreation

Michael McClary, Board Member, Wynnefield Heights Civic Association; Chairperson of the Parks Committee

0.15 CEUs (1.5 contact hours)

11:45 AM – 1:30 PM **General Session and Luncheon**

Making the Most of This Moment in Time

Catherine Nagel, Executive Director, City Parks Alliance and National Association for Olmsted Parks

Ron Tipton, Senior Vice President of Programs, National Parks Conservation Association

Meg Cheever, President and CEO, Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy and Conference Program Chair

Michael DiBerardinis, Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

(Lunch will be served following Secretary DiBerardinis' remarks.)

2:00 PM – 4:30 PM **Mobile Workshops in Pittsburgh Parks**

(All Mobile Workshops depart from the Hilton's Liberty Avenue Landing (Departure Zone B). . At the end of each Mobile Workshop, buses will proceed to Schenley Plaza for the Celebration of Pittsburgh Parks. See schedule at 4:30 p.m. for return bus information.)

Six in-depth case studies will showcase a range of innovative restoration and development initiatives in Pittsburgh's parks. The workshops will take place rain or shine. Please dress appropriately.

:: Take a Parking Lot and Turn It into a Paradise – The Challenge of a Sustainable Schenley Plaza

It has taken more than 100 years to fulfill Edward Bigelow's grand vision for a splendid entry to Schenley Park. For decades a parking lot blighted the park's gateway, a site intended to be the green heart of Oakland. Today it has been transformed into a vibrant, public green space enjoyed by a quarter of a million people annually. Discover what it took to accomplish a miracle, from funding to politics to programming to retail operations. Not to mention a scientific study into the genetic diversity of the Plaza's historic London plane trees.

Meg Cheever, President and CEO, Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy

Cynthia Morton, Ph.D., Associate Curator and Head of Botany, Carnegie Museum of Natural History

Kirk Savage, Associate Professor of Art and Architecture, University of Pittsburgh

Debbie Beck, Chief Financial Officer, Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy

Dan Biederman, President, 34th Street Partnership and Bryant Park Corporation

0.25 CEUs (2.5 contact hours)

:: David and Goliath's Happy Ending – Achieving Win-Win Solutions with Powerful Public Agencies

The open water reservoir in historic Highland Park is a favorite destination of young and old alike. When state environmental regulations threatened to cover the reservoir, community activists fought back. By working with elected officials and others, they instigated the development of creative plans for a state-of-the-art micro-filtration system that allowed the reservoir to remain open. Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy then partnered with the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority to naturally de-chlorinate the water by constructing a "Babbling Brook," a terraced trailside streambed of rocks and boulders. Nearby, the Parks Conservancy and City partnered on a \$1.2 million historic restoration of the park's signature fountain, reflecting pool, and lush entry gardens. Step climbing involved.

David Hance, registered architect and President, Highland Park Community Development Association

Dianne Swan, Executive Director, Rosedale Block Cluster, a nonprofit community organization based in one of the city's economically challenged neighborhoods, which planted more than 40,000 bulbs in the entry garden with community youth

Michael Eversmeyer, Highland Park resident and principal architect, whose firm specializes in historic preservation, renovation and adaptive reuse

Jim Ferlo, Pennsylvania State Senator who has represented the 38th Senatorial District since 2003

Erin Copeland, Restoration Ecologist, Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy

0.25 CEUs (2.5 contact hours)

:: Natural Partners – Restoring Urban Trails and Woodlands with Community Teamwork

Steep topography and years of deferred maintenance caused a widespread breakdown in Schenley Park's drainage system. The hillsides and trail system were severely eroded, and the unique WPA-era tufa bridges had deteriorated. Multiple invasive species also threatened the park's woodland habitat. Today, the park is undergoing a multi-million dollar ecological restoration effort in the 80-acre Panther Hollow to remove invasive trees and vines, replant native species, restore drainage systems, stabilize hillsides, and reconstruct trails and streambeds. This major project would not be possible without the time and energy of many volunteer groups. Requires considerable step climbing.

Mike Gable, Deputy Director, City of Pittsburgh Department of Public Works (DPW)

Phil Gruszka, Director of Park Management and Maintenance, Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy

Karen Lukas, Urban Ecosteward, Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy

Tamica Mickle, Regional Program Manager, Student Conservation Association

0.25 CEUs (2.5 contact hours)

:: Preserving Park History on Pittsburgh's North Side – Allegheny Commons, Riverview Park Chapel Shelter, and the Allegheny Observatory

The North Side's Allegheny Commons — designated as public grazing lands a year before George Washington became the nation's first president — became a park in 1867. Its design by the New York firm of Mitchell & Grant gave "breathing places" for the citizens of the sooty city of Allegheny. The park's original design is still visible in its north and east sections, where symmetrical paths flank the center walk and grand trees from the park's earliest years remain throughout. After decades of enhancements and deterioration, a master plan for the 80-acre park was completed in 2002 by landscape architect Marion Pressley which embraces and respects the park's layers of design history. The Allegheny Commons Initiative is implementing the \$16 million plan.

Noted for its superb original growth woodlands, Riverview Park was donated to the City of Allegheny in 1894, encompasses 251 acres, and has the most extensive trail network of Pittsburgh's parks. This fascinating cultural landscape has many layers, among them a Native American stronghold and prominence in astronomy. The tour includes a stop at the Allegheny Observatory, founded in 1859, and features the historic Riverview Chapel Shelter and its landscape, a recent restoration project of the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy and the City of Pittsburgh.

Christina Schmidlapp, former project director, Allegheny Commons Initiative

Susan Rademacher, Parks Curator, Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy

Laura Cook, Marketing Communications Coordinator, Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy

0.25 CEUs (2.5 contact hours)

:: From Slag Heap to Valued Landscape – Reclaiming an Urban Watershed in Frick Park

As early as 1911, Frederick Law Olmsted had identified the parkland potential in the Nine Mile Run Watershed, writing, "perhaps the most striking opportunity noted for a large park is the valley of Nine

Mile Run ... it is so excluded by its high wooded banks that the close proximity of urban development can hardly be imagined” Sadly, the land was not turned into a park, but sold to a steel company that used it as a slag dump. Almost a hundred years later, the City of Pittsburgh, the Army Corps of Engineers, the Nine Mile Run Watershed Association, the Studio for Creative Inquiry at Carnegie Mellon University, developers, and others partnered to transform the mountain of slag into a new residential neighborhood called “Summerset.” This past year, Nine Mile Run’s 100 acres, with its restored stream corridor, were officially annexed to Frick Park. Step climbing and trail walking required.

Brenda Smith, Executive Director, Nine Mile Run Watershed Association

Tom Murphy, Senior Resident Fellow, Urban Land Institute/Klingbeil Family Chair for Urban Development; Mayor of Pittsburgh 1994-2006

Edward (Ted) Muller, Professor of History and Director of the Urban Studies Program, University of Pittsburgh

Jake Milofsky, Field Ecologist, Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy

0.25 CEUs (2.5 contact hours)

:: Compare and Contrast – An Olmstedian Campus Arboretum and the Über-Green Phipps Conservatory

Chatham University’s 39-acre campus was planned by the Olmsted Brothers as a 32-acre arboretum featuring 115 different varieties of species, and incorporates grounds of the Andrew Mellon estate, also designed by the Olmsted Brothers. The Arboretum provides an outdoor classroom for students in the University’s Landscape Architecture and Landscape Studies programs. Chatham is a member of the American Public Garden Association (APGA).

Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens is a recognized leader in green building practices and sustainable operations, boasting the first LEED-certified welcome center in a public garden and the world’s most energy-efficient tropical forest conservatory. Dating from 1893, today’s Conservatory is a showcase for innovative, energy-saving approaches and technology in its recent expansion and future plans in its pursuit to become “America’s Greenest Garden.” Some step climbing required.

Richard Piacentini, Executive Director, Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens

Lisa Kunst Vavro, Assistant Professor and Director, Landscape Architecture/Landscape Studies and Director, Chatham University Arboretum

Arleyn Levee, Landscape Historian and Olmsted Scholar

Melissa McMasters, Online & Community Advocacy Manager, Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy

0.25 CEUs (2.5 contact hours)

4:30 PM- A Celebration of Pittsburgh Parks (Buses will depart from Schenley Plaza bound for the Hilton 4:45-5:45 p.m. Travel time to the hotel is approximately 30 minutes.)

5:30 PM

Join us at Schenley Plaza for the conference closing reception.

5:30 PM Pittsburgh à la Carte

Wrap up your visit with a trip to one of the attractions that help make Pittsburgh America’s Most Livable City.