



# Our Woodland Legacy Symposium

## Trees, Land, Water and Community

December 7 • Cedar Rapids Country Club

8:00 a.m. **Registration and Continental Breakfast**, Sponsored by Shive-Hattery

8:30 a.m. **Welcome to the Our Woodland Legacy Symposium**

*Master of Ceremonies:* Shannon Ramsay, Founding President and CEO, Trees Forever

*Opening Comments:* Brent Oleson, Linn County Supervisor, Chair

Jacque Holloway, Holloway Family Environmental Trust

9:00 a.m. **Keynote: Trees, Water and Wellness: Green Infrastructure and Human Health Co-Benefits**

Dr. Kathleen Wolf, Research Social Scientist, University of Washington, College of the Environment

*Introduction:* Shannon Ramsay

*Summary:* Green infrastructure is a proven method to address concerns of air quality, energy use, and water quantity and quality. Can it be co-designed to generate environmental and public health co-benefits? Dr. Wolf will summarize the latest research on trees and wellness, and share her recent work on green stormwater infrastructure as the source of aesthetic and health-promoting benefits.



9:45 a.m. **Roundtable discussions**

- Briefly introduce yourself and your interest in today's symposium
- What concepts did you hear from Dr. Wolf that resonated with you?

10:00 a.m. **Break, Books, Beverages**

10:15 a.m. **Keynote: Green Infrastructure for 21st Century Cities**

Peter MacDonagh, FASLA, LEED AP, CSLA, ISA, RHS, Director of Design + Science, Kestrel Design Group

*Remarks and Introduction:* Mayor Nick AbouAssaly, City of Marion

*Summary:* Peter's presentation, both practical and technical, will draw from his 30+ years of project experience, to address the many proven benefits of green infrastructure practices, including being less resource-intensive than gray infrastructure-only solutions. Peter will also take a deep look at roots and soils, and help us to understand how green infrastructure can manage everyday stormwater problems, while saving the full capacity of gray infrastructure for emergency high-intensity storms ("Rain Bombs").



11:00 a.m. **Roundtable Discussions**

- What concepts did you hear from Peter MacDonagh that resonated with you?
- How did Dr. Wolf's and Peter's messages complement each other?

11:10 a.m. **STAR Communities:** Jeff Pomeranz, City Manager, City of Cedar Rapids

*Remarks and Introduction:* Mayor Ron Corbett, City of Cedar Rapids

**Natural Systems in Cedar Rapids:** Jen Winter, Public Works Director, City of Cedar Rapids

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- 11:40 a.m. **Good Green News: Sharing News of Green Initiatives in Our Region**  
*Moderator:* Maxine Webb, Development Director, Trees Forever
- Noon **Break**
- 12:10 p.m. **Lunch**, Sponsored by Jacque and Dennis Holloway  
(Served at your seats. Please have your specialty lunch placards out.)
- 12:50 p.m. **Remarks**  
Todd Dorman, Insight Editor, The Gazette
- 1:00 p.m. **Break**
- 1:30 p.m. **Concurrent Workshops**  
**Trees, Land and Water for Municipal, Commercial and Residential Developments**  
(Ballroom)  
*Summary:* A discussion of best & worst practices, results, and ordinances  
*Moderator:* Kyle Skogman, President and CEO, Skogman Homes  
*Panelists:* Bill Micheel, Assistant Director, Community Development, City of Cedar Rapids  
Emily Swihart, Field Coordinator, Trees Forever  
Sandy Pumphrey, Project Engineer II, Public Works, City of Cedar Rapids  
Peter MacDonagh, FSLA, Kestrel Design Group
- Trees, Land and Water for Homes and Neighborhoods**  
(John Fischer Room)  
*Summary:* A discussion of examples, and the impact of individual and neighborhood efforts  
*Moderator:* Eric Holthaus, Sustainability Coordinator, City of Cedar Rapids  
*Panelists:* Eric Shepley, P L.A., HBK Engineering, LLC  
Kelli Kennon-Lane, Director of Education, Indian Creek Nature Center  
Stephanie Neff, Health and Wellness Supervisor, Cedar Rapids Community Schools  
Dr. Kathleen Wolf, Research Social Scientist, University of Washington
- 2:45 p.m. **Break, Books and Beverages**
- 3:00 p.m. **Merging: Sharing Our Learning and Action Steps**  
*Facilitators:* Les Beck, Director, Linn County Planning and Development  
Dennis Goemaat, Deputy Director, Linn County Conservation
- 3:45 p.m. **Final thoughts: Conversations with Keynote Speakers**  
Dr. Kathleen Wolf and Peter MacDonagh
- Poetry Reading:** "The Language of Trees" by M.L. Folkedahl-meehleder
- Closing Comments:** Shannon Ramsay
- 4:00 p.m. **Connections and Conversations Reception**, sponsored by Kyle Skogman

**SAVE THE DATE: December 6, 2018**

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for serving as hosts once again!**