

INTERDISCIPLINARY WORKSHOP | JULY 25-27 2019 | MILWAUKEE, WI

Reimagining Water: Linking Sustainable Urban Water

Systems in the Great Lakes Basin

Workshop Goals, Process, and Agenda

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Location:

All meetings will be held at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee School of Freshwater Sciences 600 E Greenfield Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53204

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Purpose

To create a shared vision and agenda for collaborative research and actions to sustain the life and livelihoods of Great Lakes waterfront cities and waters.

Goals

- 1. Identify the most pressing needs and compelling opportunities relating to the interaction of Great Lakes cities and their near shore environments; and
- 2. Craft an interdisciplinary vision for future integrative work that advances the sustainability of these linkages.

Process

About the workshop process...

All attending are participants in the workshop.

- **CASE STUDIES:** All participants are invited to submit short case studies to describe actual projects, challenges and barriers in applying green infrastructure projects to urban coast environments, and how the challenges were
- ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY: An annotated bibliography of selected references related to Great Lakes research, sustainability, climate action agendas, and green infrastructure references will be distributed to workshop attendees before the workshop. The bibliography will be expanded following the workshop to include references recommended by speakers and workshop participants.
- PRESENTATIONS: will provide examples that address the workshop goals and, in turn, suggest avenues for further research, development, and innovation.
- BREAKOUT GROUPS: Two rounds of breakout group discussions, each with a facilitator and recorder, give all participants opportunities to contribute to the discussions, to be summarized and recorded as part of the Workshop Proceedings.
- **NETWORKING:** All participants will be listed in a printed "attendee" list with e-mails, for contacts and referrals. On Friday evening, a joint dinner will be scheduled (optional) for those who want to continue in one of Milwaukee's famous restaurants (and beer halls).
- WORKSHOP PROCEEDINGS: Workshop presentations, break-out group notes, key findings and recommendations will be completed after the workshop, as a record of proceedings and shared resource for next steps.

Breakout Discussion Questions:

FIRST DISCUSSION (Friday) – Desired Outcome: Identify opportunities for and barriers to improving integrative practices for creating sustainable urban water systems; How do we address those barriers to best protect and utilize resources? Target systems could include:

- **URBAN RIVER MOUTH**
- **URBAN WATERSHEDS**
- **NEAR SHORE AQUATIC SYSTEMS**
- LAND-WATER INTERFACE
- MUNICIPAL WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

SECOND DISCUSSION (Friday) - Desired Outcome: Envision pathways based on identified opportunities and needs; what new research or collaborations could link sustainable practices for greater effectiveness? Target pathways could include:

- KNOWLEDGE CO-PRODUCTION BETWEEN INDUSTRY, ACADEMIA, GOVERNMENT, PRACTITIONERS AND
- INNOVATIVE PRACTICES THAT REQUIRE BENCH TESTING, PROOF-OF-CONCEPT, OR SCALING
- REFINEMENTS IN DATA AND ANALYTIC TOOLS
- SCIENTIFIC UNDERSTANDING OF CO-BENEFITS, TRADE-OFFS, SPATIAL AND TEMPORAL SCALES, LEVERAGE POINTS. SOCIO-ECOLOGICAL-TECHNICAL SYSTEMS
- INTEGRATION TOOLS

THIRD DISCUSSION (Saturday) – Desired Outcome: Next Steps for crafting a future integrative network; How do we create a community of research and practice and keep it going? What are the funding opportunities?

Agenda

Thursday, July 25th 1:00pm-8:30pm

Defining the Context

1:00pm-5:00pm: **PRE-WORKSHOP ACTIVITIES**

Arrivals

Participants should secure their own transportation from the airport to the Saint Kate Arts Hotel or SFS. For people driving and staying at the hotel, hotel parking is \$28/night. Alternately, you can park at the SFS and take a van to the hotel.

1:00pm

Optional tour of Milwaukee as a Water-Centric City. Van will leave from the SFS and stop at the Saint Kate at 1:05pm.

4:00pm

Optional harbor tour on the UWM research vessel Neeskay (The boat will depart from the SFS. A van will leave from the hotel at 3:45pm to SFS.

5:00pm-8:00pm:

DEFINING THE CONTEXT: CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES

5:00pm-6:00pm

Reception/ salmon boil at UWM School of Freshwater Sciences A van will leave from the hotel at 4:45pm to SFS.

6:15-7:00pm:

Welcome & Opening Remarks

Jim Wasley, Carol Miller, John Janssen, Drew Gronewold, Don Watson, Michele Adams

7:00pm-7:15pm: Q&A Panel Discussion

7:15pm-8:00pm:

ADVANCING THE STATE-OF-ART OF SUSTAINABLE URBAN WATER SYSTEMS Don Watson, FAIA & Michele Adams, PE

8:00pm-8:20pm:

Audience Discussion & Feedback

8:20pm: Adjourn. Vans to hotel.

Friday, July 26th

8:30am-4:30pm **Best Practices**

Breakfast not provided. Coffee & pastries at SFS.

8:00am-8:20am:

Shuttles from hotel to School of Freshwater Sciences

8:30am-9:45am

PART 1: LINKING G.I. & AQUATIC HABITAT

Carol Miller, Emily McKinnon, Sean Burkholder, Chris Glaisek, Jim Wasley

9:45am-10:00am: 15 minute BREAK

10:00am-12:00pm:

Breakout Groups - Round 1

(per topics defined - see 'Discussion Questions' pg. 2)

12:00pm-1:00pm: LUNCH BREAK (box lunch provided) 12:50pm: Guest Speaker David Rankin, GLPF

1:00pm-2:15pm:

PART 2: THE EXPANDED FIELD - SUSTAINABLE URBAN SYSTEMS INTEGRATION THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF WATER Patrick Lucey, Jeffrey Nesbit, Steve Apfelbaum, Robert Zimmerman

2:15pm-2:30pm: 15 minute BREAK

2:30pm-2:45pm:

Panel & Audience Discussion

Focusing the workshop challenge: the leading questions to pursue.

2:45pm-3:45pm:

Breakout Groups - Round 2

(per topics defined - see 'Discussion Questions' pg. 2)

4:15pm-4:30pm: Session Summary

What do you recommend as the most promising research and development initiatives to protect and sustain Lake Michigan waters and urban communities around this goal of Sustainable Urban Systems *Integration?*

4:30pm: Adjourn. Vans to hotel available.

5:00pm: Informal cocktails in the neighborhood. **Options TBA.**

6:30pm: GROUP DINNER at Braise Restaurant, 1101 South 2nd Street, next door to Rockwell Clocktower. A van will depart hotel at 6:15pm if needed.

Saturday, July 27th 9:00am-12:00pm Building a SUWS Network

Breakfast on your own. Coffee & pastries at SFS.

8:00-8:30am:

Shuttles from hotel to SFS.

9:00am-9:50am: Speakers

Jim Wasley, Brenda Coley, Margaret Noodin, Carol Miller

9:50am-10:00am: 10 minute BREAK

10:00am-11:15am: Facilitated Discussions, Plenary & Breakout

Next Steps to creating a Sustainable Urban Water Systems Research Network for the Great Lakes Basin.

11:15am-11:45am

Workshop Summary & Awards

11:45am: Adjourn.

12:00pm: Informal Lunch (options TBA) or Vans to airport.



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