

Green Infrastructure Forum

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The Community Forestry Network
and the
National Park Service, National Capital Region.



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from
1:00 to 4:00 P.M.



Metropolitan Park Systems

at the offices of the
Metropolitan Washington Council of Government's

Board Room, 3rd Floor
777 North Capitol Street,
N.E., Washington, D.C.

Featured at this forum will be:

- **Patricia Gallagher, Executive Director of the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC).** Ms. Gallagher will speak about planning programs, activities and projects of NCPC and her previous work in park, open space, trail, and urban planning in the City of Chicago.
- **Brian O'Neill, Acting Associate Director of the National Park Service, and Superintendent of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.** Mr. O'Neill will speak about partnership approaches to parks, open space and recreation areas and his work in the 76,000-acre Golden Gate National Recreation Area. <http://www.pps.org/topics/pubpriv/activities/goldengate>
- **A brief status report on the Metropolitan Washington Green Infrastructure Demonstration Project Partnership.**

This event is the tenth in a series of Green Infrastructure Forums and Workshops to discuss park, forest cover, open space, and recreational land approaches within the metropolitan Washington region.



For More Information:

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RSVP Requested by May 5, 2003.

Speaker Biographies:

Patricia Gallagher came to NCPC (<http://www.ncpc.gov/>) from the City of Chicago Department of Planning and Development, where she served first as Assistant Commissioner for Open Space Planning, and later as deputy Commissioner of Strategic Planning. Ms. Gallagher managed the Chicago River Development Plan, which created new parks, trails, and boat access along Chicago's inland waterways. Ms. Gallagher has also worked as a consultant providing urban planning, development and communication services to government agencies, private businesses, and civic organizations.

The National Capital Planning Commission provides overall planning guidance for federal land and buildings in the National Capital Region, which includes the District of Columbia; Prince George's and Montgomery Counties in MD; and Arlington, Fairfax, Loudon and Prince William Counties in VA. Through its planning policies and review of development proposals, the Commission seeks to protect and enhance the extraordinary natural, cultural, and historical resources of the Nation's Capital.

Brian O'Neill is the Acting Associate Director for Partnerships, Interpretation, Education, Volunteers, and Outdoor Recreation with the National Park Service in Washington, DC. He is currently helping to design a National Conference on Partnerships and implement the Secretary of Interior's "4 C's" Initiative (consultation, cooperation, and communication in the service of conservation) within and outside the Department.

Normally Brian is the Superintendent of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (<http://www.nps.gov/goga/>) within Marin, San Francisco and San Mateo Counties in California. He currently serves on the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council and the Bay Area Open Space Council where he works with broad-based coalitions of agencies, organizations and individuals to establish trails and permanently protection open space.

The Golden Gate National Recreation Area is one of the most heavily visited urban national parks, receiving approximately 14 million international, national and local visitors annually. The park encompasses 50 miles of shoreline, and includes world-famous sites such as Alcatraz Island, Muir Woods and Presidio of San Francisco.