

Community Forestry Forum

Plant Communities and Climate Change

Perspectives from the Metropolitan Washington Region

*Hosted by COG's Community Forestry Network (CFN)
Sponsored by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
and the
Maryland Department of Natural Resources – Forest Service*



Friday June 25th, 2010
10:00 to 2:00 p.m.
Training Center – 1st Floor



Lunch will be provided for all attendees

Agenda

10:00 - Call to order - Brian LeCouteur - COG

**10:05 - Opening Remarks - Anne Hairston-Strang, MDNR-Forest Service
Todd Bolton, City of Takoma Park / CFN Chair**

10:15 - Dr. Geoffrey Parker of the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center Forest Ecology Lab will present his findings from research conducted on the impact of climate change on forests.

11:00 - Elizabeth Reinhardt, a policy analyst with the U.S. Forest Service National Forest Ecosystem Climate Change group will present their efforts to manage forests and watersheds in the face of climate change.

11:30 - Keith Cline Acting Assistant Director, Cooperative Forestry Urban and Community Forestry Program USDA Forest Service will discuss the impacts of climate change on urban & Community Forestry.

12:00 - Lunch

1:00 - Panel discussion on climate change and plant communities in our region:

- **Dr. Geoffrey Parker - Smithsonian Environmental Research Center**
- **Dr. Richard Olsen - USDA National Arboretum**
- **Elizabeth Reinhardt - USDA Forest Service Climate Change Group**
- **Keith Cline - USDA Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry**

1:55 - Workshop Summary - Todd Bolton / Brian LeCouteur

2:00 - Adjourn