

HOUSTON ARBORETUM & NATURE CENTER

Field Notes at the Houston Arboretum & Nature Center
A symposium to share ecological knowledge in an urban setting

DRAFT AGENDA

Day 1 Thursday September 14th (9am-6pm)

8:30-9:00 Morning Coffee
9:00-9:05 Welcome - Houston Arboretum
9:05-9:10 Overview of agenda and housekeeping - Blackland Collaborative

WHY SESSION The need for the Arboretum's recent restoration and the region's larger green movement.

9:10-9:50 Presenters:
Debbie Markey- Houston Arboretum
Jaime Gonzalez- The Nature Conservancy
Kelli Ondracek- Houston Parks and Recreation Department
9:50-10:50 Panel/Facilitated Discussion:
Jaime Gonzalez- The Nature Conservancy
Kelli Ondracek- Houston Parks and Recreation Department
Justin Bower- Houston-Galveston Area Council
Danielle Pieranunzi- SITES Green Business Certification Inc.
Sarah Newbery- Kinder Foundation

10:50-11:00 Break
11:00-11:40 WHY Break-out session

HOW SESSION How to design, construct, and integrate environmental restoration projects in an urban setting

11:40-12:10 Houston Arboretum Master Plan implemented by Design Workshop: Conners Ladner
12:10-12:55 Lunch and Video from the Urban Land Institute

12:55-1:25 Presenters:
Emily Manderson- Blackland Collaborative
Jason Burt- Forney Construction
Susan Sherrod- Biohabitats

1:25-2:35 Panel/Facilitated Discussion:
Jason Burt- Forney Construction
Susan Sherrod- Biohabitats
Carolyn White- Harris County Public Health
Beth Clark- Clark Condon
Conners Ladner- Design Workshop

2:35-2:40 Break
2:40-3:25 HOW Break-out session

3:25-4:35 Walking tour - Designed Areas: Donor Retention Pond, Savanna Boardwalk, Ravine, and Courtyard

4:35-4:45 Symposium Day One Recap
4:45-6:00 Happy Hour

Day 2 Friday September 15th (9am-5pm)

- 8:30-9:00 Morning Coffee
9:00-9:10 Brief overview of the day
9:10-9:25 Natural Channel Design-Ravine Restoration at the Arboretum: Brett Jordan

MANAGE SESSION Managing and monitoring restored ecosystems to reach and maintain goals

- 9:25-10:10 Presenters:
Stephen Benigno- Houston Arboretum & Nature Center
Lee Marlowe- San Antonio River Authority
Marissa Llosa- Houston Parks Board
10:10-11:10 Panel/Facilitated Discussion:
Lee Marlowe- San Antonio River Authority
Marissa Llosa- Houston Parks Board
Courtney Hall- Memorial Park Conservancy
Derek Sanford- Armand Bayou Nature Center
Gabriela Sosa- Buffalo Bayou Partnerships
11:10-11:20 Break
11:20-12:00 MANAGE Break-out session
12:00-12:30 Lunch
12:30-1:40 Walking tour: Prescribed fire and goat grazing areas

MESSAGE SESSION How to communicate, educate, and inspire

- 1:40-2:15 Presenters:
Tiffany Ritter- Houston Arboretum & Nature Center
Valeria Casas- Student Conservation Association
Tresa Antony- Nature Heritage Society
2:15-3:25 Panel/Facilitated Discussion
Valeria Casas- Student Conservation Association
Tresa Antony- Nature Heritage Society
Anica Haymes- Houston Arboretum & Nature Center
Becky Martinez- Bayou Land Conservancy
Bethany Foshée- Coastal Prairie Conservancy
Dany Millikin- Houston Botanic Garden
3:25-3:35 Break
3:35-4:15 MESSAGE Break-out session
4:15-4:35 Fin and Fur presentation
<https://www.finandfurfilms.com/>
4:35-5:00 Facilitated discussion and re-cap of workshop