



Urban Invasive Species Issues Forum

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Hamilton Crowne Plaza Hotel
1001 14th Street, NW
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Overview and Purpose: Initiation of process to create a “toolkit” to be used by municipal/local governments for invasive plant management. The toolkit would include definitions, principles and guidelines for dealing with invasive species.

Organizer: Rita Beard, National Park Service, Biological Resource Management Division

Moderator: John Peter Thompson, Maryland Invasive Species Council

- 3:15-3:35 pm **Policy and Regulatory Framework for Healthy Ecosystems**
CJ Lammers, Master Environmental Planner, M-NCPPC Prince George’s Planning Department
- 3:35-3:55 pm **Challenges, Opportunities and Needs of local Urban Ecology**
Damien Ossi, Wildlife Biologist D.C. Fisheries & Wildlife Division
- 3:55-4:15pm **Managing Ecosystem Services and Resources in an urban/suburban park system**
Carole Bergmann Forest Ecologist/Field Botanist, M-NCPPC Montgomery County Parks
- 4:15-4:35 pm **Trials and Tribulations of Volunteers**
*Dr. Damon Waitt, Senior Director at the Lady Bird Wildflower Center
University of Texas at Austin*
- 4:35-4:55 pm **IPM3: Potential for Using Online Distance Education Programs to Address Urban landscape management needs**
Dr. Robert M. Nowierski, USDA NIFA
- 4:55-5:15 pm **Workforce Development Capacity Community College as Partners**
Dr. McClure Prince George's Community College
- 5:15- 5:30 pm **Concepts, Ideas, Topics and Suggestions for a Municipal/Local Government Toolkit for Invasive Plant Management; Components, Stakeholders and Next Steps**
Group Discussion