



Agenda

Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2014

4 to 7 p.m.	Registration Open (set up exhibits)
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Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2014

7:30 a.m.	Registration and Continental Breakfast		
8:30 a.m.	<p>Opening Plenary Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and Opening Remarks, Sara Parker Pauley, Director, Missouri Department of Natural Resources • Welcome from Bob Stephens, Mayor of Springfield • Director Pauley moderates a conversation with four former MoDNR directors – G. Tracy Mehan, David Shorr, Stephen Mahfood and Doyle Childers. • Collin O’Mara, President and CEO, National Wildlife Federation • Demographic and Economic Trends – Dr. Larry Brown, University of Missouri • Environmental Uncertainties – Bob Perciasepe, Center for Climate and Energy Solutions • Public Health and the Environment – Ramona Trovato, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters 		
Noon to 1 p.m.	Lunch; View Exhibits		
1 to 2:40 p.m.	<p>Concurrent sessions – These moderated sessions are focused on the future challenges facing Missouri’s natural resources. Speakers will offer varied perspectives within each topic area. Short, thought-provoking presentations will be followed by interactive, moderated discussions. Each session will be repeated so participants will be able to attend two of the four.</p>		
<p>Resource Management Challenges – What are the natural resource management challenges of the future for cities and urban areas and what are they doing to prepare? For agriculture and rural communities? For water supply and Missouri’s Water Resources?</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Todd Sampsell, Deputy Director, MoDNR</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p>	<p>The People/Natural Resource Connection. Outdoor recreation contributes to people’s physical, mental and social well-being, while a healthy environment is essential for outdoor recreation as well as for public health and our quality of life. How do we better connect people with the outdoors? How do we ensure a healthy environment in which to live, work and enjoy the great outdoors?</p>	<p>The Costs and Benefits of Natural Resources Protection – Clean air, land and water support strong economies. Visitors to Missouri State Parks provide economic benefit, as do the many tourists drawn to the clean water of Table Rock Lake and other resources. At the same time, there are costs involved – to communities and businesses.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Roger</p>	<p>Environmental Impacts of Extreme Events – In the past few years Missouri has experienced extreme drought, floods, and an EF-5 tornado. What is the science saying about the future? What are the implications for managing ecosystems? For drinking water or waste disposal? What is government’s role in planning for and protecting natural resources when events occur?</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Ryan Mueller, MoDNR</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richard Fordyce, Director, Missouri Department of Agriculture • David Wilson, East-West Gateway • Gail Melgren, Tri-State Water Resource Coalition • Steve Herrington, The Nature Conservancy 	<p><u>Moderator:</u> Bill Bryan, Director, Missouri State Parks</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Derrick Crandall, CEO, American Recreation Coalition • Ramona Trovato, US EPA • Dave Murphy, Conservation Commissioner • Heather Parker, Springfield-Greene County Health Department 	<p>Walker, REGFORM</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G. Tracy Mehan, III Former MoDNR Director and Assistant Administrator for Water, EPA • Gene Schmittgens, Evans & Dixon • Greg Burris, Springfield City Manager • Dan Witter, D.J. Case & Associates • Gary Vandiver, Chair, Soil and Water Districts Commission 	<p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pat Guinan, State Climatologist • Ken McCarty, Missouri State Parks • Joe Gillman, Director, Missouri Geological Survey
2:40 to 3:10 p.m.	Networking Break; View Exhibits		
3:10 to 4:50 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions Repeated		
Resource Management Challenges	The People/Natural Resource Connection	The Costs and Benefits of Natural Resources Protection	Environmental Impacts of Extreme Events
5 p.m.	Reception – Music provided by Roots & Fifths; View Exhibits		
6:30 p.m.	Awards Banquet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governor Jay Nixon • Presentation of Natural Resources’ Awards of Excellence 		

Thursday, Nov. 13, 2014

7 to 8 a.m.	Breakfast
8 a.m.	Plenary Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chad Pregracke, Living Lands and Waters, 2013 CNN Hero of the Year • Derrick Crandall, CEO, American Recreation Coalition
10 a.m.	Introduction to Facilitated Discussion Groups – The challenges facing Missouri’s natural resources have been identified. Now it’s time to talk about what actions are needed to create the future we want to see for Missouri. Discussion topics will be identified by conference participants.
10:30 to 10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45 to 11:30 a.m.	Facilitated Discussion Groups – Round 1
11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Facilitated Discussion Groups – Round 2
12:15 p.m.	Lunch
1:15 p.m.	Closing Plenary Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outcomes from discussions • Identify priorities for action
3 p.m.	Adjourn