



Parks Professional Pathways 2022 Schedule

Thursday, February 24 – Planning Day

TIME	SESSIONS	CEUs/CECs
8:00 – 9:05 am	<p>Keynote: Sports Stadiums as a Community Resource Presented by Mia Lehrer</p> <p>Using Studio-MLA’s recently completed landscape design for SoFi Stadium as a case study, participants will learn about ecologically sensitive planting design that doesn’t relying solely on native plants. This session will examine how to tackle incorporating water infrastructure in parks and open spaces in a meaningful way, how parks can culturally connect disjointed communities and provide strategies to sell complex environmental ideas/solutions to your stakeholders.</p>	<p>ISA: A - 1 CEU; M - 1 CEU; Bm - 1 CEU</p> <p>PIBC: 1 CPL</p> <p>BCSLA: 0.22 CEC</p>
9:15 – 10:15 am	<p>Incorporating Biodiversity into Urban Parks Presented by Doug Merry, Adam Rossi, and Chad Townsend</p> <p>In the first half of the session, the City of Surrey’s Park Planners will present on the concept of Biodiversity Preserves in one of the province's largest and fastest growing municipalities. Through three case studies, Doug and Adam will discuss the history of how these preserves came to be, how they are different from other parks and natural areas in the City, and how the planning process has resulted in positive outcomes for the protection of sensitive ecosystem areas and a larger public awareness for biodiversity conservation in the Surrey. In the second half of this presentation, Chad will discuss how in 2019, Vancouver Park Board approved the master plan VanPlay. Key concepts included 'multiple benefits' and 'connectivity'. A future park system for Vancouver includes greater urban biodiversity, expanded forest canopy, and integrated rainwater filtration. Wildlife habitat in a city often results from a combination of open water and naturally managed park areas. As with most changes to engineered systems and publicly treasured park space though, change will not come easily.</p>	<p>PIBC: 1 CPL</p> <p>BCSLA: 0.33 CEC</p>



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10:30 – 11:30 am	<p>Community and Environmental Practices in Public Art Presented by Sylvia Grace Borda and Biliana Velkova</p> <p>Biliana Velkova from the City of Richmond Public Art Program introduces audiences to the working dynamics of how cities approach art and the environment as part of their ongoing development and outreach. Building on these themes, artist Sylvia Grace Borda showcases how an artist can migrate from civic public art projects to deliver an eco-land creative commission with civic and community partner stakeholders. Both will discuss contingencies on how to build legacies.</p>	<p>PIBC: 1 CPL</p> <p>BCSLA: 0.33 CEC</p>
11:45 – 12:45 pm	<p>Managing Park Visitor Capacity in Parks Serving the Metro Vancouver Area Presented by Mike Redpath and Dylan Evers</p> <p>In this session, Dylan Evers from BC Parks, and Mike Redpath from Metro Vancouver parks will share their respective experience implementing visitor use strategies for managing increased visitor use in Metro Vancouver's most popular parks. The presenters will analyze the pros and cons of using both the pay parking system and the day-pass system.</p>	<p>ISA: A - 1 CEU; M - 1 CEU; Bm - 1 CEU</p> <p>PIBC: 1 CPL</p> <p>BCSLA: 0.33 CEC</p>
1:00 – 2:00 pm (Leadership Stream)	<p>What's Holding You Back? Climate Change and the Dragons of Inaction Presented by Robert Gifford</p> <p>Almost everyone agrees that climate change is a big problem, probably the most important problem of this century. Yet, as Greta Thunberg so eloquently put it, most attempts at action end up being, "Blah, blah, blah." What are the blocks, not for governments or industry, but for the 7.7 billion of us, especially those of us in the developed world? The blocks are the Dragons of Inaction, that is, reasons we offer to fill the gap between what we think we should do, and what we actually do. In this session, the dragons are explained...as well as the ways that we can slay them. Understand the seven genera and 42 species of the Dragons of Inaction, which of them apply to themselves for each of the five main climate change emission domains in our everyday lives, and how to overcome the dragons.</p>	<p>ISA: A - 1 CEU; M - 1 CEU; Bs - 0.5 CEU; Bp - 0,5 CEU</p> <p>PIBC: 1 CPL</p> <p>BCSLA: 0.33 CEC</p>