

# Urban Forestry Summit 2006

Thursday, May 11, 2006

Houston Arboretum & Nature Center  
4501 Woodway Dr., Houston, TX 77024

## TENTATIVE AGENDA

8:30-9:00 Coffee/Registration

9:00-9:10 Introduction & Welcome  
- Chuck Wemple, H-GAC



### **Session I: Thinking of Trees as Infrastructure**

9:10-9:40 Structure, Function and Value of our Regional Urban Forest  
- Mickey Merritt, Texas Forest Service

9:40-10:30 Economic Benefits of Urban Trees  
- Dr. Kathy Wolf, University of Washington

10:30-10:40 Break

10:40-11:30 Incorporating Trees into Urban Flood Control Structures  
- Mike Talbot, Harris County Flood Control

11:30-12:00 The Role of Trees in Local Quality of Life Initiatives  
- Peter Brown, Houston City Council

12:00-12:30 Working Lunch: Big & Historic Trees in Texas  
- Pete Smith, Texas Forest Service



### **Session II: Planning and Building with Trees in Mind**

12:30-1:05 A Developer's Perspective on Tree Preservation  
- Jimmy Pappas, Midway Companies

1:05-1:40 Success Stories, Near Misses, and Tales of Woe  
- Dr. Todd Watson, Texas A&M University

1:40-1:50 Break



### **Session III: Managing your Community Forest**

1:50-2:25 Developing the Right Tree Ordinance  
- Mark Peterson, Texas Forest Service

2:25-3:00 Importance of Tree Inventories & Maintenance Plans  
- Charles Burditt, Burditt Consulting



### **Session IV: Making It Happen!**

3:00-3:30 A Panel Discussion on Developing Urban Forestry and Tree Planting Partnerships, Securing Funding, And Affecting Policy Change

- Dana Cote' - Texas Department of Transportation
- Chuck Wemple - Houston-Galveston Area Council
- Victor Cordova - City of Houston
- Gary Woods - Neighborwoods Program

3:40-4:00 Optional Houston Arboretum Tree Tour