



DPI CURES Community Project Lab: Sustainable Solutions for Rural, Small and Medium Sized Illinois Communities Facing a Changing Climate

University of Illinois Springfield

Thursday, December 2, 2021

UIS Student Union, 2251 Richard Wright Dr, Springfield, Illinois

AGENDA

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| 8:15-8:45 | Light breakfast |
| 8:45-9:15 | Welcoming comments from
Chancellor Karen Whitney, University of Illinois Springfield (UIS)
Debra Shore, Regional Administrator US EPA Region 5
Don Wuebbles, University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana (UIUC) |
| 9:15-9:25 | Agenda for the day |
| 9:25-9:45 | Putting Communities First: Your stated needs and priorities
Presenter:
Thomas Skuzinski, Northern Illinois University (NIU) |
| 9:45-10:15 | Resilience Planning: Expected Impact of Extreme Events in Illinois
Moderator:
Chris Merrett, Director Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs at Western Illinois University
Panel & Discussion:
Don Wuebbles (UIUC)
Sandy Dall'erba (UIUC) and Discovery Partners Institute |
| 10:15-10:30 | Break |
| 10:30-11:45 | Supporting Illinois Communities: State and Federal Policy/Programs
Facilitators:
Sarah Fox, NIU College of Law
Molly Lamb, Executive Director, Center for State Policy and Leadership at UIS
Moderator:
John Kim, Director, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Panelists:
Brian Killen, Sr. Floodplain Specialist, FEMA Region 5
Jason Navota, Director, Chicago Metro Agency for Planning
Amanda Pankau, Energy Campaign Coordinator, Prairie Rivers Network |

- 11:45-12:00 Afternoon activity description
Elizabeth Kocs (UIC)
Amy Weckle (UIUC)
- 12:00-12:30 Networking & LUNCH
- 12:30-12:45 Video/Slideshow: Cooperation and Sustainable Landscapes
Presenter:
John T. Murphy, Northern Illinois University
Ashlynn Stillwell (UIUC)
- 12:45-1:00 Panel & discussion: A system talks to us through its data, are we listening?
Moderators:
Carolee Rigsbee (UIS)
Gisele Hamm (WIU)
Panelists:
Bud Mason, Regional RCAP Coordinator
James Meece, Senior Rural Development Specialist, IL RCAP
Ashlynn Stillwell, UIUC
- 1:00-2:45 WATER (Stormwater, drinking water, wastewater management)
Activity, Panel, & Project Sign-up
Facilitators:
Thomas Skuzinski (NIU)
- 2:45-3:00 Break
- 3:00-4:45 ENERGY (Efficiency programs, renewable energy options & incentives)
Activity, Panel, & Project Sign-up
Facilitators:
Elizabeth Kocs, Director of Partnerships & Strategy, UIC Energy Initiative
Edith Makra, Director of Environmental Initiatives, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus
- 4:45-5:00 Concluding Remarks



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