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### SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

#### **NANCY ARAZAN**

##### *ORISE Fellow, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*

Nancy Arazan joined EPA's inter-office Green Infrastructure team in August 2008, where she works on regulatory stormwater issues in the Water Permits Division. As the Outreach, Training, and Demonstration Coordinator for green infrastructure efforts, Ms. Arazan works with EPA regions, states, and municipalities to promote the use of green infrastructure to manage wet weather. Ms. Arazan holds a Bachelors degree in Natural Resources and Environmental Science (Univ. of Illinois), and Masters degrees in both Environmental Policy and Water Resources (Indiana University).

#### **FAITH BAKER**

##### *Associate Director of the Community Capacity Development Office, Department of Justice*

Faith A. Baker currently serves as the Associate Director at the Department of Justice, Community Capacity Development Office, Weed and Seed Initiative. Since 1997, Ms. Baker has work for Weed and Seed in a variety of capacities, starting as a Grants Program Specialist. She later became Special Assistant to the Director for Grants Management before assuming the role as Acting Deputy Director in 2004, then the Associate Director in 2007. For a decade, Ms. Baker has coordinated national and local partnerships with police departments, community groups and service providers under the Weed and Seed Initiative. Her strong advocacy of building law enforcement relations with the community have given her a comprehensive understanding of public safety policy disciplines as related to law enforcement and community policing program requirements. Though Faith has spent the majority of her professional career working at the Department of Justice, she worked and interned at the Trudie Wallace Halfway House for Women in Washington, D.C. She provided oversight to nearly twenty-five incarcerated women. Faith also worked at the Department of Veterans Affairs, Human Resources Office, for four years while pursuing her Bachelor's degree and received numerous Unsung Hero and commendation awards. Ms. Baker received her bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Howard University and her Masters of Public Administration from Southeastern University in Washington, D.C.

#### **DANIELLE BAUSSAN**

##### *Majority Counsel, Select Committee on Energy and Global Warming*

Danielle Baussan is Majority Counsel for the Select Committee on Energy and Global Warming, where she focuses on state and local environmental initiatives, sustainable development, aviation and alternative fuels. Prior to joining the Select Committee, she was the Director of Government Affairs for the Anacostia Waterfront Corporation in Washington DC, a sustainable economic redevelopment initiative in one of Washington D.C.'s most underserved areas. A graduate of Rutgers College and University of Virginia Law School, she has also served the District of Columbia government as a Capital City Fellow and health and environmental policy advisor under former D.C. Mayor Anthony Williams.

#### **REP. EARL BLUMENAUER**

##### *U.S. Representative from Oregon*

Congressman Earl Blumenauer represents Oregon's 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. A lifelong resident of Portland, Oregon, Mr. Blumenauer has devoted his entire career to public service. He received undergraduate and law degrees from Lewis and Clark College, and served three terms in the Oregon Legislature before being elected to the Portland City Council in 1986. His 10-year tenure as the Commissioner of Public Works demonstrated his leadership on accomplishments in transportation, planning, environmental programs, and public





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participation that helped Portland earn its reputation as one of America's most livable cities. Elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1996, Blumenauer serves a unique role as Congress' chief spokesperson for Livable Communities: places where people are safe, healthy and economically secure. He served on both the International Relations Committee and the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, where he was a strong advocate for federal policies addressing transportation alternatives, housing choices, sustainable economies, and the environment. Now a member of the Ways and Means Committee and the Budget Committee, Blumenauer also serves as Vice Chair of the Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming.

#### NANCY BULEY

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##### *Marketing and Communications Director, J. Frank Schmidt & Son Co*

Nancy Buley is Marketing and Communications Director for J. Frank Schmidt & Son Co, wholesale tree growers of Boring, Oregon. A former newspaper reporter and freelance journalist, she is an active member of Garden Writers of America and regularly contributes articles to nursery trade publications. She was elected an Honorary Lifetime Member of the American Society of Landscape Architects in 2004. Ms. Buley has served as Chair of the marketing committees of the Oregon Association of Nurseries and the American Nursery & Landscape Association. She currently serves on the board of directors of Friends of Trees, Portland's non-profit tree planting organization. Trees have a way of following her home, where she gardens beneath an ever-widening canopy of shade.

#### ANNE CANBY

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##### *President, Surface Transportation Policy Partnership*

Anne Canby serves as President of the Surface Transportation Policy Partnership (STPP), a national advocacy coalition for transportation reform. She served as Delaware's transportation secretary from 1993 to 2001 and is recognized nationally as a progressive leader in the transportation field for transforming a traditional highway agency into a multimodal mobility provider and as an advocate for integrating land-use and transportation planning. Prior to serving in this post, Ms. Canby lead a consulting practice focusing on institutional and management issues. She has served as the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Transportation, Treasurer of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, and Deputy Assistant Secretary of the U. S. Department of Transportation. She sits on the executive committee of the Transportation Research Board and is on the Board of the Mineta Transportation Institute. She is a member of the Urban Land Institute, the Institute of Transportation Engineers, and the Women's Transportation Seminar. Ms. Canby received the 2006 Carey Distinguished Service Award for outstanding leadership and service to transportation research and to the Transportation Research Board.

#### DEBORAH COHEN, M.D., MPH

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##### *Senior Natural Scientist, RAND Corporation*

Dr. Deborah Cohen (MD, University of Pennsylvania, MPH, UCLA, Yale, BA) is a researcher in the area of the built environment and health, and is the co-author of "Prescription for a Healthy Nation, A new approach to improving our lives by fixing our everyday world," published by Beacon Press. She is Board Certified in Public Health and Preventive Medicine and currently a Senior Natural Scientist at the RAND Corporation. She previously served on the faculty at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center and at the University of Southern California Medical School. Most recently her research studies have been focused in on the role of the built





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environment in physical activity and dietary behaviors, but she has also done extensive work in STD/HIV control and alcohol policy. She has served on several advisory panels for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and was a Fulbright Senior Scholar in Brazil. She is the Principal Investigator of several studies to assess how local neighborhoods influence dietary behaviors and how parks influence physical activity.

#### **COREY J. CONNORS**

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##### *Director of Legislative Relations, American Nursery & Landscape Association*

Corey J. Connors is Director of Legislative Relations for the American Nursery & Landscape Association (ANLA), the Washington, DC based trade association representing over 1,800 firms who grow, sell, and use landscape plants. He is responsible for overseeing ANLA's legislative advocacy program in several areas including the Farm Bill, the environment, sustainability, tax and small business issues. Before joining the ANLA staff, Mr. Connors was Government Relations Manager for the International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions. He has also served on the staffs of U.S. Senator John McCain (R-AZ) and City of Pittsburgh Mayor Luke Ravenstahl (D-PA). A native of Pittsburgh, PA, Mr. Connors received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Clarion University in 2000, and a Master of Arts in Political Management from the George Washington University in 2003.

#### **TYLER FRISBEE**

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##### *Legislative Assistant, Office of Rep. Earl Blumenauer*

Tyler Frisbee is on the staff of Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-OR). She is a Legislative Aide focusing on housing, livability, education and agriculture issues. A native Oregonian, Ms. Frisbee graduated from Dartmouth College in 2008 as a Government and Geography double major with a particular interest in immigration policy.

#### **ASHLEY FUTRELL**

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##### *Senior Public Policy Manager, National Recreation and Parks Association*

Ashley Futrell is the Senior Public Policy Manager at the National Recreation and Parks Association. Futrell worked as the youngest Legislative Director in the United States House of Representatives for Congressman Henry Cuellar (TX-28). Ms. Futrell has worked for the legislative staffs of Representatives Kathy Castor of Florida and Anthony Weiner of New York; the legislative affairs office of the Office of Management and Budget in the Executive Office of the President of the United States; and Senator John McCain's staff of the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation. Ashley was active in her hometown of Toledo, Ohio, as a board member for the City of Toledo Board of Community Relations and the City of Toledo Youth Commission. Ms. Futrell received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Law and Society and a Certificate of Advanced Leadership Studies from the School of Public Affairs at American University. She is currently a candidate for the Master of Arts in Government Program at Johns Hopkins University with a concentration in Political Communication.

#### **ALEC GARNETT**

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##### *Legislative Assistant, Office of Rep. Edwin Perlmutter*

Alec Garnett is a Legislative Assistant for Representative Edwin Perlmutter (D-CO). He deals with issues concerning: Commerce, Housing, Health and Medicare/Medicaid. He received a degree from Wooster College.

#### **KEVIN C. GILLEN, Ph.D.**

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#### *Vice President, Econosult Corporation*

Kevin C. Gillen, Ph.D. is Vice President of Econosult Corporation and an urban economist with special expertise in Philadelphia area real estate markets. His research in urban economics appears in numerous publications and is cited in various policy applications and has been cited extensively in the Philadelphia Inquirer, the Philadelphia Daily News, and Philadelphia Magazine. Dr. Gillen received his PhD in Applied Economics from the Wharton School of The University of Pennsylvania, and received both the U.S. Department of Housing & urban Development dissertation award and Lincoln Land Institute Fellowship. He retains his affiliations with The University of Pennsylvania as a research fellow in its Institute for Urban Research, through which he publishes his quarterly report on the current state of Philadelphia's housing and condominium markets.

#### **DENNIS GREENHOUSE**

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##### *Director, Department of Justice Community Capacity Development Office*

Dennis Greenhouse was named the Director of the Community Capacity Development Office (CCDO) at the Department of Justice in 2006. Mr. Greenhouse had been the Deputy Director of the Office for Victims of Crimes (OVC). He has served as the Principal Deputy Director of the office of Community Oriented Policing Services at the Department of Justice; he has been the Acting Deputy Director of the Bureau of State and Local Affairs for the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy. Prior to that, he held public office for fourteen years. From 1989 to 1997, Mr. Greenhouse was the elected County Executive of the most populous county in Delaware, serving two-thirds of the residents of the state. From 1983 to 1989 he held the post of Delaware State Auditor. During his tenure with the Federal Government, Mr. Greenhouse has brought his concept of partnership to local, state, and tribal entities and the faith community. He has been honored for his service by community and law enforcement groups. A graduate of Fairleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck, New Jersey, Mr. Greenhouse had a career in finance before his election to public office. Mr. Greenhouse and his wife Elizabeth reside in Rockville, Maryland.

#### **GUY W. HAGER**

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##### *Director of Great Parks, Clean Streams & Green Communities, Parks & People Foundation*

Guy W. Hager is Director of Great Parks, Clean Streams & Green Communities at Parks & People Foundation in Baltimore, MD. Mr. Hager obtained his Masters Degree in Public Administration in Urban Affairs from American University in Washington, DC, in 1974, and served in the U.S. Navy and later in the Naval Reserve after retiring as a Lieutenant. Mr. Hager has extensive experience as an Urban Planner, Policy Analyst, Project Manager and Public Administrator. His prior positions include project management for the National Wildlife Federation and National Research Council. He has served as Executive Director of the Baltimore Regional Council of Governments, Director of the Department of Planning and Zoning for Harford County, and Chief of the Administrative Services Division, Department of Public Works for Howard County.

#### **ZACHARY HILL**

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##### *Manager of Federal Government Affairs, Alliant Energy*

Zack Hill is Manager of Federal Government Affairs at Alliant Energy. He received a degree from Indiana University – Bloomington in 2001. He joins Alliant after most recently serving as Junior Lobbyist for We Energies (2006-2008). Previous to that, he worked in Congressman Ted Strickland's congressional office (2001-2002) and handled Rep. Tammy Baldwin's energy / environmental issues (2002-2006).





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*TreeVitalize Program Manager, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society Philadelphia Green Program*

Michael Leff is TreeVitalize Program Manager for the Philadelphia Green program at the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. Launched by the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources in 2004, TreeVitalize is a partnership to restore tree cover in the region. The program is managed by PHS here in Southeast PA and is now being launched in several other metro areas across the state. Mr. Leff embarked upon his current environmental path in 2001, in a mid-life career correction after 20 years in consumer communications and publishing. He spent that first summer as a seasonal worker at Longwood Gardens before heading for Awbury Arboretum in Germantown, where he served as land manager for several years. Following a stint as watershed program manager at the Pennsylvania Environmental Council, Mr. Leff had the good fortune to join the Philadelphia Green team, where he inherited the responsibilities of TreeVitalize Program Manager in January 2008.

#### **JARED LIU**

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*Director of Programs, Alliance for Community Trees*

As Director of Programs, Jared coordinates grants, policy, and communications. He joins ACT after most recently working for a U.S. Senator. In addition to more than five years experience on the Hill and in policy circles overseeing budgeting and political field operations, he brings knowledge of banking, audit/compliance, and inner-city education. His passions for the outdoors and conservation carried him to Bowdoin College and the Appalachian Mountain Club, and continue to guide his beliefs of stewardship and planned growth. He enjoys walking to work with his daughter, Rosie.

#### **NEELAM R. PATEL**

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*Program Manager, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*

Neelam R. Patel is the program manager for US EPA's Heat Island Reduction Program and co-manager of EPA's Local Government Climate and Energy Program. She has been with EPA for five years, and has experience across the Agency including ocean and coastal protection, enforcement and compliance, and intergovernmental relations at the local, territorial and international level. Before joining EPA, Ms. Patel taught high school Chemistry, Earth and Physical Science at Detroit Public Schools premier college preparatory high school. During her transition from teaching to environmental work, Neelam traveled overseas to conduct a program evaluation for water conservation and harvesting techniques in Indian earthquake-devastated agricultural villages. She holds a Bachelor's degree in chemistry from Michigan State University and a Master's degree in environmental science with a policy emphasis from American University.

#### **LILLY SHOUP**

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*Policy & Research Associate, Transportation for America*

Ms. Shoup has more than 5 years experience working on federal transportation policy, in both the public and private sector. At Transportation For America, she leads research projects and policy analysis of federal programs on a variety of topics, including the Congestion Management and Air Quality Program (CMAQ), the Transportation Enhancements Program, and State climate change plans. Ms. Shoup graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with





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degrees in Public Policy and Economics, and is currently pursuing a master's degree in City and Regional Planning from the University of Maryland at College Park.

#### **SAM STEFANKI**

##### *Legislative Assistant, Office of Rep. Doris Matsui*

Sam Stefanki is on the staff for Representative Doris Matsui (CA-5) and is a Legislative Assistant for issues concerning: Veterans' Affairs, Military issues, Child/Family issues, Health, Foreign Policy, the Environment, Medicare/Medicaid, and Animal Rights. He started working with Rep. Matsui on her first day in office as a junior legislative aide.

#### **RAY TRETHERWAY**

##### *Executive Director, Sacramento Tree Foundation*

Ray Tretheway is Executive Director of the Sacramento Tree Foundation and also a City of Sacramento Councilmember. Mr. Tretheway has a long history with nonprofit organizations, including the Natomas Alliance for Community Trees, California ReLeaf, Urban Forest Building Community, Natomas Habitat Conservancy, and is serving his 16th year as Executive Director for the Sacramento Tree Foundation. Mr. Tretheway is a graduate of Mira Loma High School and University of California Santa Cruz, with a BA in Environmental Studies/ Anthropology. He is a Master Gardener, Greenprint founder, and recognized urban forest leader.

#### **JEFF WILLIAMS**

##### *Manager, Corporate Environmental Initiatives, Entergy Corporation*

Jeff Williams is a Manager, Corporate Environmental Initiatives for Entergy Corporation. In that capacity he plays an important role helping Entergy manage carbon risk and execute future sustainable growth opportunities. Mr. Williams has been a strong advocate for taking proactive, responsible action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and has stressed the importance of creating innovative, efficient market mechanisms for achieving cost effective greenhouse gas reductions.

#### **KATHLEEN L. WOLF, Ph.D.**

##### *Research Social Scientist, College of Forest Resources, University of Washington*

Dr. Kathleen L. Wolf is a Research Social Scientist at the College of Forest Resources, University of Washington, and does research in environmental psychology. She has worked professionally as a landscape architect and as an environmental planner. Since receiving her Ph.D. from the University of Michigan, Dr. Wolf has worked to better understand the human dimensions of urban forestry and urban ecosystems. She is also interested in the integration of scientific information in policy and planning. She is a member of the Washington Urban & Community Forestry Council, and the Environmental Design Research Association. Information about her research can be found at: [www.cfr.washington.edu/research.envmind](http://www.cfr.washington.edu/research.envmind)

