

# Achieving SmartGrowth Policies with Green Infrastructure

## CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFING

May 14, 2009  
2:00-3:30pm  
2226 Rayburn House Office Building



**Alliance for Community Trees**  
in cooperation with  
**Congressman Earl Blumenauer**

Invite you to the briefing, Achieving SmartGrowth Policies with Green Infrastructure. Learn how trees and green infrastructure may be used to improve the environment where 80% of Americans live: our cities, towns, and villages. Even more so now as a recession encourages innovative thinking, urban forests offers cross-bottom-line solutions that impact neighborhood stabilization, highway safety, energy efficiency, public health, and investments in small business.

This briefing will describe what makes green infrastructure essential when planning and implementing traditional infrastructure projects, and how early and collaborative designs that include green infrastructure are often safer, more efficient, and cheaper. Speakers for this event include:

**Anne Canby, President, Surface Transportation Policy Partnership**

- Using Green Infrastructure to Enhance Highways

**Kevin Gillen, University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Business**

- Greening as a Catalyst for Neighborhood Stabilization

**Deborah Cohen, Senior Natural Scientist, RAND Corporation**

- Neighborhood Parks and Public Health

**Zack Hill, Manager of Federal Government Affairs, Alliant Energy**

- Energy Conservation through Trees

**This briefing is free and open to the public. No RSVP required.**

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