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**Green Infrastructure and Landcare Workshop**  
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The National Association of Regional Councils (NARC), with support from the U.S. Forest Service, will present a workshop on regional green infrastructure and Landcare practices. Defined as a strategically managed network of natural lands, working landscapes and open spaces, green infrastructure preserves ecological functions while helping regions meet environmental, recreational and quality of life goals. With pressing needs to reduce stormwater runoff, lessen air pollution, and extend the life of traditional infrastructure, the development and preservation of green infrastructure has never been more important to regions. This workshop will feature a broad overview on green infrastructure and Landcare and on-the-ground examples of leading regions, with a focus on how to start and maintain a regional program.

**Moderator**

- **Ken Fallows**, Chair of the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments Environment Council and Co-Chair of the NARC Environment Committee

**Panel I – Overview and Getting Started**

Understanding the current state of green infrastructure practices across the country, and how these practices can be applied on a regional level, is essential to any new green infrastructure program. These presentations will provide a broad overview, as well as a regional perspective on the challenges and opportunities that are common in the early stages of program development.

- **Margie Ewing**, State and Local Forestry, U.S. Forest Service
- **Paul Barnes**, GIS Manager, Southern Mississippi Planning and Development District
- **David Hansen**, GIS Analyst, Southern Mississippi Planning and Development District

**Panel II – Building Capacity and Regional Centers of Excellence**

Two regional planning organizations, the Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission (Green Bay, WI) and the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (Philadelphia, PA), were recently selected as Regional Centers of Excellence in green infrastructure and Landcare. In this panel, speakers will share the successes and challenges they have found, emphasizing the way that regions have identified partners and leveraged existing resources and relationships to improve their green infrastructure programs' effectiveness.

- **Angela Pierce**, Natural Resources Planner, Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission
- **Gregory Heller**, Planning and Design Analyst, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
- **Debra Bogar**, Northern Plains Region Representative, National Association of Conservation Districts
- **Karen Berry**, Wheat Ridge City Councilmember and Jefferson Conservation District Board Member

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