

DRAFT AGENDA: Third Annual Community Forest Forum  
May 9-10, 2016 World Forestry Center

FORUM VISION:

This year's forum will build on past years' discussions to address common challenges and barriers—financial, communications, political, and otherwise—to expanding community forests throughout the Pacific Northwest. The presentations, panels, small group discussions, and networking opportunities will inform and advance the work of the Northwest Community Forest Coalition, resulting in clear action items for the next year.

MONDAY MAY 9

Optional Field Tour to Local Community Forests

- 8:00 am Depart for Mt. Adams Resource Stewards
  
- 10:00am Field Tour of Mt. Adams Community Forest by MARS Staff
  
- 11:30am Depart for Hood River
  
- 12:30 pm Field Tour and Sack Lunch in Hood River
  
- 2:00 pm Depart for Portland

Opening Reception at WFC Discovery Museum

- 5:00 pm Welcome and Speaker Introduction
  
- 5:30 pm Keynote address: Dr. Gary Bull, University of British Columbia (Invited)
  
- 6:00 pm Networking Reception
  
- 7:30 pm Close

TUESDAY MAY 10

Forum at Cheatham Hall

**SAF Continuing Education Credits in Bold**

- 8:00 am Continental Breakfast in Cheatham Hall
  
- 8:30 am Welcome and Overview of Day  
Eric Vines and Jay McLaughlin
  
- 8:45 am Lessons Learned: Identifying and Addressing Barriers to Community Forest Projects

A community forest project manager will share his/her experience in trying to build a successful community forest, focusing on the key issues and barriers to attracting major investment and/or scaling up community forest projects. The in-depth presentation will be followed by a facilitated discussion around finding innovative solutions to the barriers presented.

**Class Time: 60 minutes**

9:45 am Community Forests: Perspectives from Local and County Officials  
Local and county officials who have direct experience in implementing a community forest project will describe the benefits those projects brought to their communities. They will share how they addressed administrative, financial, legal, and other challenges as they implemented projects, and will offer advice for how to garner public support for community forest projects.

**Class Time: 60 minutes**

10:45 am Break

#### **Concurrent Panels: Choose One**

Option A:

11:00 am Telling the Story of Community Forests  
A panel of communications experts will offer strategies and opinions about how to most effectively market the benefits of community forests to a diversity of audiences.

**Class Time: 60 minutes**

Option B:

11:00 am Managing a Community Forest  
A forester from a successful working community forest will present their management strategy and discuss how it fits into or differs from management on other land ownerships.

**Class Time: 60 Minutes**

12:00 pm Lunch

1:00 pm Solving the Financing and Funding Puzzle, Year Three  
This panel will review the funding strategies currently available to community forest projects, discuss creative financing mechanisms in play, identify changes in the funding arena since last year's panel, and offer thoughts on how to expand or improve upon existing funding mechanisms.

**Class Time: 90 minutes**

2:30 pm	Break
2:45 pm	<b>Building the Northwest Community Forest Coalition</b> Members of the NW Community Forest Coalition Executive Committee will introduce the only regional coalition focused on community forests and describe the coalition's mission, goals, and progress since its founding last year.
3:00 pm	<b>Outcomes from the Day and Next Steps</b> This session will be used to summarize key themes and lessons from the day as well as outline potential action items and focus areas for the Northwest Community Forest Coalition for next year.
4:30 pm	Closing Remarks

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**Total Potential Class Time per Attendee: 4.5 Hours (270 minutes)**