

Shifting Climate, Shifting Mindsets: A Chicago Wilderness Climate Workshop

Where: Lincoln Park Zoo

When: 9:00 am - 3:30 pm, November 6th, 2017

Registration: 8:30 am Bring your mug for coffee in the morning

Morning Session: Part 1 [9:00-10:15 am]

Welcome and Introduction

Best Available Science

- Overview of current and expected changes in climate: Jim Angel, Illinois State Water Survey, Prairie Research Institute
- Impacts to plants and animals: Abigail Derby Lewis, The Field Museum
- Impacts to humans: Ashwin Ravikumar, The Field Museum
- Impacts to Great Lakes water levels: Phil Willink, The Shedd Aquarium

[15-minute break]

Morning Session: Part 2 [10:30-11:50 am]

Taking Action (75-min session with 5-min presentations on recent climate action)

Climate impacts to nature

- Rebecca Grill, Park District of Highland Park
- Karen Murchie, The Shedd Aquarium
- Katherine Moore Powell, The Field Museum
- Lydia Scott, The Morton Arboretum
- Desi Robertson-Thompson, Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore
- Phil Willink, The Shedd Aquarium

Municipal policy landscape

- Deborah Shore, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District
- Jack Eskin, City of Gary, Dept. of Planning & Redevelopment
- John Dickert, Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative

Engagement and outreach

- Susan Ask, Animalia Project
- Mario Longoni, The Field Museum
- André Copeland, Chicago Zoological Society

Lunch [11:50-1:00 pm] Lunch on your own, please bring a bag lunch or enjoy a nearby food vendor

Afternoon Session [1:00-3:30 pm]

Climate considerations for landscape scale conservation: Next steps for the Chicago Wilderness Alliance, John Rogner, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Facilitated small group breakout topics

- 1) Tracking and measuring climate-related data for natural resource management
- 2) Developing best practices for regional and shared messaging on climate change
- 3) Designing communities with climate-informed stormwater considerations in mind
- 4) Collaborating on climate change research questions for urban ecology

Wrap up and adjourn [3:30 pm]