

**“Turning a New Leaf” 2009
Speaker Biographies**

The Honorable Anthony Williams is the Director of State and Local Practice at Arent Fox LLP. Tony served two terms as the mayor of the District of Columbia, from 1995 to 2007, and is widely credited with leading the comeback of Washington, restoring its finances and infrastructure and human services. Before his election as Mayor, he was the independent CPO of the District from 1995 to 1998, working with local officials, the D.C. Financial Control Board, and the U.S. Congress. Before his service in District government, Tony worked in a variety of positions in federal, state, and local government, including as the first CPO for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. In addition to his work on company boards, Tony devotes his attention to issues of education and the environment, serving on the boards of Fight for Children and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, among others. He holds a number of awards and honorary degrees, including Governing Magazine Public Official of the Year in 1997. He is a fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration and former President of the National League of Cities.

Eric Eckl is fascinated by the intersection between language, technology, and the environment. He blogs on the topic at waterwordsthatwork.com. Eric’s company, Water Words That Work, LLC, assists nature protection and pollution control organizations with their behavior change, fundraising and issue advocacy efforts. In addition to consulting and training, Water Words That Work can produce websites, videos, advertising campaigns, email blasts, and other marketing materials. Eric’s clients include the National Park Service, the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, the Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds, the Cacapon and Lost Rivers Land Trust, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and many others. Before launching Water Words That Work, Eric led advocacy and fundraising campaigns, managed media relations, and oversaw web and print publishing activities for a variety of conservation organizations. He has appeared in countless news stories and is a frequent speaker at environmental, marketing and technology conferences.

Ron Bowen is Director of the Department of Public Works for Anne Arundel County Maryland. His responsibilities include management of the Department’s Bureaus of Utilities, Waste Management Services, Highways and Engineering. Through the Bureau of Engineering, the Department is responsible for the County’s capital improvement program which includes all County owned infrastructure with exception to the County’s Board of Education and Community College. Mr. Bowen devotes a significant level of effort in helping to formulate the County’s strategy for developing Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) implementation plans necessary to pursue achievement of the designated Water Quality Standards within the County’s twelve delineated watersheds.

Daryl Braithwaite is the Public Works director for Takoma Park, MD. She has been employed by the city for over twenty years, starting there as the recycling coordinator. Previously she worked with environmental organizations and has tried to bring environmental awareness to public works.

Lee Edgar is a Civil Engineer with Queen Anne’s County, Maryland specializing in capital projects and water resources. He has managed the implementation of several water quality initiatives including rain gardens, bio-retention swales, wetlands, watershed management plans and the first pervious concrete on Maryland’s Eastern Shore. Queen Anne’s County has been a leader in promoting the benefits of best management practices in stormwater management. Through a daily interaction with businesses, developers and community leaders alike, Mr. Edgar engages public and private stakeholders to embrace sustainability as an opportunity for better business and environmental stewardship. Mr. Edgar holds an M.P.A degree in state and local governments from The George Washington University and a B.S. degree

in civil engineering degree from Iowa State University. He is published in the field of highway pavement research and been recognized with several project awards, including by the County Engineers Association of Maryland and the Portland Cement Association.

Ann English spent 20 years in private practice in Athens GA and Montgomery County MD prior to joining [Montgomery County DEP](#) in January 2009, Ann English. In addition to her Rainscapes position, she is adjunct Faculty in the Sustainable Landscape Design Program at George Washington University. While at the Low Impact Development Center in Beltsville, MD, she developed a series of Rain Garden templates for the Chesapeake Bay Watershed using a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Federation. Other projects included developing watershed outreach education materials for the LA Zoo and training materials for Permeable Interlocking Concrete Pavement in collaboration with Bill Hunt at NCSU. Since joining DEP's Rainscapes program she has initiated a contractor training program, is working to develop a Rainscapes for Schools program and coordinates the Montgomery County Rainscapes Rewards Rebate Program. Her research interests span a diverse array of sustainable landscape interests including developing sustainable learning environments, planting design, site level stormwater management, low maintenance strategies and ecological design. Rainscapes is an innovative Montgomery County MD initiative that encourages on-site stormwater management funded through the County Water Quality Protection Charge. Ann English holds a Bachelors of Arts from the University of Pennsylvania (American Social History and Architectural History), a Master's of Regional Planning from the Pennsylvania State University and a Master's of Landscape Architecture from the University of Georgia

Michael Furbish founded the [Furbish Company](#) in 2003 to focus on sustainable building systems. The firm has gravitated to plant-based building systems – living roofs and living walls predominantly in the mid-Atlantic region. The firm has recently launched the Smart Slope product to offer vegetated retaining walls in any metropolitan area with local production and recycled content. Mr. Furbish received his BS in Systems Engineering from Georgia Tech and his MBA from Harvard. He and his family live in their strawbale house in Pasadena, MD.

Mike Galvin is Deputy Director at [Casey Trees](#), a non-profit whose mission is to restore, protect, and enhance the tree canopy of the Nation's Capital. He is a Registered Consulting Arborist, a Co-Principal Investigator with the Chesapeake Bay ULTRA-Ex project, and a collaborator with the Baltimore Ecosystem Study, both projects of the National Science Foundation and has worked for many years urban trees and their relationship to legal structures and ecosystem functions.

Jenny Guillaume has been working for the [District Department of the Environment](#) and the RiverSmart Homes program since February of 2009 as an Environmental Protection Specialist. She comes from a background of non-profit community greening, landscaping, and farming in Washington DC and Brooklyn NY. She holds a B.A. in Environmental Studies at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine.

Faye Harwell, a co-founder of [Rhodeside & Harwell](#), has over 30 years of experience with the design of award-winning landscapes throughout the United States, Canada, and overseas. She received her Masters in Landscape Architecture from the University of Pennsylvania, where she studied with Ian McHarg, and she is licensed to practice in six states. Faye's work has been published extensively, including feature articles in *Landscape Architecture Magazine* (most recently in August 2008 and August 2009) and *People Magazine*, and she is a frequent lecturer at national conferences for many professional organizations and academic institutions. Known for her work in sustainable design and historic preservation, Faye was featured in the 2005 documentary film *'Reigning in the Storm'*, which focused on her low impact landscape design for the Charles Beatly Library in Alexandria, VA, with

architect Michael Graves. She has been a Trustee of the National Association for Olmsted Parks since 1998 and is a current Trustee of the American Society of Landscape Architects. Faye has completed more than 30 significant landscape rehabilitations, including seven Olmsted park restorations, among them Branch Brook Park, Newark, NJ, and projects at the National Zoo, Washington, DC. Her sustainable design work includes stream restoration in South Orange, NJ, and sustainable new civic spaces such as the DC Artwalk at 10th & H Streets, the National Aquarium in Baltimore, and numerous projects at the US National Arboretum. She is currently working on several new green roof gardens and a new regenerative landscape at Virginia Tech University in Blacksburg, VA.

Luke Jessup is a former wilderness survival instructor who developed a deep connection to the earth by learning and living in the ways of our native ancestors. The declining health of our planet motivated him to create his business, [Father Nature Restorative Landscaping](#), in 2007, which focuses on restoring suburban ecosystems and connecting people to the natural world through their yard. His knowledge of native plants comes directly from utilizing them for their edible, medicinal, and utilitarian purposes. Mr. Jessup grows a significant portion of his food in his vegetable garden and is dedicated to living sustainably on this earth.

Bob McGrory is the Town Manager for the [Town of Centreville](#), which sits at the tidal headwaters of the Corsica River on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Since 2000, the Town has experienced 74% population growth, the fastest in the state. Working with an array of public and private stakeholders, the Town is endeavoring to reshape its laws and business practices to adapt to such growth in a sustainable manner. In nearly 20 years of public sector management, Bob has served as a Mayor, Council Member, and Project Manager, but developed his passion for the power of municipal government to promote positive change as a volunteer with the Anacostia Watershed Society's river cleanup efforts - in partnership with the Town of Bladensburg.

Dr. David Myers, ASLA, RLA is BLA Coordinator and Director, Digital Studio, [Landscape Architecture Program](#) in the Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture, University of Maryland and Adjunct Faculty at the Monteverde Institute in Costa Rica. His research and creative activities include issues of sustainable design in suburban residential environments, a recent focus on compliance in forest easements, greenway envisioning, and conservation design and planning in Costa Rica. His teaching and mentoring focuses on GIS and greenway design and planning, landscape ethics and environmental planning, technology courses and service learning in Costa Rica. His extension and outreach includes service to ASLA and MDASLA, coordinator for Maryland's national licensing examination, technology transfer and outreach. His most recent publication, on landscape and identity, was: Myers, David. 2008. Global Climate Change in Maryland: Loss at the Margins of Place. [Places: Climate Change and Place](#). 20(2) 46-49.

Adele O'Dowd's landscape design company, Willow Landscape Design, serves the DC metro area. She is currently a post-graduate student in the George Washington University Landscape Design Program. She has also worked for the last 20 years as a graphic designer for new media working on web site and experience design for museums.

Jeff Potter is the principal of [J&G Landscape Design](#) and leads the team in all aspects of design build projects. His approach to landscaping is to understand the client needs then create solutions that maximize the outdoor living space from a functional as well as aesthetic view. With 20 years of

experience in landscaping and construction, Jeff ensures that each landscape project is both a quality design and installation. In 2009 Jeff became president of the Maryland, DC and Virginia chapter of the Landscape Contractor's Association. Jeff holds an advanced degree in Landscape Design/Woody Plants from George Washington University. His undergraduate degree is in Business Administration from the University of Maryland. Jeff is certified in Maryland Home Improvement

Dr. Stuart S. Schwartz is a Senior Research Scientist at the [Center for Urban Environmental Research and Education](#) (CUERE) at the University of Maryland Baltimore County. His research and professional interests focus on environmental systems analysis and multi-objective decision-making for risk-based policy and management. His current research includes hydrologic design and performance of pervious concrete, sustainable water resources treatment, and stormwater performance criteria for Environmental Site Design (ESD). Before joining CUERE, Dr. Schwartz directed the Center for Environmental Science, Technology, and Policy at Cleveland State University, was Associate Director of the Water Resources Research Institute of the University of North Carolina; and directed the Section for Cooperative Water Supply Operations on the Potomac at the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin.

Stan Sersen, NCARB, LEED-AP, RS, CM. CP; President, [ASG, Inc.](#) Stan is a graduate of the University of Maryland Architecture School, is a licensed architect in multiple states (Phase2Architecture, [www.phase2architecture.com](#)), is an accredited professional with the US Green Building Council LEED® certification program, and is founder of the Non-profit Green Building Institute ([www.greenbuildinginstitute.org](#)). He is the designer, and developer of the [EnviroCenter®](#), a Green Executive Office Building who's development is regenerating a redevelopment site in Jessup, Howard County. In addition, he is a certified Reserve Specialist with the Community Association's Institute, and is certified by the National Charrette Institute as a Charrette Planner and Charrette Manager. Stan has over thirty years experience in Environmental Design, writes a monthly column for the Business Monthly newspaper, has been invited by the Governor, the Howard County Executive and various agencies to sit on sustainability task forces, and is developing the most advanced regenerative office building in the region, if not the county.

Nancy C. Somerville is the Executive Vice President and CEO of the [American Society of Landscape Architects](#) (ASLA). Since joining the Society in August 2000, Somerville has expanded ASLA's public relations programs, increased ASLA's presence on Capitol Hill, and enabled the Society to become a more effective advocate on sustainability, community planning, transportation, and land use issues. Somerville directs the Society's ongoing green roof education and advocacy programs, as well as ASLA's participation as a Founding Partner in the Sustainable Sites Initiative™. Somerville joined ASLA after 18 years with the American Institute of Architects, where she served as managing director and vice president of program areas including membership, government affairs, chapter relations, community development, and continuing education. In 2004, Somerville was elected to membership in Lambda Alpha International, the honorary land economics fraternity, in recognition of her longtime advocacy for the design professions. She received the Civic Award of Excellence from Green Roofs for Healthy Cities in 2008. A native of the Washington, D.C., area, she holds a B.A. from Princeton University and an M.A. from Stanford University.

Carla Thomas is a partner at Nature by Design, an environmentally responsible, full service garden center specializing in native plants of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. Nature by Design is located in Alexandria, VA.

Lauren Wheeler, LEED AP is the principal of [Natural Resources Design, Inc](#), an ecologically focused landscape design firm in the Washington metropolitan area. She has more than 20 years experience in landscape design and installation. Her love of the eastern deciduous forest led her to the Conway School of Landscape Design where she received a Masters in Arts in Landscape Design with an emphasis on ecological landscape design. She teaches at George Washington University's new Masters in Sustainable Landscape Design and has appeared on HGTV's Curb Appeal as a sustainable landscape designer. Her work has been featured in Landscape Architecture, Organic Gardening and Smart HomeOwner. She has designed award-winning small urban gardens to large retirement communities. Lauren loves to work with individuals and communities to unite the region's ecosystems with their environment.

Aileen Winqvist has over ten years of experience in environmental outreach and communication. Ms. Winqvist has a Master's degree in environmental science from the University of Virginia, and worked as an environmental consultant to EPA for 3 years before taking a job as an environmental planner with [Arlington County, Virginia](#) in 2000. Ms. Winqvist assists with sustainability and watershed programs in the County, including stream restoration projects, stream monitoring, rain barrel and raingarden training sessions, and other outreach programs. Ms. Winqvist was honored in 2003 with Audubon Naturalist Society's "Conservation Award for Public Official", and has presented at the Potomac Watershed Forum, EPA's Non Point Source Education conference, EPA's Community Involvement Conference, and the North American Association of Environmental Educators.

Anya Zmudzka Sattler is representing an all-volunteer schoolyard greening project. Anya's interests range from visual arts and sustainable design to community volunteering. She is the owner of [ArtGarden Design](#), a Capitol Hill based practice focused on urban gardens local to Washington, DC. Anya holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Sculpture from School of Visual Arts in New York and a Masters in Landscape Architecture from University of Pennsylvania. Her work has recently been published in Home Outside: Creating the Landscape You Love by Julie Moir Messervy.