

*The Community
Sustainability
Partnership's Summit on
"Elevating Environmental
Integrity" Wednesday,
July 11, 2007
10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.*



The Community Sustainability Partnership invites you to attend the July 11, 2007 Summit on "Elevating Environmental Integrity". This summit will offer a bit of a change in format, since we'll be on the move throughout the day to enjoy Michigan's natural beauty. Please dress comfortably!

Registration and Refreshments begin at 10:00 AM at the Aquinas College Donnelly Center. (see www.aquinas.edu for maps)

To help offset costs, we are asking for a \$20 fee to be paid at the registration table at Aquinas College, either by cash or by check made payable to City of Grand Rapids.

Buses will be provided to and from Aquinas College for the remainder of the activities throughout the day, **departing for return to Aquinas College at 4:45 PM.**

Please RSVP to Linda Fox at foxli@gvsu.edu or 616.331.7366 by Friday, July 8, 2007.

Join us as we break into small groups for "mini field experiences" on the Aquinas College campus, led by area experts who are engaged in community projects. Topics include land protection strategies, valuing ecological services, frontiers in conservation biology, rain gardens for stormwater management and others. Participating organizations include the Land Conservancy of West Michigan, R.B. Annis Water Resources Institute at GVSU, Aquinas College, Grand Rapids Public Schools, Grand Rapids Community College, Mixed Greens and more.

During lunch, you will be offered a chance to join in the "Sustainability Café" with leaders from various groups hosting table conversations around compelling questions regarding environmental integrity. Food systems, climate change, environmental justice, green infrastructure, gardening and biodesign are among the topics planned.

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<u>10:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.</u>	Registration and refreshments at Donnelly Center at Aquinas College
<u>10:30 a.m.</u>	Welcome and overview of the day
<u>10:35—11:00 a.m.</u>	"Natural Capital and Business Innovation" — Matt Tueth, Ph.D., Steelcase Foundation Professor of Sustainable Business at Aquinas College—West Michigan Bioeconomy Update
<u>11:00—11:40 a.m.</u>	"Experiencing Nature: Field Conversations"
<u>11:50 a.m.</u>	Board buses to Blandford Nature Center/Farm (homework: sustainability indicator insights with your bus buddy!)
<u>12:15—1:30 p.m.</u>	"Sustainability Café" Lunch at Blandford Nature Center and Farm/Mixed Greens Catered by Marie Catrib's
<u>1:35 p.m.</u>	Presentation: Status of the Great Lakes, Andy Buchsbaum, Director of Healing Our Waters
<u>2:30 p.m.</u>	Buses will depart to the Amway Grand Plaza, Pantlind Ballroom
<u>4:00 p.m.</u>	Presentation by Toronto Mayor David Miller featuring his city's sustainability efforts
<u>4:45 p.m.</u>	Reception in conjunction with the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Cities Conference, Wege Pavilion at the new Grand Rapids Art Museum
	Buses depart for return to Aquinas College

If you will NOT be attending the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway Cities reception, a bus will be available to take CSP Summit participants back to Aquinas directly after lunch. Please indicate when you RSVP.

Our Summit Objectives are to:

Provide an opportunity for participants to better understand the concept of "natural capital"

Introduce participants to the biomimicry concept and how it's being utilized to leverage competitive advantage for business

Provide opportunities for participants to connect with key environmental education experts/resources as they increase their knowledge of local and regional environmental issues

Develop insights from Toronto's efforts to consider nature in the built environment

Allow participants to respond with insights for community sustainability indicators