Cultivating Charlotte's Regional Food Economy

Since 2015, the City of Charlotte and its food system stakeholders have coordinated efforts to develop the region’s food economy, with a special focus on its farmers’ markets. This session will highlight the research and strategies driving these efforts.

April 25, 10:45 a.m. to noon
Location: 351

Elliott Royal  |  Alberto Gonzalez  |  Erin Hostetler  |  Ben Kerrick
Saturday, April 25 | 1:30 p.m.

Wanderlust on Buffalo Bayou

Opened to the public in 2015, Buffalo Bayou Park is a 160-acre, 2.1-mile park immediately west of downtown. The hike and bike trail network, signature bridges, riparian landscapes, wildlife habitats, civic assembly venues, and numerous attractions celebrate Houston's founding waterway.

April 25, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2
Ticket Required
Cost: $45.00
Scott McCready | Lonnie Hoogeboom | Guy Hagstette

Saturday, April 25 | 2:45 p.m.

Everyone Deserves a Great Park

Everyone deserves to have a great park close to home. Park and recreation professionals across the United States are developing systems-change strategies that bring that vision to life by enhancing park access and quality for everyone in their communities.

April 25, 2:45 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: 361
Stacie Anaya | Frank Carson | TJ McCourt, AICP | Jared Mummert

Sunday, April 26

Sunday, April 26 | 8:30 a.m.

Flooding Beyond FEMA

Flooding hazards extend into neighborhoods and business areas beyond those mapped by FEMA. Fort Worth, Texas’s “Local Floodplains” policy balances the interests of the residents, property buyers and sellers, local governments and others, and makes choices about communicating risk.

April 26, 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.
Location: 351
Jennifer Dyke | Benjamin Pylant | Karen Walz, FAICP
Ecological Urbanism: Integrating Ecology Into Cities

Urbanism and ecology are typically considered as separate, often competing, interests. What if they weren’t? Sharing projects from both coasts, the panelists will demonstrate a model of urban design that leads with nature as a primary principle of placemaking.

April 26, 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Location: 330

Philippa Brashear  |  Laura Crescimano  |  Erica Spotswood  |  Robin Grossinger

Levy Park: An Urban Oasis

Levy Park has been transformed into a world-class space offering opportunities to connect, experience, do, and play. Visitors enjoy a variety of activity areas, a dog park, community garden, creative landscaping, and year-round programs and events.

April 26, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required
Cost: $55.00
Stephanie Kiouses  |  Chip Trageser  |  Travis Younkin  |  Lata Krishnarao, AICP  |  Rajesh Tanwani

Bike Ride Through Buffalo Bayou Park

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Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required
Cost: $75.00
Scott McCready  |  Robert Carleton, AICP
Sunday, April 26 | 2:15 p.m.

Planning for Children's Health

Learn how planners along with other professionals can site Early Care and Education facilities to prevent children from harmful environmental exposure. The focus will be on disaster-affected areas, with special emphasis on Puerto Rico.

April 26, 2:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Location: 320

Arthur Wendel | Andrew Roszak | Johamary Pena | Rosie DeVito | Sagar Shah, PhD, AICP

Monday, April 27

Monday, April 27 | 8 a.m.

Harvest Green: Houston’s First Agrihood

Harvest Green is a 1,300-acre master-planned community in Richmond, Texas, and the first Houston-area development centered around a community farm.

April 27, 8 a.m. to noon
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required
Cost: $40.00
Scott Snodgrass | Matt Baumgarten | Jerry Ulke | Matthew Stoops

Monday, April 27 | 9 a.m.

Greens Bayou Wetlands Mitigation Bank

Wetlands play an important role in mitigating project impacts and natural hazards. Join local staff on a tour of the Greens Bayou Wetlands Mitigation Bank as they explain the benefits of the program and how it promotes climate change resiliency.

April 27, 9 a.m. to noon
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required
Cost: $50.00
Aldo Treville | Lela Shepherd
Monday, April 27 | 9:45 a.m.

**From Disaster to Resilience: Houston Arboretum**

Join lead planner Conners Ladner and conservation director Emily Mandelson on a tour of the beloved Houston Arboretum & Nature Center. Topics include landscape resilience, habitat restoration, educational programming, and creative stormwater management.

April 27, 9:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

**Ticket Required**

**Food Included**

**Cost:** $40.00

Conners Ladner

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Monday, April 27 | 11 a.m.

**Planning for Equitable, Complete Parks Systems**

All people, no matter where they live, should benefit from a park where they can connect with neighbors, nature, and activities that matter to them. This session introduces policy, planning, and assessment tools for creating an equitable, Complete Parks system.

April 27, 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Location: 332

Jessica Nguyen  |  Gregory Miao  |  Erik Calloway

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**Discovery Green: The First Decade**

Opened to the public in 2008, Discovery Green is a 12-acre park constructed over a parking garage, adjacent to the city's Convention Center and two convention hotels. This vibrant landscape has become a regional destination, spurring new development.

April 27, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

**Ticket Required**

**Food Included**

**Cost:** $40.00

Douglas oliver  |  Barry Mandel  |  Guy Hagstette
Tour About Tours: Houston's Eco-Tourism Scene

Houston's investments and cultural shift towards sustainability have opened the door for new ways of exploring and understanding the city. Join this "tour about tours" for an annotated sample of the various outings that compose Houston's eco-tourism scene for tourists and residents alike.

April 27, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2
Ticket Required
Cost: $98.00

Peter Eccles

Growing Community

This session will explore how agriculture brings people together around food production through policies and programs that work on increasing agriculture in urban areas, integrating agriculture in new communities, and helping agricultural areas integrate with development to form sustainable foodsheds.

April 27, 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Location: General Assembly B

Tom Woliver | Scott Snodgrass | Mario Cambardella | Andrew Watkins, AICP

Breathing in Houston: Case for Justice

Houston's population will grow 50 percent by 2050. As the city grows, its interface with the petrochemical industry and increasing emissions from on-road transportation present community health challenges. This session will share the potential outcomes of efforts to improve Houston’s air quality.

April 28, 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.
Location: General Assembly B

Bakeyah Nelson | Stephanie Thomas | Bruce Race, FAICP
Wetlands: Rural and Urban Water Solutions

Constructed wetlands improve water quality while providing water conservation, recreation area, and wildlife habitat. This session contrasts differences and similarities between rural and urban projects that address wastewater treatment, stormwater management, flood control, and habitat restoration.

April 28, 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Location: General Assembly A

Damian Holynskyj, AICP  |  Alison Tompkins