



# Emerging Issues 3

Along Urban-Rural Interfaces

APRIL 11-14, 2010 - SHERATON ATLANTA - ATLANTA, GA

## Conference Objective

The pace of urbanization and land-use change is accelerating in many parts of the world, leading to rapidly changing environmental conditions along urban-rural interfaces. In turn, these changing conditions are creating new ecological and societal challenges and opportunities. This conference seeks to bring together researchers, practitioners, and policy makers to share current research results and to identify knowledge gaps regarding the interaction between urbanization, land-use change, and natural resources. In particular, approaches that focus on integrating socioeconomic and ecological research will be highlighted.

## Topics

- Human influences on ecosystems (direct and indirect stressors).
- Restoring/rehabilitating terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems altered by urbanization.
- Evaluating changes to ecosystem goods and services along urban-rural gradients.
- Monitoring and predicting human influences on landscapes and ecosystems.
- Alteration of natural disturbances due to urbanization.
- The relationship(s) between land-use policies and ecological processes/disturbances along urban-rural interfaces.
- Science delivery and exchange of information for natural resource professionals, policymakers, and private citizens.
- Spatial/scale aspects of land-use change.
- Application of ecological research in land-use planning.
- Ecosystem impacts on human communities (e.g., human health, economic well-being, political action).
- Urban forestry and urban agriculture

## Call for Abstracts

Oral and poster abstracts may be submitted directly from the conference website. The deadline for receipt of abstracts is February 28, 2010.

## Who Should Attend?

Individuals and groups with interests in the following:

- Environmental/natural resource policy and economics
- Land-use planning
- Water, air, and land pollution
- Ecosystem services
- Forestry and wildlife management (urban-rural)
- Ecosystem management
- Environmental justice
- Landscape aesthetics, ecology, and management
- Urban forestry and urban agriculture



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## Location

Sheraton Atlanta  
165 Courtland Street, N.E.  
Atlanta, GA 30303  
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## Scholarships for Students

A limited number of scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students are available to attend the conference. Funding for these grants is made possible by Auburn University's Center for Forest Sustainability and the USDA Forest Service's InterfaceSouth. For more information, visit the conference website.

## Conference Publications

A limited number of peer-reviewed papers from this conference will be published in a special issue of the international scientific journal, *Urban Ecosystems*. In addition, we will publish a conference Proceedings volume.

### For more information

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For complete information about conference and hotel registration, submission of abstracts, keynote speakers, and much more, visit the conference website at:

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