

Metro Denver Nature Alliance

Stakeholder Convening

April 8, 2019 – Denver Botanic Gardens, Mitchell Hall @ 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

1007 York Street, Denver, CO 80206

Please enter through the Pinon Gate between 8:30 and 9 am. After 9 am, enter through the Main Visitor Center. Let a staff member or volunteer know you are part of the Metro DNA meeting in Mitchell Hall.

Free parking is available in the garage between York and Josephine streets. Street parking is available in Cheesman Park or Congress Park, where posted.

Beverages will be provided throughout the meeting. Snacks will be provided in the afternoon. Please plan to enjoy lunch on your own at the Gardens or nearby.

Purpose

Metro DNA's semi-annual Stakeholder Convening is an opportunity for partners and friends to get together and network, learn, and co-create collaborative projects. At this gathering we:

- Invite partners to join in the co-creation of a Regional Vision for People + Nature.
- Offer opportunities to engage effectively in the upcoming City Nature Challenge.
- Empower partners to share their work, learn from others, and dream big toward new collaborative projects.

Agenda Summary

- **9:00 - 11:00 am** . Part of the University of Denver's Grand Challenges work, the Environmental Sustainability Cohort invites you to participate in a [World Cafe](#) style exploration of collaborative projects around the Metro Denver region to ground and expand their understanding of what is being done, what can be done, and how to measure our collective impact and progress toward shared goals.
- **11:00 am - 12:30 pm** . Our event host, the Denver Botanic Gardens, invites you to enjoy the Gardens with their skilled docents.
- **12:30 - 1:00 pm** . New and potential partners are invited to this brief Metro DNA Overview + Orientation. Current partners are also welcome and we encourage you to share your experiences with others.

- **1:00 - 4:00 pm** . Facilitated dialog around Metro DNA's current collaborative projects including the Regional Vision for People + Nature, Nature Narratives, STEW-MAP, and City Nature Challenge. Exploration of potential collaborative projects and next steps!

Detailed Agenda

- **9:00 - 10:45 am** Small group dialog will be organized around the cohort's action teams and Metro DNA partnership priorities, with the goal of sharing information and maximizing opportunities to collaborate and learn, rather than cross wires and duplicate efforts.
 - *Equity, health & wellbeing*
 - *Biodiversity & built environment*
 - *Stewardship, education & engagement*
- **10:45 am - 12:15 pm** Partner Feature - Denver Botanic Gardens
 - 10:45 - 11:00 am Dr. Jennifer Ramp Neale, Director of Research, Denver Botanic Gardens
 - 11:00 am - 12:00 pm Group 1 - Guided tour of the gardens
 - 11:15 am - 12:15 pm Group 2 - Guided tour of the gardens
- **12:30 - 1:00 pm** Metro DNA Overview + Orientation for new Partners and Friends
- **1:00 - 1:15 pm** Introductions + Grounding Activity
- **1:15 - 2:00 pm** Regional Vision for People + Nature - What's happening? What do we know? How can I engage?
- **2:00 - 2:45 pm** Nature Narratives - What are we up to? Who is involved? Where are the stories? When is the next training opportunity? How can I engage?
- **2:45 - 3:15 pm** Moving from Equity Principles to Action - What commitments are we making? How will we hold ourselves accountable to action and continued learning? How can I engage?
- **3:15 - 3:30 pm** City Nature Challenge - Invitation to join in a world-wide biodiversity data collection and analysis movement!
- **3:30 - 3:45 pm** Stewardship Mapping - What is STEW-MAP? What is the Denver Urban Field Station? How will this project benefit Metro DNA partners and the region? How can I engage?
- **3:45 - 4:00 pm** Closing and next steps