

- 9:00-9:15 **Welcome and introduction**
Jessica Farmer | UW Botanic Gardens, & Dominic Barrera | PlantAmnesty
- 9:15-10:00 **Branching Out: Forging Novel Partnerships for Our Urban Forests**
Nalini Nadkarni, Professor, Department of Biology | University of Utah

Nalini Nadkarni is a forest ecologist and science communicator with deep roots in the forests of the Pacific Northwest. Her research is on forest canopy biota and interactions in temperate and tropical rainforests. Her innovative engagement programs bring science and conservation studies and actions to diverse public groups, including artists, policy-makers, urban youth, and the incarcerated.
- 10:00-10:30 BREAK
- 10:30-11:15 **Putting Collective Impact to the Test: Examples from Across Central Puget Sound**
Tracy Stanton, Ambassador | Green Duwamish-Urban Waters Partnership, and Executive Director | Emerald Alliance for People, Nature and Community, and Dale Blahna, Research Social Scientist | US Forest Service, PNW Research Station

Tracy Stanton brings 20+ years of experience in environmental policy and conservation finance strategies to an array of clients and stakeholders in the Puget Sound basin. Her current work includes serving as the Ambassador of the Green-Duwamish Urban Waters Partnership, with support from the US Forest Service, and as the Executive Director of the Emerald Alliance for People, Nature and Community, a new regional initiative funded and incubated by the Bullitt Foundation.

Dale Blahna's research examines urban natural resources stewardship and governance in the Puget Sound area, among other topics. He is also project lead for two PNW Research Station urban research partnership efforts: the Green Cities Research Alliance and the Urban Waters Federal Partnership for the Green-Duwamish Watershed. These are interdisciplinary efforts that focus on understanding the social and ecological co-benefits of trees and green infrastructure along the urban to wildland gradient in the Pacific Northwest.
- 11:15-12:00 **Engaging Volunteers in Support of Parks**
Desiree Kennedy | Northwest Trek Wildlife Park

Desiree Kennedy led community volunteers for the Green Kent Partnership for nearly five years and currently assists with project development at Northwest Trek Wildlife Park. She strives to encourage people to support parks by volunteering time or donating other resources for public spaces.
- 12:00-1:00 LUNCH

- 1:00-1:45 **City Habitats Coalition**
City Habitats, a cross-sector coalition that is building a movement around increasing nature in cities and towns, brings together a panel of partner organizations working together and independently to increase tree canopy in our region. Each organization will discuss their projects as well as how they successfully navigated partnerships and collaboration to create positive results in their projects. This panel will include representatives from The Nature Conservancy, Seattle Parks Foundation, Urban Systems Design, and King County.
- 1:45-2:30 **The Intertwine Alliance: A New Way of Doing Business for the Environmental Sector**
David Cohen, Interim Director/Program Director, The Intertwine Alliance
Now almost seven years old, The Intertwine Alliance in the Portland metro region has evolved into a unique organization that is working to change the way environmental groups do their work. As a neutral convener, the Alliance finds alignment among diverse partners and nurtures collaborative efforts with the goal to have nature thrive in the urban and suburban spheres. Now involving over 160 community partners made up of non-profit, governmental and for profit entities, the Alliance as it continues to evolve, is seen as a national model for building collaborative projects that are creating greater impact.
David Cohen, the Alliances' Program Director and now Interim Director will share the origin and subsequent development of this model, shared lessons learned, how equity and health are playing a major role in the work moving forward and then have a conversation with participants about opportunities and barriers to creating meaningful partnerships.
- 2:30-3:00 BREAK
- 3:00-3:45 **The Pomegranate Method: The Art and Practice of Collaboration**
Eric Higbee, Executive Director | Pomegranate Center
Pomegranate Center's Executive Director Eric Higbee is a licensed landscape architect and community organizer passionate about involving communities in the design of their public spaces. Eric's experience includes pioneering projects such as the UpGarden (the Country's first rooftop community garden), Marra Farm (Seattle's first Urban Farm), and the Wallybug (Seattle's first painted intersection mural). Through his professional experience at several Seattle design firms including Gustafson Guthrie Nichol and Murase Associates, Eric has served on multi-disciplinary teams with architects, artists, engineers, developers, and public agencies through all phases of the design and construction process.
- 3:45-4:00 **Closing Remarks**
Jessica Farmer | UW Botanic Gardens, & Dominic Barrera | PlantAmnesty
- 4:00-6:00 RECEPTION in Merrill Commons & Courtyard