



EBC Climate Change Leadership Webinar Series

Forward Thinking Climate Resiliency – The Moakley Park Project

Friday, June 26, 2020

AGENDA

- 12:00 p.m. **Welcome**
- Daniel K. Moon, Executive Director, Environmental Business Council
- 12:15 p.m. **Program Introduction and What You Will Learn**
- Julie Eaton Ernst, P.E., Program Chair & Moderator
Lead Resiliency Engineer, Weston & Sampson
- 12:30 p.m. **Forward Thinking Climate Resiliency – The Moakley Park Project**
- Allison Perlman, Project Manager, Boston Parks and Recreation Department
 - Amy Whitesides, Studio Director, Stoss Landscape Urbanism
 - Cheri Ruane, Vice President, Landscape Architecture Practice Leader
Weston & Sampson
- 1:15 p.m. **Questions from the Audience**
- Moderator: Julie Eaton Ernst, Weston & Sampson
- 2:00 p.m. **Adjourn – Closing Remarks – Daniel Moon**

PROGRAM CHAIR & MODERATOR

Julie Eaton Ernst, P.E., Lead Resiliency Engineer
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Julie Eaton Ernst is a licensed professional engineer and is the lead resiliency engineer at Weston & Sampson. For over a decade, her professional and academic ventures have focused on looking at climate change resiliency and adaptation from policy and design perspectives. She specializes in applying climate projections in civil design practices and translating conceptual adaptation strategies into feasible engineered solutions. Julie received a 2018 Ascending Leader Award from EBC for her work in climate resilience. She has Bachelor's degrees in Political Science (University of Rochester) and Civil Engineering (UMass Lowell), and a Master's degree in Civil Engineering (UMass Lowell).

SPEAKERS

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Allison Perlman is a project manager for the City of Boston Parks and Recreation Department. As a project manager, she oversees park planning, design and construction projects within the City of Boston. Allison's interests lie at the intersection of dynamic landscapes and creating authentic engagement and collaboration in public open space design. Since first joining the BPRD her work has included participation in a park-wide Green Infrastructure Design and Implementation Guide, long-term planning for Moakley Park in South Boston and the City of Boston Green Infrastructure Working Group. Prior to working at BPRD, Allison worked as a designer and ecologist since 2000 throughout the Pacific Northwest and Bay Area. Allison holds a Master of Landscape Architecture from the University of Oregon and a BS from Southern Oregon University.

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Cheri Ruane is a registered landscape architect and a Fellow with the American Society of Landscape Architecture. She has an undergraduate BSLA from UMass Amherst and an MLA from the Graduate School of Design at Harvard University. She is currently leading the Landscape Architecture practice of Weston & Sampson's design studio which is a Boston-based design practice within a 650 person multi-disciplinary environmental and infrastructure firm. Cheri has intentionally focused her career on landscapes within the public realm that improve quality of life and her work includes playgrounds and athletic facilities, urban downtowns, public commons, multi-use paths, and waterfront parks.

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Amy is a Director at Stoss Landscape Urbanism where she brings her background in landscape architecture, science communication, ecology and biology to projects across a wide range of scales. At Stoss, Amy leads waterfront design and planning efforts focused on resilient public open space including The Vision Plan for Moakley Park, Coastal Resilience solutions for East Boston, Charlestown, and Downtown Boston as well a number of developer led projects including Suffolk Downs Redevelopment and the L Street Power Plant in South Boston. Amy is actively involved in design education including teaching research studios, contemporary landscape history and design studios at University of Toronto, Northeastern University and Harvard Graduate School of Design.