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SCHEDULE

2026 WI ASLA Spring Conference

Day 1: Thursday, March 12th

Time	Session	Presenter(s)	Credits	Room
6:30 a - 8:00 a	Vendor EXPO Set-up Time			Ballroom
7:00 a - 8:00 a	**Registration | Breakfast | Vendor EXPO**			**Ballroom**
8:00 a - 8:30 a	Welcome: Opening Remarks	*WI ASLA Chapter President* Stephanie Wilson, PLA, ASLA, CPSI		Ballroom
8:30 a - 9:30 a	General Session A / Keynote	*Purpose, Data, and the Future of Landscape Architecture* Torey Carter-Conneen, Honorary ASLA, CAE		Ballroom
9:30 a - 11:00 a	**Break | Vendor EXPO**			**Ballroom**
11:00 a - 12:00 p	Education Session 1A	*Can Landscape Architects Better Inform General Contractors?* Tom Mortensen, PLA, ASLA and Sarah McDonald, PLA, CLARB, ASLA	1 PDH/HSW	Room 191
	Education Session 1B	*AI and the New Era of Park Planning* Ryan Peterson, PLA	1 PDH/HSW	Alumni Fireside Lounge
12:00 p - 1:00 p	**Lunch Buffet | Vendor EXPO**			**Ballroom**
1:00 p - 2:00 p	Education Session 2A	*Two Micro Projects: Opportunities and More Opportunities* Shawn Kelly, PLA, FASLA	1 PDH/HSW	Room 191
	Education Session 2B	*The Case for Longevity in Tree Selection Criteria* Jay Weiss	1 PDH/HSW	Alumni Fireside Lounge
2:00 p - 3:00 p	**Break | Vendor EXPO**			**Ballroom**
3:00 p - 4:00 p	Education Session 3A	*Walter Bubbert: Wisconsin's Mid-Century Modern Man* Therese Gripentrog, PLA	1 PDH	Room 191
	Education Session 3B	*The Cooling Effect of Trees from Parcel to City Scales* Bob Smail	1 PDH/HSW	Alumni Fireside Lounge
4:00 p - 4:10 p	**Break**			
4:10 p - 5:10 p	Education Session 4A	*Heads Above Water: Interactive Mapping Tools for Coastal Resilience Planning* Ben Yahr, PLA and Janet Silbernagel, PhD, SITES AP	1 PDH/HSW	Room 191
	Education Session 4B	*Nature Playspaces: Learning from the Past, Planning for the Future* Tiffanie Sperling, CPSI	1 PDH/HSW	Alumni Fireside Lounge
6:00 p - 9:00 p	**After Hours Social**			**The New Fashioned**

Day 2: Friday, March 13th

Time	Session	Presenter(s)	Credits	Room
7:00 a - 8:00 a	**Registration | Breakfast**			**Ballroom**
8:00 a - 9:00 a	General Session B / Keynote	*Unfinished Landscapes: The Endless Bloom of Potential* Nahid Afsari, PE	1 PDH/HSW	Ballroom
9:00 a - 9:15 a	**Break**			
9:15 a - 10:15 a	General Session C	*The Plants You Choose Matters: Genetics, Maintenance, and Function* Ben French and Eric Magnes	1 PDH/HSW	Ballroom
10:15 a - 10:30 a	**Break**			
10:30 a - 12:30 p	General Session D / Ethics	*Ethics: Professional, Social, and Environmental Considerations* Andrew McAninch, PhD	2 PDH	Ballroom
1:30 p - 2:30 p	Optional Tour	*Firefly Grove Park: From Refuse to Recreation* Alex Krutsch and Stephanie Wilson, PLA, ASLA, CPSI	1 PDH/HSW	Meet in Wauwatosa