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Attachment A: Presenter Information

Presenter Biographies:

Dr. Kathleen Wolf Research Social Scientist, University of Washington

Dr. Kathleen Wolf is a Research Social Scientist with the College of the Environment, University of Washington. She has been a key collaborator with the US Forest Service Pacific NW Research Station in the development of a program on Urban Natural Resources Stewardship. She has also worked professionally as a landscape architect and as an environmental planner. Kathy's studies are based on the principles of environmental psychology; her professional mission is to discover, understand and communicate human behavior and benefits, as people experience nature in cities and towns. An overview of Dr. Wolf's research programs can be found at www.naturewithin.info; additional research findings on Green Cities: Good Health: www.greenhealth.washington.edu

Betsy Bermingham, Landscape Architect, Anchor QEA

Betsy Bermingham is a landscape architect and natural resource specialist with Anchor QEA, an environmental consulting firm specializing in shoreline and water resource projects. Her work includes design and planning projects at both site and landscape scales that balance public access and recreation features with habitat restoration. She has a keen interest in "nearby nature" projects as they can provide physical and mental health benefits to people, encourage environmental engagement, and benefit fish and wildlife species.

Jennifer Chang, South Sound Green Cities Project Coordinator, Forterra

Jennifer Chang is the South Sound Green Cities Project Coordinator with Forterra, working on partnership based urban green space restoration and maintenance programs, environmental education and outreach, and general stewardship. Jennifer has a Master of Public Administration with a focus in environmental policy and a Bachelor of Science in Atmospheric Sciences with a focus in meteorology and the environment; both degrees are from the University of Washington. She is passionate about the environment, outdoors, and providing access to healthy green space.

Darren Sandeno, Landscape Architect, Parametrix

Darren is a graduate of Texas Christian University and Washington State University where he received Bachelor of Science degrees in biology and landscape architecture. He has 15 years of experience managing and designing projects across the Pacific Northwest region and currently he leads a design studio. His design emphasis lies within the expression of natural systems and greening of civic and public spaces.