



The Water Environment Federation (<http://www.wef.org/>) is a not-for-profit association that provides technical education and training for thousands of water quality professionals who clean water and return it safely to the environment. On March 7-10, 2010, WEF is sponsoring the Urban River Restoration 2010 and Cities of the Future 2010 conferences at the Boston Marriott Cambridge in Boston, Mass.

Bioengineering Group CEO, Wendi Goldsmith and Director of Interdisciplinary Design, Duke Bitsko, served on the WEF committee to organize these conferences which have been co-located to allow opportunities for interdisciplinary networking and discussion.

Urban River Restoration 2010 (<http://www.wef.org/UrbanRiver/>) will focus on the role of revitalized urban rivers and waterfronts within the context of two major trends: an increased focus on sustainable practices to benefit the environment, and a population shift back to cities, which leads to a renewed emphasis on a livable urban environment.

Cities of the Future 2010 (<http://www.wef.org/CitiesoftheFuture/>) will bring together a diverse group of practitioners, researchers and policy-makers who share a vision of an improved urban landscape for future generations. The conference will host interdisciplinary discussion required to create sustainable urban infrastructure that will meet the challenges of the 21st century and the interdependent engineered and natural systems that will characterize Cities of the Future.

Several Bioengineering Group team members are involved in the conferences:

Monday, March 8

URBAN RIVER RESTORATION 2010..... 1:30pm - 5:00pm

Session 4: Multifaceted Approaches to Urban River Restoration: Case Studies

Wendi Goldsmith, Moderator

URBAN RIVER RESTORATION 2010..... 4:30pm

Session 3: The Science of Urban Rivers: Technical Challenges and Solutions

Jason Lederer, Presenter

3F: Linking Goals and Priorities to Good Engineering Design of a River Restoration: Herrick Hollow Creek

CITIES OF THE FUTURE 2010.....4:00pm

Session 1: Green Cities

Wendi Goldsmith, Presenter

1E: The Green Soup to Tree Nuts of Sustainable Community Design

Tuesday, March 9

URBAN RIVER RESTORATION 2010.....4:30pm

Session 11: Creating and Measuring the Value of Urban Rivers

Wendi Goldsmith, Presenter

11F: "Yes We Can!" Reviving Lost Water Resources Functions in Urban Environments

CITIES OF THE FUTURE 2010.....On display from 8:30 am - 5:00pm

Poster Affiliated with Session 9: Engage, Collaborate, and Innovate!

Duke Bitsko, Presenter

Poster 15 A: Case Study for Implementing Restoration Strategies in an Urban Wild