

Agenda – February 24<sup>nd</sup> meeting

**Conservation development: evaluating an emerging approach for sustaining biodiversity and human communities in rapidly changing landscapes**

SoGES Global Challenges Research Team Meeting

**Location:** School of Global Environmental Sustainability (SoGES)  
Montreal Conference Room  
108 Johnson Hall, Colorado State University

**Date:** Monday, February 24, 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

**Meeting goals:**

- 1) Introductions
- 2) Update the group on funding, presentations, research projects, the learning network and other GCRT activities
- 3) Introduce and discuss an ecological data collection project for Nature in the City

**Background:**

*Nature in the City is a collaborative effort between the City and CSU to better understand how nature can be integrated and sustained in our increasingly urban environment. As the City grows to its projected population of 250,000, we want to ensure that access to nature is preserved for all citizens. To help inform the strategic plan and implementation of the plan, we will be collecting data on the biodiversity throughout the City this coming summer.*

**Introductions:**

12:00-12:15 pm      Lunch served. Introductions, brief updates on funding, upcoming presentations, and ongoing research projects.

**Project Workshop:**

12:15-12:45 pm      Introduction to the Nature in the City project: summary of where it has been, and where it is heading.  
(Lindsay Ex)

12:45- 1:30pm      Group Discussion on the Nature in the City Project:  
(Team)

**Key Discussion Questions:**

1. What criteria should we use to pick the taxa we will sample?
2. Review and discuss the design versus control variables we've drafted.

**Other Discussion Questions (time allowing):**

1. Should the sampling strategy emphasize specific places, e.g. Grandview Cemetery, or types of places, e.g. parks?
2. What is the role of residential yards in contributing to biodiversity? Should we include residences in the study?
3. How should we sample for human access/disturbance?

1:30 pm      *Adjourn*