



Plenary Speakers Virginia's Sustainable Future Summit September 13-15, 2005

September 14, 2005

Morning Plenary Session

John L. Knott Jr., President and CEO
Noisette Company, LLC

Mr. Knott leads the Noisette Project development team, which is collaborating in a public-private partnership with the city of North Charleston to restore 3,000 acres of the city's historic urban core. Knott has 36 years experience in urban redevelopment, historic preservation and community redevelopment of cities, with an emphasis on sustainable development and ecological design. He has served as an advisor to municipalities throughout the United States, and Canada, in addition to cities in China and Russia.

Lunchtime Plenary Speakers

Russell W. Baxter
Assistant Secretary of Natural Resources
Office of the Secretary of Natural Resources
Commonwealth of Virginia

Mr. Baxter Coordinates the Chesapeake Bay Program and other natural resource issues for the commonwealth. His experience includes more than a decade of service as the Virginia Director of the Chesapeake Bay Commission, and Executive Director of Virginia Conservation Network.

Gerald P. McCarthy
Executive Director of Virginia Environmental Endowment, since 1977
Mr. McCarthy serves as the Richmond District Member of the Commonwealth Transportation Board and as a member of the board of the Richmond Metropolitan Authority, and the VCU Rice Center for Environmental Life Sciences.

They will review current water quality initiatives for the Chesapeake Bay that call for significant nutrient and sediment reductions from point and non-point pollution. They will argue that these initiatives, when fully implemented, will support environmental and economic stability in Virginia.

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Morning Plenary Session Speaker

Donald Aitken, Ph.D.

Donald Aitken Associates

Dr. Aitken is an internationally recognized sustainable energy policy consultant and architectural day-lighting lecturer. He is an affiliate faculty member at the Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture and Senior Consulting Scientist for the Union of Concerned Scientists. He founded and was chairman of the Department of Environmental Studies at San Jose State University. He has served twice as Chairman of the American Solar Energy Society. Dr. Aitken's work emphasizes renewable energy in the electric utility sector, on renewable energy marketing frameworks and in architecture.

Lunchtime Plenary Speakers

Diane M. Dale, ASLA, JD, Partner

William McDonough + Partners

Ms. Dale has twenty years experience and is internationally recognized for integrating eco-effective strategies in planning and integrated community design. As Director of Community Design at McDonough + Partners, she provides community design guidance to architectural projects. She has led design forums and been engaged in numbers of prominent corporate, public and institutional projects including new towns in China and the UK. She also worked on the award winning regeneration of the Ford Rouge Center.

Timothy Beatley

Theresa Heinz, Professor of Sustainable Design

University of Virginia

Mr. Beatley has spent the last 18 years teaching and researching environmental planning and policy, with special emphasis on coastal and natural hazards planning, environmental values and ethics, sustainable communities and creative strategies by which cities and towns can reduce their ecological footprints, while at the same time becoming more livable equitable places. His recently completed a study of 30 cities in 12 European countries, looking at their efforts to create a more sustainable urban form.