

SUFC Policy Working Group Call
May 9, 2011

Participating: Kevin O'Hara, Gerry Gray, Hadley Sosnoff, Don Winsett, Leland Milstein, and Carrie Gallagher, Gary Belan, Phillip Rodbell, Jennifer Hinrichs and Rich Dolesh

Decisions:

- WG voted to recommend active involvement with the 2012 Farm Bill. WG will recommend developing an Ad Hoc Farm Bill committee to develop strategy and SUFC platform.

Action Items:

- Jen JH to draft email to Steering Committee outlining history of Farm Bill, opportunities for 2012 Reauthorization and potential resource needs for SUFC to not only have a seat at the table but to develop some innovative recommendations for inclusion re: urban forestry and urban environmental issues within the Farm Bill. Gerry Gray/Larry to review and edit recommendation email before distribution.
- Jen JH to create Urban Forestry Champion spreadsheet for easy reference for Congressional champions. WG to discuss follow-up strategy further re: how to cultivate (water, transportation, other). WG members with specific contacts/recommendations for champions to pass info. to Jen JH. *Incomplete draft attached.*
- WG members to step up and self-identify as LEAD for specific pieces of legislation or appropriations (HR 709 and HR 1780 Complete Streets <http://www.completestreets.org/federal-policy/on-the-hill/>), Green Communities Act, U&CF recommendations, Farm Bill etc.). **PLEASE EMAIL Jennifer offline re: your interest in spearheading specific legislation etc.**
- To follow up on Gary Belan's summary, information to be included in SUFC eBulletin re: EPA's Green Infrastructure agreement (Jen JH).