

WILD IDEAS WORTH SHARING Speaker Series

BiomeSTL

Biodiversity of metropolitan St. Louis

A regional biodiversity vision, atlas, and action plan

What would it take for everyone everywhere, across sectors and scales, to put natural assets at the center of how we connect with, design, plan, and sustain our communities? Since 2012, the network of organizations and individuals that power BiodiverseCity St. Louis has worked to mainstream biodiversity into practices, policies, and people's daily lives. In recent years, BiodiverseCity St. Louis was tapped to lead a multi-sector effort to develop and hone a regional biodiversity target, one of six goals propelling the OneSTL Sustainability Plan throughout St. Louis.

At the heart of the work is *BiomeSTL: Biodiversity* of *Metropolitan St. Louis*, the region's still-evolving biodiversity vision, atlas, and action plan. Part ecological data directory, species inventory, best practices guide, corridor mapping tool, and aspirational plan for a bi-state region connected by nature, BiomeSTL is also, at its core, a citizen science and stewardship project. Learn more about this timely regional initiative, the data and science shaping it, the people and organizations involved, and the important role everyday citizens will play in its activation.



- **6:30 p.m.** Live music Augusta Bottoms Consort
 - Master of Ceremonies Jean Ponzi
 - Digital short "Profiles in Stewardship"
 - Special announcement BiomeSTL
 - Calling all citizen scientists! And stewards!
 - Community voices "Why This Matters"

7:30-

- Reception and networking
- **8:30 p.m.** Complimentary hors d'oeuvres & cash bar
 - Native tree attendance prizes, donated by Forest ReLeaf of Missouri



Regional target:

By 2025, 100 percent of the counties in metropolitan St. Louis are using a regional biodiversity vision, atlas, and action plan to actively guide their planning, policies, and practices in ways that increase habitat connectivity, ecological functionality, and quality of life for all.

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:

City of St. Louis | Forest ReLeaf of Missouri | Heartlands Conservancy Illinois Department of Natural Resources | Missouri Botanical Garden Missouri Department of Conservation | OneSTL Sustainability Plan | Saint Louis Zoo The Nature Conservancy — Missouri Chapter

WHFN

Thursday, November 1, 2018 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

WHERE

Missouri Botanical Garden Ridgway Visitor Center 4344 Shaw Boulevard St. Louis, MO 63110

REGISTRATION

FREE, but registration is required by Wednesday, October 31. Please register at http://tiny.cc/WIWS.

ABOUT THE SERIES

Wild Ideas Worth Sharing is a free, open-to-the-public speaker series of the BiodiverseCity St. Louis network, in partnership with the Academy of Science St. Louis. The series shines the spotlight on local and global issues and initiatives that advance biodiversity conservation in significant and novel ways.

ABOUT BIODIVERSECITY ST. LOUIS BiodiverseCity St. Louis is a nature-driven network of organizations and individuals working to transform landscapes and lives throughout the region.



