

Creating Vibrant Green Cities:

Lessons from Seoul South Korea and San Marcos

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The Dougherty Arts Center | 1110 Barton Springs Rd. | Austin, TX 78704

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Panel Speakers: Thomas Hardy, Ph.D and Matt Lewis

Join us for a panel discussion with Thomas Hardy, Ph.D., and Matthew Lewis, the City of Austin's Assistant Director of Planning and Development Review, on the lessons learned from two great green infrastructure projects located an ocean away. Dr. Hardy is one of the principal designers of the Cheonggyecheon River Project in Seoul, South Korea. The Cheonggyecheon was an all but forgotten river under the shadow of an elevated highway in the heart of Seoul, which in 2005 was transformed into a 3.5 mile metropolitan-scale public park through an unprecedented effort of urban planning and design. This project is the centerpiece of Seoul's multifaceted ecological, cultural, and economic redevelopment. Matt Lewis, the former Planning Director of the City of San Marcos will also discuss how San Marcos is using the local watershed to inform development decisions, and promote sustainable design to green up that city. Discussion will also include the social and cultural benefits of green infrastructure.



Dr. Thomas Hardy holds a Ph.D. in Civil and Environmental Engineering, B.S. & M.S. degrees in Biology and a B.S. in Secondary Education. He is a Professor in the Dept. of Biology at Texas State University and holds the Meadows Center for Water and the Environment (MCWE) Endowed Professorship for Environmental Flows and is its Chief Science Officer. He oversees a wide array of multidisciplinary research on the development, testing, and applying methodologies in aquatic systems and his research spans use of aquatic ecosystems modeling, aquatic dynamics, river and reservoir water quantity modeling



Matthew Lewis is the Assistant Director of Planning and Development Review for the City of Austin, Texas. He oversees the Urban Design & Comprehensive Planning divisions for the department. His ability to collect community input and achieve balanced outcomes has helped reshape the way cities view development and community processes. Matthew's plans focus on using nature and design to inform the built environment and integrating people into lovable places.



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