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AN ECOSYSTEM OF LEARNING: SHARING COMMON GROUND

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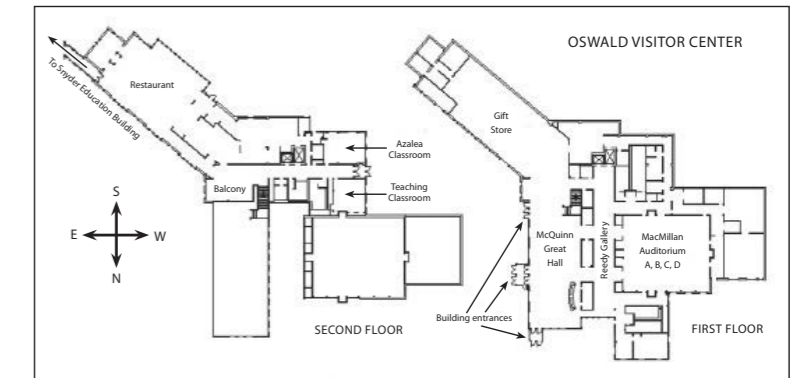
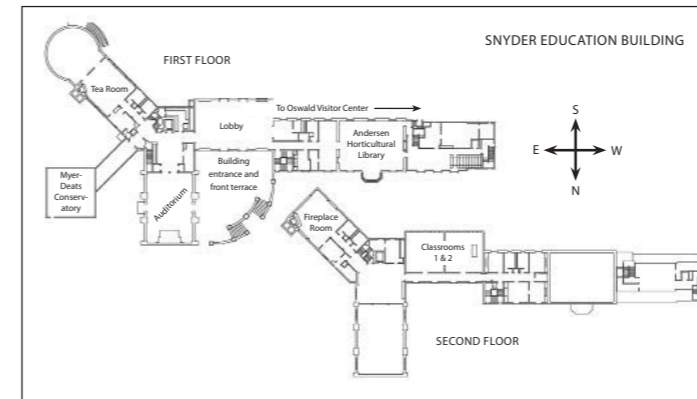
Friday, March 4, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



2016 SCHOOLYARD GARDEN CONFERENCE AGENDA
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MacMillan Auditorium
MARCH 4, 2016 8:30 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.
Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

8:00	Registration Open (Great Hall), coffee/tea (Reedy Gallery)			
8:30	Welcome and Housekeeping (MACMILLAN AUDITORIUM) CARRIE STOWERS- Minnesota Landscape Arboretum JANICE BAD MOCCASIN - Dakota Prayer Leader— Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community TERRI SWARTOUT- Minnesota Department of Education and Minnesota Department of Health on behalf of the MNSGC JEFFERS FOUNDATION VIDEO- "Minnesota Schoolyard Gardens" ROSE MCGEE- EMCEE, Creator, Sweet Potato Comfort Pie Initiative		 Audience participation session using Pigeonhole Live- go to pigeonhole.at and enter SYG2016	
9:10	Keynote Presentation BETTI WIGGINS - Executive Director, Detroit Public Schools' Office of Nutrition			
10:00	Break/Networking			
10:10	Town Hall Interactive Forum BETTI WIGGINS - Executive Director, Detroit Public Schools' Office of Nutrition			
11:00	Lunch: Please note the lunch assignments on your chair. Menu: Locally Sourced Roasted Root Vegetable Gratin with Gruyere, Caesar Salad, Rustic Artisan Baguette, Rose McGee's Sweet Potato Pie			
CONCURRENT SESSIONS IN OSWALD VISITOR CENTER				
	MACMILLAN AUD. A/C	MACMILLAN AUD. B/D	AZALEA CLASSROOM	TEACHING CLASSROOM
	RESOURCES FOR SUSTAINABILITY	SCHOOLYARD GARDEN 101	FARM TO SCHOOL	CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS
12:00-12:50	Principals' Round Table KATHI KUSCH MARSHALL, RAY APONTE, BRIAN INGEMANN, GINA MEINERTZ 	STEM in the Garden SUE KNOTT	Garden to Cafeteria Pilot Program ANDREA NORTHUP	Food, Farming & Fun: Wolf Ridge Organic Farm Finland, MN DAVID ABAZS
1:00-1:50	The Buzz on Pollinators and Beekeeping VICTORIA RANUA, SARAH WEAVER, and RANDY GAGE 	Minnesota Schoolyard Garden Coalition Networking & Informational Session MNSGC STEWARDSHIP TEAM	Think Small: Demystifying Early Learning in the Garden EMILY SPARLING	Winter Gardening in Minnesota Classrooms with a Tower Garden DIANE BEZDICEK
2:00-2:50	School Gardens and Educational Curriculum UNITE A Teacher's Roundtable STEPHANIE HEIM	Square Foot and Vertical Growing: Methods for Engaging Youth in Gardening JOAN JAMES	Farm to Childcare Panel: The Freshest for the Youngest ERIN MCKEE VAN SLOOTEN, RAMONA ROBINSON, MOLLY TURNQUIST	Linking the Lunchroom and the Classroom HARUKO RUGGIERO, EMILY HOUSER
3:00-3:50	Overview of Legal and Policy Issues with Using Schoolyard Garden Produce MARY MARROW	Growing for Equity in the Suburbs GREG HERDER	Extracting Value from School Gardens JASON REESE	Garden & Farm-based Programming with School-Age Children ANGELICA ADAMS

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	SNYDER AUDITORIUM	CLASSROOM 2	EXHIBITOR SHOWCASE SNYDER LOBBY
	<i>HORTICULTURE BEST PRACTICES</i>	<i>SCHOOLYARD GARDENS 101: HANDS-ON LEARNING SESSION</i>	Bluff Creek Elementary
12:00-12:50	Growing Small Fruit in the Garden and Attracting the Right Pollinators KARL FOORD	YES! Youth Eating Smart, Summer & After School Programming GROUND WORKS – MIDWEST SESSION I	Jeffers Foundation Minnesota Agriculture in the Classroom The Monarch Lab-University of Minnesota
1:00-1:50	Genetic Engineering of Food: The Challenge of Communicating a Complex and Controversial Subject In the Classroom NEVIN YOUNG	YES! Youth Eating Smart, Summer & After School Programming GROUND WORKS – MIDWEST SESSION II	Minnesota Department of Education Minnesota Schoolyard Garden Coalition Pollinate Minnesota
2:00-2:50	Building Soil: Roots of Success LIZ PERKUS, MICHELLE DOBRATZ	Project Sweetie Pie MICHAEL CHANEY	Project Sweetie Pie Renewing the Countryside
3:00-3:50	Hydroponic Gardening: The Easy Way LARRY CIPPOLA	Pollinators & Beekeeping in the Garden VICTORIA RANUA	Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community Tribal Garden Resources USGBC/MN Green Schools Coalition YES! Youth Eating Smart/Ground Works- Midwest

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