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# DAILY AGENDA



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## NCPRDC AGENDA

### Wednesday, 1/31 Day 1

- 1:00-2:15 pm We are all TABs Conference Kick-Off
- 2:15-3:30 pm Using Native Plants in Park Landscaping
- 3:30-3:45 pm Break
- 3:45-5:00 pm RRS Research Update:  
*Status of Public Recreation in North Carolina*
- 5:30-7:00 pm Opening Reception

### Thursday, 2/1 Day 2

- 9:15-10:30 am How's your bench?
- 10:30-10:45 am Break
- 10:45-12:00 pm It's all about access
- 12:00-2:00 pm Recognition Lunch
- 2:15-3:30 pm Facilitated Round Table:  
*Trends and Issues from the Field*
- 3:30-3:45 pm Break
- 3:45-5:00 pm Making Users Count

### Friday, 2/2 Day 3

- 8:45-9:45 am NC State Parks and NCRPA Updates
- 9:45-11:15 am Swap Shop: *Discussion on Trends and Issues*

Please note that Wednesday and Thursday sessions will be held in Imperial 5-6-7.  
Friday sessions in the Crystal Coast Ballroom  
Thursday Lunch will be held in the Empire rooms.



# SESSION INFORMATION

**Weds., Jan 31**

**1:00-2:15 pm We are all TABs Conference Kick-Off**

**Speaker: Damian Buchman, Founder and Executive Director of the Ability Center**

In this session, attendees will gain a better understanding of the concept of planning programs, activities and projects that give everybody the opportunity to participate. TAB is Temporarily Able Bodied - what we all are!

**2:15-3:30 pm Using Native Plants in Park Landscaping**

**Panel led by Trey Fouche of RRS: Susan Hatchell, Vonda Martin, Preston Montague, Wyatt Richardson**

This session will focus on the benefits of using native plants in park landscaping, how to evaluate which native plants are the best "fit" for parks and how the NC-DNCR Native Plant policy will now require native plant landscaping with NC PARTF funded projects.

**3:45-5:00 pm RRS Research Update: Status of Public Recreation in North Carolina**

**Dr. Charlyne Smith and Krista White of Recreation Resources Service**

Presentation of the 2023 municipal and county services study results that examined NC public parks and recreation department facilities. Focus of this year's study is on Facilities.

**Thurs., Feb. 1**

**9:15-10:30 am How's Your Bench?**

**Panel led by Blake Covington of RRS: Dena Sabinske, Lee Jones and Rick Rocchetti**

Attendees will learn about a leader succession framework that can be followed to prepare the team. Hear how peers are approaching organization-planning, development of staff, and capturing institutional knowledge.

**10:45-12:00 pm It's All About Access**

**Speaker: Tara Barthelmess, Chief Accessibility Code Consultant with NC DOI**

Participants will gain a better understanding of relevant and current building codes and standards as they pertain to public facilities, parks and other recreation amenities. In addition, a review of the newly developed codes and requirements for facilities will be shared from the state and federal level.

**2:15-3:30 pm Facilitated Round Table: Trends and Issues from the Field**

Participants will gain a better understanding and different perspectives of relevant issues influencing provision of parks and recreation services through collective intelligence, peer interaction, and as a result, increase their knowledge and effectiveness as leaders.

1. Data Supported Storytelling - Beth Poovey, LandDesgin
2. How to Get the Most from your Consultant - Shweta, Jason and Nick, McAdams
3. Attracting All Ages - Suzanne Quinn, KOMPAN Play Institute
4. Concept to Construction: Navigating Your Next Big Project - Michael Tabeling, Domokur & Associates
5. Ask DPR / RRS - Staff from each will be available to answer grant specific questions and other resources information will be provided
6. Other - Open Table

**3:45-5:00 pm Making Users Count**

**Panel led by Alex Godette of RRS: Kris Nikfar, Lisa Kiser, Aaron Hipp, Abhi Muthiuan, Kara Martin**

As park system managers we seek to provide a safe and welcoming environment for visitors and staff alike. The desired user experience varies by location, activity and individual. Factors to consider not only include how visitors interact in a space but the potential impact to the resources in our care.

**Fri., Feb. 2**

**8:45-9:45 am Statewide Updates**

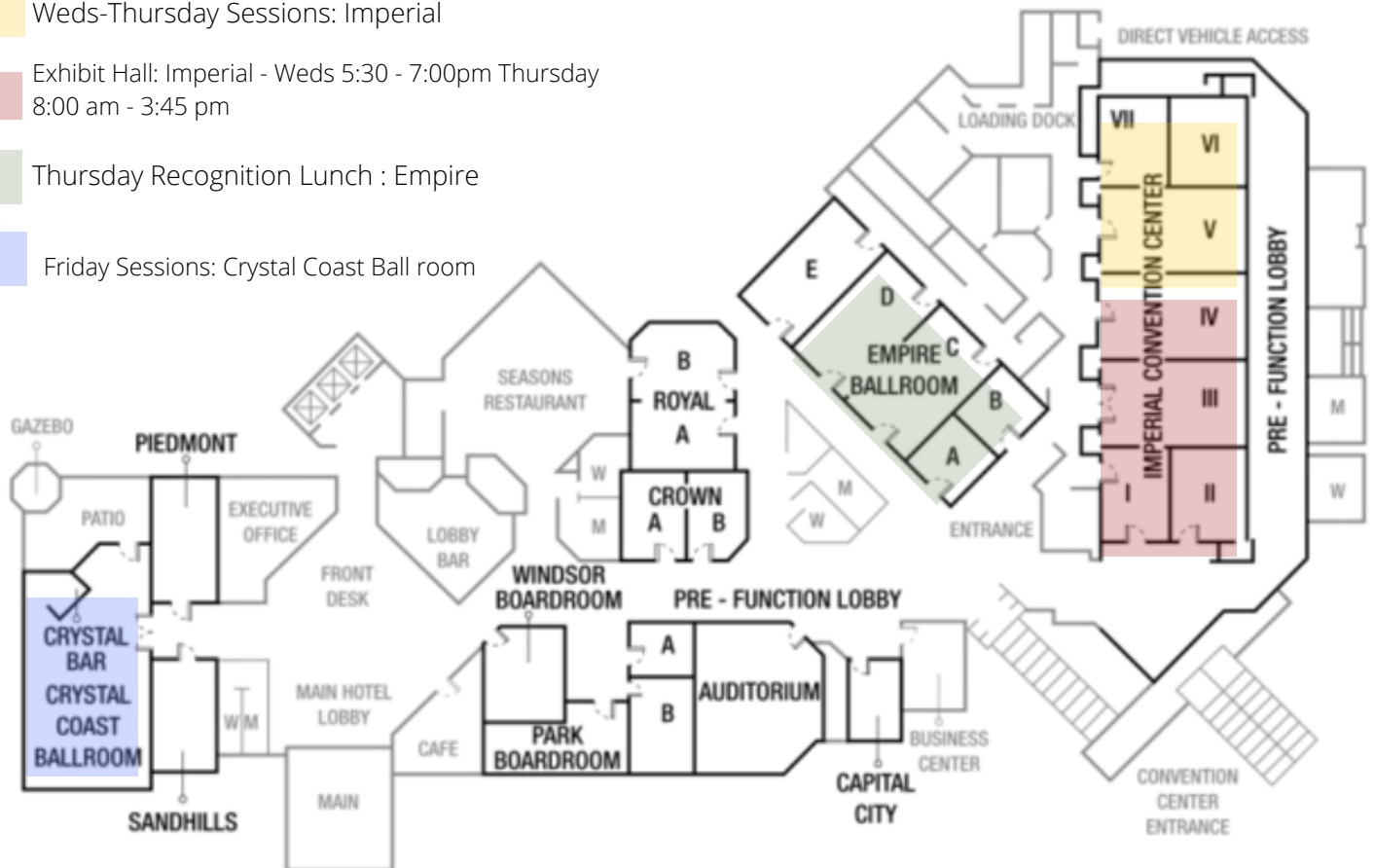
NC State Parks Grants and Outreach Manager, Vonda Martin and Executive Director Michelle Wells of NCRPA will provide a variety of updates from their organizations.

**9:45-11:15 am Swap shop: Discussion on Trends and Issues**

Bring your thoughts, questions, ideas and issues – the good, the bad and the ugly for this learning/sharing open discussion session of current issues and concerns in parks and recreation.

# SHERATON IMPERIAL

- Weds-Thursday Sessions: Imperial
- Exhibit Hall: Imperial - Weds 5:30 - 7:00pm Thursday 8:00 am - 3:45 pm
- Thursday Recognition Lunch : Empire
- Friday Sessions: Crystal Coast Ball room



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