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**7th Annual NCGIC Water Symposium Brings Cutting-Edge
Green Infrastructure Ideas to Professionals**
City of Raleigh Receives Blue/Green Innovator of the Year Award

Raleigh, N.C. –The North Carolina Green Industry Council’s (NCGIC) 7th Annual Water Symposium brought 200 North Carolina green industry professionals together with innovative thinkers, policy makers and water experts to learn about new cutting-edge green infrastructure ideas and technologies at the McKimmon Center today.

“Since North Carolina’s 2009 drought, water has remained a key issue as the state’s population grows and becomes more urbanized,” said Calvin Kirven, NCGIC Executive Director. “NCGIC’s Water Symposium fosters collaboration and communication among key stakeholders – planners, ecologists, engineers, contractors, and suppliers –which can help them create and effectively manage green space in urban areas, inform public policy, reduce investor risk, and improve return on investment.”

The event featured 10 speakers from around the country, whose presentations focused on water in the performance landscape:

- Warren Gorowitz, Ewing Irrigation and Irrigation Association, Phoenix, AZ
- Kevin Nunnery, Biohabitats, Raleigh, NC and Baltimore, MD
- Barbara Deutsch, Landscape Architecture Foundation, Washington, DC
- Dr. Grady Miller, NC State University, Raleigh, NC
- Dan Gottlieb and Rachel Woods, NC Museum of Art, Raleigh, NC
- Ann English, Montgomery County Dept. of Environmental Protection, Rockville, MD
- Dean Rich Linton, North Carolina State University College of Agriculture & Life Sciences
- Zach Johnson, Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, CO

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In addition, NCGIC presented its Blue Green Innovator of the Year Award to the City of Raleigh's Public Utilities Department for its commitment toward water conservation and water use efficiency through innovation, environmental stewardship and constant efforts for implementation of green infrastructure strategies.

More information and speaker presentations can be found at www.savingwaternc.com.

The North Carolina Green Industry Council's mission is "To establish unity among the diverse segments of the North Carolina Green Industry in regard to common issues and concerns and to provide an umbrella of legislative advocacy, promotion of the industry, and represent the green industry as a steward of the environment and an advocate and leader of environmental stewardship." For more information, visit www.ncgreenindustrycouncil.com.

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