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April 20, 2015

## **Urban and Suburban Carbon Farming to Reverse Global Warming**

**Sunday, May 3, 2015**

*A conference for climate activists, gardeners, scientists, educators, homeowners, public officials, the business community and others concerned about our health, prosperity and ecological future.*



To learn about the program details, [visit our conference page here](#) !

Organized by Biodiversity for a Livable Climate and sponsored by Green Cambridge and the Climate Action Business Association.

Speaker profile:

## Mel King



We are honored to have Mel King speak at our upcoming conference in Cambridge on May 3, 2015. Mel King has been active across the landscape of neighborhoods and politics of Boston for over 55 years as an educator, youth worker, social activist, community organizer, elected official, and author. As an adjunct professor at MIT and a pioneer in Boston's community gardening effort, he was responsible for creating many community programs and institutions for low-income people in Boston.

For the full list of conference speakers, [visit here](#).

## Catching Up with Jim Laurie

By Jacqueline Sussman

## Upcoming Event

**Cambridge Science  
Festival Panel:  
Restoring Ecosystems  
to Reverse Global  
Warming**



Human impact has "broken" some ecosystems on the planet and significantly compromised most others. Is it possible that restoring ecological health to impacted areas could address the worst threat yet faced by human civilization: the climate crisis?

This panel discussion will focus on the latest science and field trials indicating that significant carbon drawdown is not only possible, it's essential.

**RSVP**

### ***When***

Wednesday, April 22, 2015,  
6:30pm to 8:30pm.

### ***Where***

Cambridge Public Library:  
449 Broadway, Cambridge, MA.

### ***Fees***

Free!



We caught up with our resident restoration ecologist, Jim Laurie, to hear about his recent trip to Washington DC and upcoming journey to South Dakota.

In March, Jim traveled to Washington DC with our director, Adam Sacks, to meet with Phillip Bogdonoff, who works at a law firm in DC and attended our fall 2014 climate conference at Tufts University. Phillip was inspired by the remarkable stories he heard there, of land transformed through ecological restoration and holistic land management practices. He wants to bring those encouraging messages to DC.

So Jim, Adam and Phillip began to build a team for a climate conference. Phillip had arranged for Jim and Adam to hold a talk at a community center in Cabin John, Maryland. The audience of about 60 people included activists, organic farmers, scientists and government policy makers, all interested in the prospect of reversing climate change through ecological restoration. Each one brought a unique background and reason for attending the meeting. A medical doctor named Jeena has been working on getting climate legislature passed but wants to transition into sustainable farming. Sudir Sukla, an educator, focuses on educating young kids on climate change and was blown away by the information he gained on the carbon sequestering potential of nature.



As a restoration ecologist, Jim's role is to help people to understand the potential of restoration: how it can transform degraded, desertified land into a carbon-storing oasis. A climate conference in DC, likely to

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## Other Events

### **Pre-Conference Guided Nature Walk**

Saturday, May 2, 2015,  
10a.m.-1p.m. Alewife  
Reservation, Cambridge, MA.

*David Morimoto, Associate Professor of Biology, Lesley University, will be our guide as we visit the Alewife Reservation to learn about the vital ecology of the area.*

Limited to 15 participants. For more information [visit here](#) and [Register now on Eventbrite!](#)

### **Reversing Global Warming: Urban and Suburban Carbon Farming conference**

Sunday, May 3, 2015, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Science Center, Hall C, Harvard University, 1 Oxford Street, Cambridge, MA.

*A one-day event organized by Biodiversity for a Livable Climate and sponsored by [Green Cambridge](#) and the [Climate Action Business Association](#).*

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happen in Spring 2016, could be the start to an ecological restoration movement on the doorstep of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Jim is excited about the potential. "This has taken on a life that I would have never expected. Some of the things that are happening...there seems to be a general curiosity because people understand that what we've been doing isn't working too well. If we keep our message positive and show what is possible in terms of restoration, we might just have a job."

On April 10, Jim heads to South Dakota with Ridge Shinn, an expert in holistic land management. There at the Cheyenne River Reservation, they will work with members of the Lakota tribe on restoring their land through holistic management techniques. We are eager to hear about their experiences.

**Our mission at Biodiversity for a Livable Climate is to mobilize the biosphere to restore ecosystems and reverse climate change. Our primary project is to re-direct the mainstream climate conversation from an almost exclusive concern with atmospheric carbon to encompass the entire carbon and water cycles and the regenerative role of biology.**

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