



## Stone Living Lab

# Call for Abstracts

### *Nature-based Coastal Resilience in Urban Settings*

2023 Stone Living Lab Conference

April 26-28, 2023 | Boston

## Abstract Guidelines and Requirements

The title of the abstract must be in all caps and must not exceed 300 characters. The body of the abstract must adhere to a maximum character count of 2,000 not including spaces. This is exclusive of the abstract title and the author listing. Please make the abstract as informative and representative of your presentation as possible.

### **Abstract Fee**

There is no fee to submit an abstract, but there will be a \$50 to \$200 registration fee to attend the conference. All speakers must register via Eventbrite no later than March 1, 2023:

[Register Here](#)

## Conference Tracks

### **Permitting, Policy, Financial Implementation**

Presentations addressing barriers and successes during the implementation process are welcome. What do you need to know before, during and after the implementation of a project? What is the role of public private partnerships? What lessons have we learned and what challenges remain?

### **Assessment of Success**

How do we define the success of a nature-based coastal resilience project? Over what timescale? With what metrics? How are social and ecosystem co-benefits valued? All presentations addressing these critical issues of assessing the success of a Nature Based Approach are welcome.

## Nature Based Approaches and Social Equity

Nature Based Approaches can invite gentrification, while at the same time creating positive environmental benefits. How do we get it right? What are ways to engage the community in regard to these complex, interactive topics? How to make sure the socio-economic benefits flow to the community?

## Other

What else should we talk about in regards to nature based approaches? If your topic is not found here, please propose a different category.

## Presentation Format

- **Panel:** Breakout session with a panel of speakers (4 max.) on topics related to a specific conference theme or track
- **Oral Presentation:** 20-30 minute presentation assigned to a session with 2-3 other oral presentations. A moderator will facilitate questions, answers, and discussions for the session.
- **Poster Presentation:** Self-explanatory visual presentation of your work that relates to the conference theme or tracks
- **Lightning Talk:** Brief auditory presentation (time limit TBD) explaining your work and its relation to conference tracks or theme
- **Other:** Propose a different format

## Important Deadlines and Dates

- All abstracts must be [submitted via online Qualtrics form](#) no later than 11:59pm U.S. Eastern Time on Friday January 20, 2023.
- All speakers must [register via Eventbrite](#) no later than March 1, 2023.
- The conference itself will take place at UMass Boston, Wednesday April 26 & Thursday April 27, 2023, with field trips on Friday April 28, 2023.

## Abstract FAQs

### Q. What is the submission deadline?

A. *Abstract submission and editing will close Friday January 20, 2023 at 11:59 PM Eastern Time (ET).*

### Q. What is the fee for abstract submission?

A. *It is free to submit an abstract, but there is a registration fee to attend the conference (\$200 General Admission for both days; \$150 General Admission for one day only; or \$50 for students)*

**Q. Is there a character limit for my abstract?**

*A. Your abstract may contain no more than 2,000 characters, not including spaces. The submission site will automatically calculate your abstract's characters and notify you if the submission exceeds the maximum character limit.*

**Q. How should my abstract content be formatted?**

*A. Abstracts of original science – Suggested structure: Background, Methods, Results, and Conclusion. No tables or graphs, please. Your abstract will appear, as written, in the online program and other conference related publications.*

**Q. May I use abbreviations in my abstract?**

*A. Yes, you may use abbreviations in the body of the abstract, but please define first. No abbreviations may appear in the title. Keep in mind that abbreviations may increase the difficulty of reading and evaluating abstracts, which will be considered in the review process.*

**Q. Why is my abstract considered incomplete/why haven't I received submission confirmation?**

*A. Abstracts are considered incomplete if a required action in the submission process was not performed and/or if the text of the abstract has fewer than 300, or more than 2,000 characters (not including spaces). To complete your abstract, you must return to the submission site and finish the required steps by 11:59 PM ET on Friday January 20, 2023. Submissions with Incomplete status after this deadline will not be considered for presentation.*

**Q. Can I revise my abstract after it has been submitted?**

*A. Yes, but you will have to contact us directly to make any changes by emailing an updated abstract PDF to [abstracts@stonelivinglab.org](mailto:abstracts@stonelivinglab.org). You may send updates until the submission deadline (January 20, 2023). After this date, you may not revise or resubmit an abstract in order to make corrections. Rather, the abstract may be withdrawn via email notice or, if accepted, the error may be indicated during presentation.*

**Q. How many abstracts can I submit?**

*A. There is no limit to the number of abstracts you can submit. However, an author may present no more than one abstract. If the Stone Living Lab accepts more than one submission from an author, one of his/her co-authors must present any additional abstracts. The presenter of any accepted abstract must be one of the co-authors listed on the original submission. Please note that authors may not submit the same research; abstracts containing identical or nearly identical data from the same institution and/or individuals will be rejected.*

**Q. Can I submit my abstract under more than one submission category?**

*A. Yes, abstracts can be submitted for consideration under multiple categories..*

**Q. When will I find out if my abstract has been accepted for presentation?**

*A. Stone Living Lab staff will send an email notification to the presenting author in February 2023. Only the person listed as the presenting author will receive this notification. The presenting author is then responsible for notifying additional co-authors.*

**Q. I submitted the same abstract to multiple organizations. If it is accepted elsewhere will the Stone Living Lab still consider it for presentation?**

*A. Yes. All abstracts are welcome, whether they've been submitted and accepted elsewhere or not.*

**Q. How do I withdraw my abstract?**

*A. If you decide to withdraw your abstract prior to the submission and editing deadline (11:59 PM ET on Friday January 20, 2023), simply do not submit the full form. After this deadline, abstract withdrawal requests should be emailed to [abstracts@stonelivinglab.org](mailto:abstracts@stonelivinglab.org). Include your abstract title, and the presenting author's name in your email (whether you are the presenting author or not).*

**Q. Whom do I contact with additional questions?**

*A. View our [Guidelines for Abstract Preparation and Submission](#) or visit our [FAQ page](#). Please email any withdrawal requests to [abstracts@stonelivinglab.org](mailto:abstracts@stonelivinglab.org).*

**Q. What is the cost to attend the Conference?**

*A. General Admission to the conference is \$200 to attend 2 days or \$150 to attend one day only. Student Admission is \$50. Scholarships or discounts may be available upon request.*

**Q. Where will the conference be held?**

*A. The conference will take place at the University of Massachusetts - Boston, and information on accommodations and other logistics will be provided in January 2023.*