

# 26<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL RELEAF CONFERENCE

July 26-28, 2018

Rochester Institute of Technology  
Rochester, NY



## New York ReLeaf

### “NAVIGATING THE COMPLEX URBAN FOREST”



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Environmental  
Conservation



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# Conference Brochure

\*All Events Take Place in Louise Slaughter Hall\*

## Thursday, July 26

**10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Sponsor/Vendor Exhibit Set Up**

**1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. New York State Urban Forestry Council Board Meeting**

**4:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. Registration and Dorm check-in, Global Village**

**4:00 p.m.—5:30 p.m. Ongoing Sponsor/Vendor Exhibit**

**4:00 p.m. —6:00 p.m.**

### **Screening of “*The Hemlock Woolly Adelgid: A Film About the Loss of an Ecosystem*”**

This film is an education visual resource to engage, raise awareness and create momentum on this destructive forest pest and invasive species in general. A panel discussion will follow the film.

*Mark Whitmore, Extension Associate, Cornell College of Agriculture and Life Sciences*

*Julie Lundgren, Natural Heritage Program, NYS Office of Parks*

*Hilary Mosher, Coordinator, Finger Lakes Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management*

**6:00 p.m. — 7:00 p.m. Annual Council Members Meeting, Louise Slaughter Hall**

**7:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m. Member’s Reception, Louise Slaughter Hall**

Light hors d’oeuvres will be served. **\*\*DINNER ON YOUR OWN \*\***

## Friday, July 27

**7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration and Dorm check-in /meet with Exhibitors**

**8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast for Overnight Guests Only**

**8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Welcomes by Invited Speakers**

*Moderator: Mary Kramarchyk, NYS DEC*

**9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

### **Keynote: New York Tree Law**

Overview of the Law pertaining to tree maintenance, ownership and adjoining landowner rights.

*Laura E. Ayers, Esq.*

*Moderator: Sally Kellogg, NYS DEC*

**10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Intro to Exhibitors**

*Moderator: Mary Kramarchyk, NYS DEC*

**10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Break/ Visit Exhibitors**

**11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** (choose between the **Tour** or **ONE** of the **TWO WORKSHOPS**)

**Workshop – Hemlock Woolly Adelgid and Spotted Lanternfly**

Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA) is an invasive, aphid-like insect that severely damages Eastern and Carolina hemlocks and has spread significantly throughout New York State. Workshop topics include information on the NYS Hemlock Initiative, hemlock ecology, basic HWA biology, HWA natural and chemical controls with a special emphasis on new biocontrol efforts at Cornell University. Spotted Lanternfly is an exotic, invasive insect that was first detected in Pennsylvania in September 2014. As populations continue to spread, it is likely to have a major impact on forests and agriculture in New York. The lengthy host plant list includes apples, cherries, grapes, peaches, hops, pine, oak, walnut and poplar. The presentation will cover Spotted Lanternfly identification, biology, distribution, damage and potential controls.

*Speaker: Mark Whitmore, Extension Associate, Cornell College of Agriculture and Life Sciences*

*Moderator: Mark Gooding, NYS DEC*

**Workshop – Legal Liability for Trees**

Overview of liability for damages caused by trees, including liability for diseased trees and for timber theft.

*Laura E. Ayers, Esq.*

*Moderator: Sally Kellogg, NYS DEC*

**Tour – Rochester Institute of Technology Campus Sustainability Tour**

Join us for a tour of RIT's campus, and learn about sustainable design features such as a community garden, storm water infrastructure, and the new LEED Platinum-certified Sustainability Institute Hall. If time permits, we will also walk through some of our forested areas, and showcase relevant research.

*Speaker: Harshita Sood, Sustainability Initiatives Manager, RIT*

*Moderator: Mary Martin, NYS DEC*

**1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Catered Lunch & Visit with Vendors**

**2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.** (choose between the **TOUR** or **ONE** of the **TWO WORKSHOPS**)

**Workshop - Inventory Management Discussion and Demonstration and the “Why” on Tree Inventories**

This presentation will be an introduction of why a GIS based tree inventory is important to you and your community. The presentation will specifically focus on why a tree inventory should be the basis of any large tree population, along with the benefits of having that information. Ms. Brockelbank will discuss the importance of a comprehensive tree inventory management program. The presentation will highlight how effectively the inventory data can be utilized with the proper software system. Using this software will assist in the planning and implementation of tree maintenance and care work for a healthy urban forest. Make your tree work planning simple and effective with Treekeeper. The presentation will demonstrate how a forestry crew, city contractors and citizens can access the data and all have a part in the management of the Urban Forest.

*Kevin R. Weber, Bartlett Tree Experts*

*Chris Pfeiffer, Plan-It Geo*

*Lori Brockelbank, Davey Tree Experts*

*Moderator: Art Traver, Wendel Companies*

**Workshop – Tree Decay Fungi: The Good, The Bad, and the Edible & Tree Health in the Urban Forest**

Learn the basics of wood decay fungi identification, which ones are a serious problem for the tree, what ones you can eat, and the ones might help your health with Chris Luley, PhD. Urban trees harbor some of the best and worst of all these worlds, and identification is within the grasp of even those that are new to the decay fungi. Then hear from Bill Snyder an overview of tree health in the urban forest, including: assessing urban tree condition, causes of urban tree decline, urban tree diseases and care of urban trees.

*Chris Luley, PhD., President, Urban Forest Diagnostics*

*Bill Snyder, Greenleaf Supply*

*Moderator: Jason Beardsley, Region 8 ReLeaf Committee Chair*

## **Tour - Mount Hope Cemetery Tour**

Mount Hope Cemetery is a magnificent 196 acres of lofty hills and picturesque valleys created by glaciers and transformed into a beautiful historic cemetery. A diversified forest of trees forms an arboretum which shades thousands of marble, bronze, and granite monuments.

*Moderators: Mary Kramarchyk, NYS DEC and Gary Koplun, NYS DEC*

## **5:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Picnic - Genesee Valley Park**

**Chainsaw Demonstration,** *Marty Dodge Furniture Making*

**Tour of the Frederick Olmstead Designed Park,** *JoAnn Beck, President, Highland Park Conservancy*

# Saturday, July 28

## **7:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. Breakfast for Overnight Guests Only**

## **7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Registration/meet with Exhibitors**

## **8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.**

### **Workshop – Oak Wilt: To Panic or Not**

Oak wilt is a disease that affects all oak trees. It was discovered in Canandaigua in 2016. Learn about the basics of oak wilt and the best management practices to protect oak trees including potential pesticide applications.

*Jerry Carlson, Research Scientist, NYS DEC*

*Moderator: Sally Kellogg, NYS DEC*

## **9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Break/Visit Vendors**

## **10:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (choose between the Service Project or ONE of the TWO WORKSHOPS)**

### **Workshop – EcoDistricts: Resilient and Sustainable Cities from the Neighborhood Up**

The EcoDistricts organization is "advancing a new model of urban regeneration and community development rooted in a relentless commitment to authentic collaboration and social, economic and ecological innovation. Our work is powered by the growing number of inspired urban change makers that are reimagining the future of cities." There is a myriad of options for neighborhood-scale sustainable development: STAR Communities, LEED-ND, 2030 District, and EcoDistricts to name a few. In this talk, Rachel will explore why we chose the EcoDistricts model for the High Falls area and our experience forming the first EcoDistrict in New York State.

*Rachel Walsh, EcoDistrict Manager, Greentopia*

*Moderator: Mark Gooding, NYS DEC*

### **Workshop – Underutilized Trees and Large Shrubs in the Landscape**

Community forest decision makers will learn the best management practices to improve the plants within the urban ecosystem. Recommendations for the best trees to use in urban settings will be discussed and which include native and non-native species.

*Tom Draves, Certified Arborist, Draves Tree Service*

*Moderator: Mark Gooding, NYS DEC*

### **Service Project – Trees for Tribes EAB Restoration: Getting Dirty Service Project**

Attendees will be transported via bus to Oatka Creek Park in the Town of Wheatland. A walking tour of the Trees for Tribes planting site will commence after a short briefing on the project at the trail Entrance. Peter Lent, Mark Quinn and Garrett Koplun will lead the tour and provide background and descriptions of the Creekside riparian planting (Spring 2016). Portions of the planting area have a heavy component of green ash overstory. Attendees will see firsthand how EAB has degraded the canopy and how the riparian planting was implemented to replace the ash in the future. There will also be time devoted for attendees to assist with tree shelter maintenance after some demonstrations by tour leaders. Maintenance of tree shelters is an important component of ensuring successful tree establishment.

*Garrett Koplun, Forester, NYS DEC*

**12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Box Lunch**

**Conference Ends**

# IMPORTANT DETAILS

## Conference Purpose

New York ReLeaf is a state program promoting management and care of our state's community trees. It is a cooperative effort coordinated by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the NYS Urban Forestry Council (NYSUFC) with major funding supplied through the USDA Forest Service. The goal of New York ReLeaf is to create partnerships among tree professionals, citizen volunteers, educators, government, and the private sector. The annual State Conference brings together these interested parties from all of the state's nine regions to share experiences, ideas, and new information.

## “Navigating the Complex Urban Forest”

All tree enthusiasts are invited to the Twenty-Sixth Annual NYS ReLeaf Conference to be held July 26 -28, at Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), Rochester, New York. You won't be disappointed! The conference, “Navigating the Complex Urban Forest”, promotes the idea of better managing your community forest to enhance the natural benefits of your ecosystem. Attendees will also learn of the many forest pests and how trees are affected by pests and disease. Networking time provides the opportunity to exchange ideas with leading urban forestry specialists and professionals.

## Who Should Attend?

All those involved in the field of urban and community forestry; educators, volunteers, tree commissions, arborists, horticulturists, landscape architects, planners, nursery professionals, community/state/utility foresters, local government officials, public works and parks departments, and researchers; also those in need of New York State DEC pesticides, SAF, ISA, Certified Nursery Landscape Professional (CNLP) and Landscape Architect (LA) re-certification credits. All applicable credit categories have been applied for and are pending approval. For more information on credits that have been approved, please check [www.NYSUFC.org](http://www.NYSUFC.org) or call Mary Martin or Sally Kellogg at the NYS DEC (518) 402-9428 for further details.

## Campus Information

Please refer to the campus map that is included, or visit this link <https://maps.rit.edu/> . Parking will be available free of charge at RIT. A parking permit will be supplied and must be displayed prominently in your vehicle to avoid a parking violation. ReLeaf signage to all facilities will be posted on the campus grounds.

## Conference Fees/Registration/Dorm Check-in

The conference fee(s) includes refreshment breaks, lunches, barbecue picnic and resource packet. For those attendees staying on campus, breakfasts are also included in the registration fee. See registration form for details and pricing for one day or full conference registration, lodging, meals etc. **Please submit one registration form per attendee.** Receipts for Registration and Dorm Fees paid will be available upon request. Register by **June 26<sup>th</sup>** to avoid paying \$50 administrative late fee.

## Cancellations

Those cancelling at least 5 days prior to the course will be entitled to a full refund. Thereafter, no refunds will be made. Substitution of participants is acceptable.

## Accommodations (Dorm Rooms)

On-campus lodging is available at affordable pricing on the RIT campus in the Global Village. See registration form to reserve dorm accommodations.

# DIRECTIONS TRAVEL and TOURIST INFORMATION

Please refer to the **IMPORTANT DETAILS** page of this brochure for **Parking and Check-In** information for Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT).

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## Directions to RIT

### From Buffalo 71.7 mi. About 1 hour 15 mins

Take NYS Thruway (I-90) E toward Albany. Take exit 47 for I-490 toward NY-19/Leroy/Rochester. Continue onto I-490 E. Take the NY-259 exit toward North Chili/West Chili. Turn right onto NY-259 S. Turn left at the 1st cross street onto NY-33A E. Turn right onto NY-252 E. Turn right onto Lomb Memorial Dr. Turn right to stay on Lomb Memorial Dr. At the traffic circle, take the 1st exit onto Andrews Memorial Dr. Turn left onto Bausch Blvd. Turn left. Destination will be on the right.

### From Albany 228 mi. About 3 hours 32 mins

Take NYS Thruway (I-90) W toward Buffalo. Keep left to stay on I-90 W. Take exit 46 for I-390 N toward Rochester. Keep right, follow signs for NY-253 W/NY-15 W. Turn left onto NY-253 W. Continue straight onto Lehigh Station Rd. Turn right onto E River Rd. Turn right onto Andrews Memorial Dr. Turn left at the 1st cross street to stay on Andrews Memorial Dr. Turn right onto Bausch Blvd. Turn left. Destination will be on the right.

## Train, Bus, Plane

### Amtrak and Bus information:

Visit <https://www.amtrak.com/home.html> for trains from various locations. Taxis are available at the station.

### Megabus information:

Visit <https://us.megabus.com/route-guides/new-york-to-buffalo-bus>

### Greyhound information:

Visit <http://locations.greyhound.com/bus-routes/destination/new%20york-ny/buffalo-ny#fare-search>

## Lodgings near RIT

The following are near the university:

Fairfield Inn Rochester South  
4695 W. Henriette Rd.  
Henriette, NY 14467  
(585) 334-3350

Super 8  
1000 Lehigh Station Road  
Henrietta, NY 14467  
(585) 359-1630

Comfort Inn Suites  
2085 Hylan Drive  
Rochester, NY 14623  
(520) 448-3430

## Tourist Information

Conference Attendees are encouraged to take self-guided tours of local attractions, parks, zoos and eateries. Google will help you find these favorites of the conference committee:

### Food and Drink

Belhurst Castle and Winery  
Route 14 South, Geneva, NY  
I-Scream Ice Cream Shop  
400 Bakers Park, Rochester, NY  
Rohrbach Brewing Company  
97 Railroad Street, Rochester, NY  
Salena's Mexican Restaurant  
302 N. Goodman Street, Rochester, NY

### Things to Do

Antique Wireless Museum  
6925 Route 5, Bloomfield, NY  
Portage Tours  
250 North Goodman Street, Rochester, NY  
Progressive Palate Food Tours  
3177 Latta Road, Rochester, NY  
Seneca Park Zoo  
2222 St. Paul Street, Rochester, NY

For more information visit <http://www.visitrochester.com/>

# 2018 ReLeaf Conference Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

- Please send an Email confirming receipt of my registration
- Would you like to become a NYS Urban Forestry Council Member?

*Please include your Membership Fee of \$25 (Register at the Member rate)*

## REGISTRATION

### NYS Urban Forestry Council Member

- Full Conference- \$85  
 Friday Only- \$70  
 Saturday Only- \$55

### Non-member

- Full Conference- \$110  
 Friday Only- \$95  
 Saturday Only- \$70

### Student Rate

- Full Conference - \$40  
 Friday Only - \$30  
 Saturday Only - \$25

## EVENTS AND REQUESTS

- Do you prefer Vegetarian Selections?
- Do you prefer Gluten Free Selections?
- Will YOU be attending the Friday Night Picnic?
- Guest for the Friday Night Picnic--\$30  
Thursday Reception (No Cost for Council Members)
- Thursday Reception--~~Guest~~ of Council Member--\$25

Send Registration Form to NYS UFC, P.O. Box 562, Lima, New York, 14485 or scan and  
EMAIL to nysufc@gmail.com

Payment by:  Check  Purchase Order (make payable to NYS UFC) TOTAL ENCLOSED \$  
Payment by credit card:  Visa  Master Card

Acct #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 3-Digit Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Thursday PM Panel Discussion

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

- Screening of the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid

## Friday AM Workshops- Choose ONLY 1

11 am- 12:00 pm

- Combatting Hemlock Woolly Adelgid  
 Speaker Laura Ayers - NYS Tree Laws  
 RIT Sustainability tour

## Friday PM Workshops- Choose ONLY 1

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

- Mount Hope Cemetery Tree and Historic Tour  
 A Broad Look at Possibilities for Inventory  
 Tree Rot in the City or Not; A Day in the Life of a Tree in the Urban and Natural Setting

## DORM ROOM ACCOMMODATIONS

\$80 per night/person - Single

- Thursday Night  
 Friday Night  
 Saturday Night

If you'd like to share a room, provide name: \_\_\_\_\_

## SPECIAL NEEDS

Contact the College in advance for on-campus Handicapped Parking Access

After **JUNE 26<sup>th</sup>**, add **\$50** late registration fee to total costs.

PERMIT FOR CAMPUS PARKING INCLUDED

## Friday Picnic

5:30 pm - 9:00 pm

- Genesee Valley Park - Marty Dodge  
Creative Chainsaw Designs

## Saturday am Workshop & Tour - Choose ONLY 1

10:15 Am - 12:00 pm

- EAB Service Project: Trees for Tribes  
Maintenance - A Getting Dirty Service Project  
 EcoDistricts: Resilient and Sustainable  
Cities from the Neighborhood Up  
 Underutilized Trees in the Landscape