

New York City ReLeaf 2019 Urban Forestry Workshop

New York City's urban greenspace is as vast as it is diverse. Between community gardens, green infrastructure, street trees, and parks, it takes a lot of human power to keep this city flourishing. In this workshop, we will explore the importance of environmental stewardship and answer the question: ***Who really takes care of NYC's urban forests?***

We'll learn about:

- How volunteers are growing the school gardens movement.
- OneNYC – NYC's sustainability plan and how it affects the urban forest.
- Nature Goals 2050 – a new initiative involving over 50 organizations in a collaborative conservation effort to formulate a Declaration of Rights to New York City Nature.

This workshop is sponsored by New York City ReLeaf, New York City Parks, New York City Department of Environmental Protection, TreesNY and NYSDEC Urban Forestry.



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Stewardship for Sustainability

2019 ReLeaf Workshop



Friday, March 15, 2019

Registration begins at 8:30 AM

New York Society for Ethical Culture
2 W 64th Street (at Central Park West),
New York, NY 10023

CEUs pending: Planning and Zoning
ISA and CNLP Credits available

Protecting, Planning, and Planting New York State's Urban Forests

Mission of the NYS Urban Forestry Council

New York State's Urban Forestry Council is a partnership of public, private and volunteer organizations and individuals that fosters comprehensive planning, management, and education throughout New York State to create a healthy urban and community forest, and to enhance quality of life.

New York City ReLeaf is part of a statewide program managed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Bureau of Forest Resource Management. Funding is provided by the Urban and Community Forestry Program. Volunteer members of New York City ReLeaf include interested citizens, forestry professionals, non-profit representatives and government officials.

Mass Transit Directions:

By Subway

- 1 train to 66th Street and Broadway
- A, B, C, D, or 1 trains to Columbus Circle

By Bus

- 10 or 20 to 64th Street and Central Park West
- 7 or 11 South to 66th Street and Columbus Ave
- 7 North to Broadway and 63rd
- 11 North to Amsterdam and 65th
- 104 or 5 to 66th Street and Broadway
- 66 to Central Park West and 66th (West) or 65th (East)

or visit www.mta.info.

Topics and Speakers

Registration begins at 8:30 AM

Program runs from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Program Speakers

Kristin Fields, Grow To Learn NYC, GrowNYC

Helen Thurston, The Evergreens Cemetery Preservation Foundation

Ben Basalla-Taxis, NYC Environmental Protection

Nave Strauss, NYC Parks

Bram Gunther, Natural Areas Conservancy

Charles Angst, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

James Kaechele, New York Tree Trust

Research Scientists, U.S. Forest Service

TBD, Mayor's Office of Resiliency

TBD, Gowanus Canal Conservancy

Topics

Volunteer Stewardship

Volunteers are the backbone of street tree stewardship in NYC. Hear more about how different groups of volunteers take care of NYC's trees.

Professional Stewardship

Not all trees can be taken care of by volunteers. Learn more about how professionals take care of parts of the urban forest.

Big Picture Stewardship

Learn about the groundbreaking tree planting project: the Cool Neighborhoods Initiative. Learn how the Stewardship Mapping and Assessment Project (STEW-MAP) answers the question: who takes care of our environment in NYC?

Registration

To register, complete and mail this form by March 8. **Please make vouchers and checks payable to the New York State Urban Forestry Council (NYS UFC).** Visa and MasterCard are accepted.

Workshop Fee

Please register me; enclosed is my completed form and voucher/check made payable to NYS UFC, or my credit card information.

- Public \$25
- ReLeaf Member \$20
- I can't make it, but please accept my donation.

Space is limited! No refunds will be given but transfer of registration is allowed.

Name: _____
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STEWARDSHIP FOR SUSTAINABILITY: VOLUNTEER AND PROFESSIONAL

New York Society for Ethical Culture

March 15, 2019



Department of
Environmental
Conservation

8:30 AM

Registration

9:00 AM

Welcome

Dr. Anne Klaeyesen, Leader, New York Society for Ethical Culture

9:15 AM

Keynote 1

TBD, NYC Office of Resiliency

30 minutes

OneNYC is New York city's sustainability plan. In spring 2019, a major update to the plan will be released. Learn more about the plan and how it impacts the urban forest!

9:45 AM

Volunteer Stewardship 1

TBD, Gowanus Canal Conservancy

Kristin Fields, Director, Grow To Learn NYC, GrowNYC

45 minutes

Volunteers are the backbone of street tree stewardship in NYC. Hear more about how different groups of volunteers take care of NYC's trees, including the growing school gardens movement and green infrastructure.

10:30 AM

Professional Stewardship 1

Helen Thurston, The Evergreens Cemetery Preservation Foundation

Ben Basalla-Taxis, Director, Green Infrastructure Stewardship, NYC Environmental Protection

45 minutes

Not all trees can be taken care of by volunteers. Learn more about how professionals take care of parts of the urban forest. Learn about DEP's green infrastructure practices, rain gardens, and how the City is empowering communities through environmental education and stewardship, and how The Evergreens Cemetery stewards their vast urban forest.

11:15 AM

Big Picture Stewardship 1

Nave Strauss, Director of Street Tree Planting, NYC Parks

30 minutes

The Cool Neighborhoods Initiative is a new tree planting program designed to reduce energy use for summertime cooling in certain City neighborhoods. Hear more about this ground-breaking program.

11:45 PM

Lunch - provided

45 minutes

Optional letter writing, visit resource tables.

12:30 PM

Keynote 2

Bram Gunther, Co-Director, Natural Areas Conservancy

30 minutes

Nature Goals 2050 is a major new initiative, involving over 50 organizations in a collaborative conservation effort to formulate a set of goals, targets, and a Declaration of Rights to New York City Nature.

1:00 PM

Forest Health Update

Charles Angst, Forest Technician, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

30 minutes

DEC's Forest Health experts will share the latest on management of oak wilt and emerald ash borer, both of which are currently in NYC, and spotted lanternfly which is in nearby areas and headed this way.

1:30 PM

Volunteer Stewardship 2

Panel of Volunteer Stewards, Several organizations

30 minutes

Hear volunteer tree stewards from across the City discuss their passion, and the challenges they have faced.

2:00 PM

Professional Stewardship 2

James Kaechele, Director of the New York Tree Trust

30 minutes

Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) perform tree stewardship in neighborhoods across New York City. Hear about the great work they do!

2:30 PM

Big Picture Stewardship 2

Research Scientists, U.S. Forest Service

30 minutes

The Stewardship Mapping and Assessment Project (STEW-MAP) answers the question: who takes care of our environment? Hear more about this ground-breaking database!

3:00 PM

Tree Walk in Central Park

45 minutes

Weather permitting.

3:45 PM

Wrap Up

4:00 PM

Dismissal

