



New York State Urban and  
Community Forestry Council

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## New York ReLeaf State Conference 2006



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## Community Trees: The Next Generation in America's First Suburb

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July 13-15, 2006  
C.W. Post Campus of  
Long Island University  
Brookville, NY

### Conference Purpose

New York ReLeaf is a state program promoting management and care of our state's community trees. It is directed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Division of Lands and Forests with funding supplied through the USDA Forest Service.

The goal of New York ReLeaf is to create partnerships among tree professionals, citizen activists and 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.

### Community Trees: The Next Generation in America's First Suburb

The 2006 Urban and Community Forestry Conference will bring together experts from education, business, green industry, utilities, government, civic associations, volunteers and those who are just plain passionate about the important role of trees in our environment. Long Island was largely developed in the sixty years since the end of World War II. Over its one hundred miles of length, one can travel through the early "bedroom communities" on the west end near New York City to the east end farms and luxury beach homes. Gold coast mansions grace the north while the south shore has a distinctly nautical feel. Much has been learned about what to do and what to avoid. Our presenters will stress the importance of preparing an inventory as part of the planning process and give plenty of examples of successful initiatives. Informative and scenic field trips as well as information on how to obtain grants to fund your special project will be featured.

### 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 pesticide, SAF, ISA, CLT, and Certified Nursery Professional(CNP) re-certification credits. SAF, CNP, and CLT credits have been applied for.

Total ISA credits for full conference are 16. Maximum of 9 per person.  
The following DEC credits have been assigned to the conference.

July 13	Category 3A	1.5 credits
	Category 10	1.5 credits
	Category 25	1.5 credits
July 14	Category 3A	4.0 credits
	Category 10	4.0 credits
	Category 25	3.0 credits
	Category 2	2.0 credits
July 15	Category 3A	1.5 credits
	Category 10	1.5 credits
	Category 25	1.5 credits

### Questions and Additional Information

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or email at [ilovegreatdanesh@yahoo.com](mailto:ilovegreatdanesh@yahoo.com) or [releaf06@aol.com](mailto:releaf06@aol.com)  
[www.treesny.com](http://www.treesny.com)

### Conference Fees and Registration

The conference fee(s) includes refreshment breaks, breakfast, lunches, barbecue picnic and concert at Nassau County Eisenhower Park, and resource packet.

See registration form for details and pricing for 1 day or full day conference registration, lodging, meals etc. Please submit one registration form per person.

### Accommodations

Overnight dormitory lodging is available at CW Post Campus for \$35 per night. Dorm rooms are in a suite configuration; maximum 2 people per room.

The C.W. Post Campus of Long Island University is located on Northern Boulevard (Route 25A) in Brookville (Nassau County), New York.

C. W. Post is recognized as one of the nation's most beautiful college campuses. Located on Long Island's Gold Coast, it also offers a convenient location just 20 miles from New York City and easy access from major roadways.

### Directions & Alternative Accommodations:

#### From New York City

Take Queens-Midtown Tunnel to Long Island Expressway (I-495). Take Exit 39 and make a left at the light (Glen Cove Road north). Go north for 2 miles; turn right (east) on Northern Boulevard (Route 25A). C.W. Post is 2 miles on the right.

#### From Eastern Long Island

Take Long Island Expressway (I-495) to Exit 41N (Route 107). Turn right (north) onto 107 north. Proceed to Northern Boulevard (Route 25A). Turn left (west) at Northern Boulevard. C.W. Post is on the left.

#### Train (Long Island Rail Road)

Take Oyster Bay line to the Greenvale station. Contact the LIRR at 516-822-5477 or on the web at [www.mta.nyc.ny.us](http://www.mta.nyc.ny.us) for more information regarding train and bus schedules.

#### Best Western

7940 Jericho Turnpike, Woodbury, NY  
(516) 921-6900, (800) 800-1245  
[www.bestwestern.com/woodburyinn](http://www.bestwestern.com/woodburyinn)

#### East Norwich Inn

6321 Northern Blvd., East Norwich, NY  
(516) 922-1500  
[www.eastnorwichinn.com](http://www.eastnorwichinn.com)

For other area hotels and detailed directions visit the CW Post website. [www.liu.edu](http://www.liu.edu)



# Thursday, July 13

**11:00am-12:00pm**  
New York State Urban and Community Forestry Council Board Meeting  
**12:00-12:45pm** Lunch  
**12:45-3:00pm** Board meeting continues  
**3:30-5:00 pm**  
**C.W. Post Arboretum Tour**  
*Vincent Simeone, Director, Planting Fields Arboretum State Historic Park, Oyster Bay, NY*  
**3:30-7:30pm**  
Registration, exhibit set-up and dorm check-in

**5:30-7:30pm**  
**New York State Urban and Community Forestry Council Annual Meeting and Buffet Reception**  
*"Meet the Authors"; Vincent Simeone, Dr. Chris Luley, and Richard Weir*  
**1:00-5:00 pm**  
ISA Certification Exam Humanities Hall, Room 119  
Visit [www.isa-arbor.com](http://www.isa-arbor.com) for certification information

# Friday, July 14

**7:00-8:15am**  
Conference registration and breakfast with exhibitors  
**8:15-1:30pm**  
Registration ongoing  
**8:15-9:00am**  
**Welcome**  
James Caracciolo, County Arborist/Horticulturist, Nassau County Parks, Recreation, and Museums  
Marlene Bombara, Outreach Coordinator, USDA  
Andy Pleninger, Council President  
Mary Kramarchyk, ReLeaf Coordinator  
**Distinguished Guests:**  
Nassau County Executive Tom Suozzi,  
Senator Owen Johnson, Senator Carl Marcellino,  
Assemblyman Thomas DiNapoli,  
Richard Kessel, LIPA Chairman  
**9:00-9:45am**  
**Keynote: Urban Forest Research in the Northeast: The Northeast Community Tree Guide and the New York City Municipal Forest Resource Analysis**  
*Paula Peper, Ecologist, USDA Forest Service*  
*Center for Urban Forest Research, University of California*

**10:00-11:00am (workshops, choose one)**  
**Workshop 1**  
**i-Tree Suite**  
iTree is a state-of-the-art software suite that provides urban and community forestry analysis and benefits assessment. UFORE, STRATUM, MCTI and the Storm Damage Assessment Protocol are included. An initial public release of the iTree suite will occur in summer of 2006.  
*Paula Peper, Ecologist, USDA Forest Service, Center for Urban Forest Research, University of California*  
*David Bloniarz, Ph.D. Project Coordinator, Urban Natural Resource Institute, USDA Forest Service*  
**Workshop 2**  
**Trees and Sidewalks**  
What methods New York City uses as policy and procedure to preserve mature trees planted in the utility strip along the curbs, while maintaining sidewalks and infrastructure.  
*Fiona Watt; Chief of Forestry and Horticulture*  
*New York City Parks, Flushing, NY*  
**Workshop 3**  
**Wood Decay Fungi; Know Them, Eat Them, but Don't Feed Them!**  
*Christopher Luley, Ph.D. Vice-President, Urban Forestry, LLC Naples, NY*

**11:00-11:15am**  
Coffee Break  
**11:15-12:15pm (workshops, choose one)**  
**Workshop 1**  
**Urban Tree Risk Management**  
*David Bloniarz, Ph.D., Project Coordinator, Urban Natural Resource Institute, USDA Forest Service*  
The recently introduced manual, Urban Tree Risk Management: A Community Guide to Program Development and Implementation, has been developed by the USDA Forest Service, in cooperation with several agencies, states and commercial arborists. An introduction to the use of the guide will be given.

**Workshop 2**  
**Construction Projects and the Use of Structural Soil**  
*Nina Bassuk, Ph.D. Professor and Director Cornell University Urban Horticulture Institute, Ithaca, NY*  
*Larry Fernandez, Senior Forester/Horticulturist, LIPA, Uniondale, NY*  
*Peter Felix, President, Tree Health, Farmingdale, NY*  
The major impediment to establishing trees in paved urban areas is the lack of an adequate volume of soil for tree root growth. Soils under pavements are highly compacted to meet load-bearing requirements and engineering standards. This often stops roots from growing. 'CU-Structural Soil' is a medium that can meet or exceed pavement design and installation requirements while remaining root penetrable and supportive of tree growth. Cornell's Urban Horticulture Institute has been testing a series of materials over the past 10 years.

**Workshop 3**  
**Insects Rock!**  
*Joyce Rodler, Extension Educator, Pest Management, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County*  
Get up close and personal with some awesome arthropods.  
**What's Bugging Long Island?**  
*Joan Mahoney, Horticultural Inspector, NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets*  
An update on the Asian Longhorned Beetle program; ID, quarantine & treatment.

**12:30-1:30pm**  
Lunch  
**1:45-4:30pm Afternoon tours (choose one)**  
**Tour 1**  
**Long Island Community Forestry Projects**  
Levittown; America's First Suburb, Hempstead Plains Restoration Project at Eisenhower Park, Roosevelt Grant Project, Baldwin Substation, and Lynbrook Middle Schools.  
*James Caracciolo, County Arborist/Horticulturist, Nassau County Parks, Recreation, and Museums*  
*Bob Simpson, Volunteer, LI ReLeaf*  
*Larry Fernandez, Senior Forester/Horticulturist; LIPA, Uniondale, NY*  
**Tour 2**  
**Planting Fields Arboretum and Bailey Arboretum**  
*Vincent Simeone; Director, Planting Fields Arboretum State Historic Park*  
*Richard Weir; Visiting Faculty and Consultant, Cornell University*  
*Gail Wickes; President, Bailey Arboretum*

**5:30pm**  
Depart for Barbecue Picnic via buses to Eisenhower Park(Field #8 off Stewart Ave)  
Food served at 6PM  
**5:30-9:30pm**  
Driving Range, miniature golf, batting cages available (fees apply)  
Walk to Hempstead Plains

**7:30-9:00 pm**  
Jazz Concert on the lawn; Bring your own blanket/chair  
**7:30 pm**  
1st bus returns to campus  
**9:30pm**  
All return to campus via buses

# Saturday, July 15

**7:30-8:30am**  
Breakfast  
Exhibits open  
Early dorm checkout-return keys  
**8:30-10:00am (workshops-choose one)**  
**Workshop 1**  
**Mitigating the "Heat Island Effect" in NYC by Planting Trees**  
*Frank Dunstan, Program Coordinator, New York State DEC*  
*Peter Savio, NYSERDA*  
DEC and NYSERDA have partnered on an investigation of the relationship between high summer temperatures in the city and increased energy use with the cost effectiveness of mitigation strategies including tree planting as a way to reduce temperatures. The workshop will also feature tree planting projects in lower Manhattan and the Greening of Bronx that are designed to implement the study findings.

**Workshop 2**  
**Plant it Right The First Time**  
*Nina Bassuk, Ph.D. Professor and Director Cornell University Urban Horticulture Institute, Ithaca, NY*  
*Richard Weir; Visiting Faculty and Consultant, Cornell University*  
The urban environment is a varied conglomeration of microclimates. Using diverse selections of trees in the urban landscape enables us to make appropriate choices for the varied sites. The final step in establishing a new tree or landscape is transplanting and after care. This presentation will highlight the best practices in the area.

**10:00-10:15am**  
Coffee Break- Exhibits Open  
Final Dorm check-out

**10:15-11:45am (workshops-choose one)**  
**Workshop 1**  
**L.I. ReLeaf's School Spruce Up Program-Lynbrook Middle Schools**  
*Bob Simpson; Volunteer; Long Island ReLeaf*  
*Wes Gebres-Senior Forester, DEC*  
*Marty Mullarkey-Line Clearance Manager, LIPA*  
The School SpruceUp tree planting projects have carried the educational experience beyond the indoor classroom into the out door classroom. The program gets students, parents, teachers and other school staff working together to make their school grounds more livable, stimulating, and enjoyable. This workshop will explain how the School SpruceUp Program works and will show case some of its educational, social, and environmental accomplishments.

**Workshop 2**  
**Trees Count! The New York City Street Tree Census**  
*Liam Kavanagh, 1st Deputy Commissioner, New York City Parks*  
*Jennifer Greenfield, Director, New York Tree Trust*  
During this session, New York City Parks & Recreation staff will provide a detailed description of the first summer of their exhaustive street trees census-the largest effort in the nation. Topics covered include the history and motivation for the census, the detailed planning process from an agency perspective, as well as the recruitment and management of the 1000+ volunteers workforce.

**11:45am-12:15pm**  
Pick up boxed lunches for tour  
**12:30-3:00pm**  
**Tour-Great Mansions of the Gold Coast Sands Point Preserve, Hempstead House**  
*James Caracciolo, County Arborist/Horticulturist, Nassau County Parks, Recreation, and Museums*

**3:00pm**  
Return to campus via buses. Conference closes.

Name:\_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation:\_\_\_\_\_

Address:\_\_\_\_\_

Phone-Email:\_\_\_\_\_

Registration:  
NYS Council Member  
☐ Full conference-\$70  
☐ One day- \$50  
Non-member  
☐ Full conference-\$85  
☐ One day-\$65  
Student rate  
☐ Full conference-\$30  
☐ 1 day-\$15  
☐ Barbecue Picnic guest-\$30  
☐ Vegetarian meal requested?

Dormitory Accomodations:  
\$35 per night  
\$25 charge for failure to return key  
Circle nights needed:  
Thursday Friday  
☐ Single room in suite  
☐ Share a room in suite with (1 name) \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Share a suite(list names) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Thursday Tour  
☐ Thursday Council Reception

**Friday AM Workshops-choose 1 for each time**

10am-11 am	11:15-12:15
<input type="checkbox"/> iTree Suite	<input type="checkbox"/> UrbanTree Risk Management
<input type="checkbox"/> Trees and Sidewalks	<input type="checkbox"/> Construction Projects & Use of Structural Soil
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Decay Fungi	<input type="checkbox"/> Insects Rock/What's Bugging L.I.

**Friday Tours(choose 1)**  
☐ Long Island Community Forestry Projects  
☐ Planting Fields Arboretum & Bailey Arboretum  
**Eisenhower Park Barbecue Picnic & Jazz Concert**  
☐ Yes, I plan to attend

**Saturday AM workshops(choose 1)**

8:30-10am	10:15-11:45am
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigating the "Heat Island Effect"	<input type="checkbox"/> L.I. School Spruce Up
<input type="checkbox"/> Plant it Right the First Time	<input type="checkbox"/> Trees Count! NYC Tree Census

**Saturday Tour Great Mansions of the Gold Coast**  
☐ Yes, I plan to attend and need box lunch

<b>Send registration form to Elizabeth Shimo</b> <b>P.O. Box 124, Cold Brook, NY 13324 315-826-5743</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Payment by check to NYS Urban & Community Forestry Council <input type="checkbox"/> Payment by purchase order to NYS Urban & Community Forestry Council <input type="checkbox"/> Cash payment <b>Register early: tours may fill up!</b> <b>After June 30, add \$15 late registration fee to all costs</b> Payment by credit card (circle one) Visa Master Card	
Name on card	3 digit code on back
Acct.#	Exp. date
Signature	

REGISTRATION  
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