



New York
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The Fifteenth Annual New York ReLeaf State Conference 2007

Community Trees: Are Your Tree Programs on Track? July 19-21, 2007 Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, New York



Co-sponsored by:
National Grid

New York City Department of Environmental Protection
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
New York State Urban and Community Forestry Council
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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 DEC and The NYS Urban and Community Forestry Council with major 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: Are Your Tree Programs on Track?

If you are a lover of trees, care for trees or want to be better educated about the values of trees in your community and the impacts you can have, then come join us for the 2007 ReLeaf Conference. Are you as prepared as Buffalo was for the devastating storm they endured? Can you manage and assess the tree hazards that resulted? Can you work with the DOT? What's your tree management plan? Can you keep trees alive and thriving? Are you harboring noxious, invasive or beneficial plants in your community? What's the status of invasive pests in New York and what are you going to do? Are you working with or against your local utility? Will the American chestnut ever return, or can our youth be the answer to our communities' tree needs? Do you have the funds to do what you need to do, and where can you get more? All this, plus renewing old friendships and making new ones, awaits you at this anticipated event. We're on track, there's a nearby famous track, and the steel tracks do run right into Saratoga Springs! So come join us! We're betting you'll enjoy it!

Conference Fees and Registration

The full conference fee (including overnight stay) includes refreshment breaks, breakfast, lunches, barbecue picnic and resource packet. See registration form for details and pricing for 1 day or full day conference registration, lodging, meals etc. (Breakfast is not included in "1 day" registration fee.) Please submit one registration form per person.

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 Registered Landscape Architect re-certification credits. **Total approved credits to date for full conference are up to 14 ISA credits and 8 SAF Category 1 credits. For more information on other credits available, please call (315) 826-5743.**

For any additional conference information, call Betty Shimo at (315) 826-5743 or send Email to treeinfo@nysurbanforestrycouncil.com

Thursday, July 19

10:30am-12:00pm

New York State Urban and Community Forestry
Council Board Meeting (Board Members and Invited Guests)

12:00-12:30pm Board Lunch Break

12:30-3:00pm Board meeting continues

10:00am-5:00pm Exhibit set-up

3:30-8:00pm

Registration and dorm check-in, Case Center

4:00-5:00pm

Skidmore Campus Walk-through

Brian Skinner, National Grid
Jim Beil, DEC Forester, Retired
Tom Pfeiffer, Forester City of Albany
Justin Perry, Forester DEC Region 4

5:00-6:30pm

New York State Urban and Community Forestry Council
Buffet Reception (**COUNCIL MEMBERS ONLY**), Palamountain Hall

6:30-8:00pm Annual Council Membership Meeting, Gannett Auditorium

1:00-5:00 pm

ISA Certification Exam, Room BO282, Palamountain Hall
Visit www.isa-arbor.com for certification information

Friday, July 20

7:00-8:00am

Breakfast, Murray-Aikins Dining Hall

7:00-8:30am

Room check-in, Case Center
Registration, Meet with Exhibitors, Palamountain Hall

8:30am-12:00pm

Registration ongoing

8:30-9:30am

Welcome and Keynote Speaker

Patricia Tobin, Council President
Sharon DiLorenzo, Capital District Community Gardens
Chuck Schmitt, CCE of Albany County
Mary Kramarchyk, ReLeaf Coordinator

Invited Speakers:

DEC Commissioner Alexander "Pete" Grannis
Senator Joe Bruno
Assemblyman James Tedisco
Mayor Valerie Keehn, Saratoga Springs
Philip A. Glotzbach, Skidmore College President

Keynote: What is a Well-Managed Urban Forest?

Andy Hillman, City Forester, Ithaca, NY

9:45-11:15am (workshops, choose one)

Workshop 1

Storm I-Buffalo-After the Storm

The early snowstorm that crippled Western New York caused damage to community trees. How local governments responded and the ongoing recovery effort will be discussed.

Dave Paradowski, Forester, NYS DEC
Local Community Representative

Workshop 2

DOT Landscaping for Beauty and Safety

Working with the public and keeping roadways safe sometimes collide. The use of trees can make a major difference in roadside safety.

Carolyn LaBerge, DOT, R.L.A.

Workshop 3

Roadside Plants-What Plant is That?

A presentation to help us identify the roadside wildflowers and invasive plants that are part of the landscape. Managing invasive plants will also be discussed.

Gloria Van Duyne, NYS DEC- Roadside Wildflowers
Naja Kraus, Invasive Plants Program Coordinator-Roadside Plants

11:15-11:30am

Coffee Break, visit Exhibits

11:30-12:30pm (workshops, choose one)

Workshop 1

Storm II-Hazard Tree ID After a Storm

Utilities, municipalities and homeowners face an abundance of hazardous conditions when a tree-damaging storm occurs. Keeping neighborhoods safe with hazard tree identification and proper pruning techniques are part of priority clean ups after a storm.

Mariclaire McCartan, Forester, Transmission Forestry, National Grid

Workshop 2

Street Tree Management Plans

Creating a vision for the long-term community forest and developing strategies, budgets and plans to meet that vision are all part of a street tree management plan. Planning and community perspectives will be included in this workshop.

Andrew Pleninger, Urban Forestry LLC
Brian Liberti, Forester, City of Syracuse

Workshop 3

Municipal Tree Care 101

From selecting a tree to planting and caring, participants will learn how a good start in early tree care will earn dividends long into the future.

Rebecca Hargrave, CCE Chenango County
Jim Kisker, Schichtel's Nursery

12:30-1:30pm

Lunch, Murray-Aikins Dining Hall, 2nd Floor

1:45-2:15pm

Pre-tour Workshop

The nursery program in New York has been an integral part of forest stewardship on public and private lands since its inception in 1902. A pre-tour session will provide the history of the nursery system and an insightful look into the role of the nursery and the important task of providing trees for New York's residents to plant. A tour of the nursery's two Saratoga properties will follow the introductory session.

David Lee, DEC Nursery Supervisor

2:15-5:00pm Afternoon tour

Saratoga Parks-NYS DEC Nursery

Rick Fenton, DEC Forester, Congress Park
David Lee, DEC Nursery Supervisor

6:30-8:00pm

Barbecue Picnic, Skidmore Campus, Case Center Patio

Saturday, July 21

7:30-8:30am

Breakfast, Murray-Aikins Dining Hall
Exhibits open - Palamountain Hall
Early dorm checkout-return keys, Case Center

8:00-8:45am

Registration - Palamountain Hall

8:45-10:15am (workshops-choose one)

Workshop 1

Invasive Update

An update of current threats such as the Emerald Ash Borer, Sirex Woodwasp and Asian Long-Horned Beetle will be given. Hemlock Woolly Adelgid, like all exotic insects, has unique aspects to its biology and many unknowns about its impact on hemlocks. This talk will highlight some of those aspects and unknowns, and discuss the implications of management approaches.

Jerry Carlson, DEC, Research Scientist
Dennis Souto, USDA Forest Service

Workshop 2

Working with Utilities

The Wire Friendly Tree Program provides a financial incentive to communities when planting the right tree in the right place. Hear about the benefits provided to a local community first hand.

Peggy Stephenson, LIPA

Registration Form

Name _____

Affiliation _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

After **July 6th**, add \$25 late registration fee to all costs.

Registration:

NYS Council Member

Full Conference-\$60

One Day-\$40

Non-member

Full Conference-\$80

One Day-\$60

Student Rate

Full Conference-\$30

One Day-\$15

Barbecue Picnic guest-\$20

Vegetarian meal requested?

Thursday Campus Tour

Thursday Reception

(COUNCIL MEMBERS ONLY)

Room Accommodations:

Thursday Dorm Room-\$55

Friday Dorm Room-\$55

Saturday Dorm Room-\$60

Thursday Apartment-\$80

Friday Apartment-\$80

Saturday Apartment-\$85

Single room in suite

Share a room with _____

Share a suite with _____

Share apartment with _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____



Workshop3

American Chestnut Foundation

The American Chestnut Story: Using biotechnology to help restore a heritage species.

Dr. Chuck Maynard, SUNY ESF., Syracuse

American Elm Project, Utica, New York

Discussion will focus on showcasing past and current efforts of Elm restoration on Utica streets, including major capital projects, logistical considerations, biological considerations. Talk will focus on hybrid *ulmus x cultivars*, their limitations and successes.

Jim Chanatry, R.L.A., City of Utica

David Short, Commissioner of Parks and Recreation, City of Utica

10:15-10:30am

Coffee Break, visit Exhibits

Final Dorm check-out, Case Center

10:30am-Noon (workshops-choose one)

Workshop 1

Big and Notable Tree Program

The public will learn how to nominate a potential champ, locate where these are, how to begin a local program and view some of these champs during the presentation.

Fred Breglia, Horticulturist, Landis Arboretum

Mike Urban, NYS DEC Forester

Workshop 2

DEC Update: Grants, Tree Board, Ordinances

Participants will learn what they can do to improve their community forest. How tree boards, ordinances and grants can help them develop and maintain a well-managed forest.

DEC Representatives

Workshop 3

John Bowne Grow Out Station

The John Bowne grow out station is part of an agricultural and plant science program offered in a Queens area high school in New York City. Students participate and learn in a hands-on atmosphere. The John Bowne grow out station serves as a prototype for the new grow out

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P.O. Box 124, Cold Brook, New York, 13324-0124

Form may be faxed to: 315-826-5743

Payment by: Check Purchase Order Cash

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Acct #: _____ Exp. Date: _____

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Friday AM Workshops-choose 1 for each time

9:45 am-11:15 am

11:30 am-12:30 pm

Storm I-Buffalo-After the Storm

Storm II-Hazard Tree ID

DOT Landscaping

Street Tree Mgmt. Plans

Roadside Plants

Municipal Tree Care 101

Friday Tours

Pre-tour Workshop 1:45 pm-2:15 pm

Tour of Saratoga Parks and NYS DEC Nursery

Yes, I plan to attend

Saturday AM Workshops-choose 1 for each time

8:45 am-10:15 am

10:30 am-Noon

Invasive Update

Big & Notable Tree Program

Working with Utilities

DEC Update (Grants, etc.)

Chestnut/American Elm Project

J. Bowne Grow Out Station

Saturday Tour: Albany Parks and Capital District Community Gardens

Yes I plan to attend and need a box lunch

station in upstate New York. We will learn more about this type of learning experience.

Brian Skinner, National Grid, Council Vice-President

Chris Mercurio, Arborist, City of Rome

12:00-12:15pm

Pick up boxed lunches for tour, Palamountain Hall

12:30-3:30pm

Tour-Washington Park, Empire State Plaza, Downtown City Parks, Capital District Community Gardens Project Sites

Mike Urban, NYS DEC Region 4; Tom Pfeiffer Forester City of Albany;

Sharon DiLorenzo Capital District Community Gardens

3:30pm

Return to campus via buses. Conference closes.

Accommodations: (Air Conditioned)

As in past years, overnight dormitory rooms are available. **NEW this year**, a limited number of apartments will be available on campus.

Apartments feature a living room, dining room and kitchen on the first floor, and each bedroom features a double bed. Dorms and apartments are in a suite configuration. A **limited** number of dorm rooms will accommodate up to 2 people. Because of the location of the Conference, on-campus overnight lodging will be available for **Saturday night** for those attending who would like to stay an extra night in Saratoga Springs.

Due to the location and time of year, please make your arrangements **early**. Room accommodations will be on a first come, first served basis.

No accommodations will be available for "walk-ins". Local off campus hotel lodging may be extremely limited or unavailable.

To view this brochure online, visit:

www.nysurbanforestrycouncil.com

www.dec.ny.gov

www.treesny.com



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Directions to Skidmore

Skidmore College, in Saratoga Springs, New York, is located in the foothills of the Adirondack Mountains. It's an easy three- to four-hour drive from New York City, Boston, or Montreal. For more information visit www.skidmore.edu or www.saratogasprings.com

Driving

Saratoga Springs is most conveniently reached by automobile via the New York State Thruway (I-90 and I-87) and the Adirondack Northway (I-87 north of Albany).
New York City and points south: Take the New York State Thruway (I-87) north to Exit 24. From the toll plaza, take Exit 1N to the Adirondack Northway (I-87) north.

Boston and points east: Take the Massachusetts Turnpike (I-90) west to Exit B1. Proceed on I-90 to Exit 1N and the Adirondack Northway (I-87) north.

Buffalo and points west: Take the New York State Thruway (I-90) east to Exit 24. From the toll plaza, take Exit 1N to the Adirondack Northway (I-87) north.

Montreal and points north: Take the Adirondack Northway (I-87) south. (SEE BELOW)

From the Northway - NY interstate 87

Scenic Route:

Because this route offers a glimpse of lovely downtown Saratoga Springs, it is recommended for first-time visitors to campus.

Take Exit 14 toward Saratoga Springs. Union Avenue takes you past the thoroughbred track and many famous Victorian homes. Toward the end of Union Ave., you will pass the former site of Skidmore College before it moved to its current campus. At the end of Union Ave. turn right and then take your first left, passing around Congress Park. Then, turn right on Broadway, Saratoga's Main street. Skidmore is about 1 mile north of downtown Saratoga Springs on North Broadway. The main entrance is on your left, with the Eissner Admissions Building across North Broadway on your right.

Express Route:

This route offers the fastest access to campus. It is recommended for deliveries or frequent visitors to campus.

Take Exit 15 toward Saratoga Springs. At the third traffic light after the I-87 interchange, turn right onto East Ave.

Take East Ave. to the top of the hill and turn right onto North Broadway.

The main entrance is on your left, with the Eissner Admissions Building across Broadway on your right.

By train

Amtrak passengers should take a taxi from the Albany-Rensselaer station to the Albany International Airport in order to connect with Skidmore's airport shuttle to the College. Those arriving at the Saratoga Springs train station should make their own transportation arrangements to campus. For more information on train schedules, visit www.Amtrak.com

By air

The nearest airport is the Albany International Airport. The College provides shuttle transportation to and from the airport at selected times on Friday and Sunday. If interested, please indicate on your reservation form your flight number and the time of your arrival as well as your departure information.