



Plan A Tree: Good Planning – Healthy Forests

July 14-16, 2011

State University of New York at New Paltz, New York



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The Nineteenth Annual New York ReLeaf State Conference 2011



SUNY New Paltz Campus, New Paltz, New York – Location of Workshops and Dorm Accommodations



Mohonk Mountain House on Lake Mohonk, New Paltz, New York – Site of Garden Tour

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 and Community Forestry Council (NYSUCFC) 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.

Plan a Tree: Good Planning – Healthy Forests

All tree enthusiasts are invited to the Annual NYS ReLeaf Conference to be held July 14-16, at SUNY New Paltz. You won't be disappointed! The conference, "Plan a Tree: Good Planning – Healthy Forests", will focus on the importance of good planning to a healthy community forest. A special set of workshops on Saturday, July 16, are dedicated to those involved in community planning. Members of Planning and Zoning boards can receive their annual required training credits in one day (subject to approval by their local community's governing board).

Willie Janeway, Regional Director of DEC Region 3, will be this year's keynote speaker. Workshop topics include Trees and the Planning Process; Promoting the Use of Native Plants; Emerald Ash Borer Update; The Latest in Technology; Planning for Trees in Subdivisions.

The tours always offer a special look at the area outside of the classroom and the Hudson Valley has some spectacular sights! Friday afternoon's tours include a guided tour of the gardens at the world famous Mohonk Mountain House and a visit to a nearby emerald ash borer infestation in Ulster County. Finishing up the conference on Saturday will be a tour of Huguenot Street, a national historic landmark, and a regional winery.

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 Professional (CNP) and Landscape Architect (LA) re-certification credits. *Credits have been applied for and are pending approval. For more information on credits available, please check www.nysurbanforestrycouncil.com or call Betty Shimo at (607) 204-0244 for further details.*

Campus Information

You can view and/or print a campus map by going to: http://www.newpaltz.edu/construction/constr_map.pdf

Campus Parking

Parking will be available **free of charge in Elting Lot #5 ONLY** on the SUNY New Paltz Campus. Parking in any other lot will be \$2.00 per day paid by the attendee. Attendee is responsible for obtaining a permit from the Campus Office located next to the Student Union Building.

Conference Fees, Registration and Parking

The conference fee(s) includes refreshment breaks, lunches, barbecue picnic and resource packet. See registration form for details and pricing for one day or full conference registration, lodging, meals etc. Please submit one registration form per person. Receipts for Registration Fees paid will be available at the Registration table at the Conference. **FOR SATURDAY July 16th ONLY: Planners and Zoning and Planning Board Members in Dutchess, Orange, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester counties ONLY can register TWO PEOPLE FOR THE PRICE OF ONE! (Limited spaces are available, so register early.) Please indicate the names of BOTH attendees on the Registration form.**

Note: Planners and Zoning Board Members from other counties in NYS are very welcome to attend at the regular rate(s) per person.

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)

Overnight dormitory accommodations will be available on the SUNY New Paltz Campus. **Please feel free to bring a fan as the dorm rooms are NOT air-conditioned.**

Bliss Hall Dorm: There are single and double rooms available off of a common hallway. Each dorm floor has common bathrooms and showers. Each room will have a full set-up for each person which includes: 2 sheets, 1 blanket, 1 pillow, 1 pillowcase, 1 washcloth and 1 towel (you may want to bring your own bath towel).

Expanded Dates Request: For those attendees wishing to arrive early and/or remain an extra night to enjoy the beauty of the Hudson Valley, dormitory rooms will be available Wednesday and Saturday evenings.

Check Out: Return your room keys by noon of the day of your departure. The keys can be turned into the dorm student attendants on the 1st floor of Bliss Hall. (Exception—those staying Saturday evening will be responsible for checking out by 11:00 AM on Sunday.)

There will be no dorm accommodations available for walk-ins, so please make your arrangements early. Room accommodations will be on a first come, first served basis.

Accommodations (Local Hotels)

Links to local hotel accommodations: (these are not recommendations, for informational purposes only)

Econo Lodge http://www.econolodge.com/hotel-new_paltz-new_york-NY156

Super 8 Motel <http://super8newpaltz.com/>

Lefevre House B&B <http://lefevrehouse.com/>

87 Motel <http://87motel.com/>

Mountain Rest B&B <http://innsite.com/inns/A004900.html>

Mountain Meadows B&B <http://mountainmeadowsbnb.com/>

Mohonk Mountain House <http://www.mohonk.com/>

For information on the Shawangunk Mountains Scenic Byway visit www.mtnscenicbyway.org

Thursday, July 14

10:30 am-2:30 pm

New York State Urban and Community Forestry Council
Board Meeting and Board Luncheon, Student Union Building, 1st Floor,
SUNY New Paltz Campus. (Board Members and Invited Guests)

3:00-8:00 pm

Registration, SUNY New Paltz Campus, Student Union Building, 2nd
Floor Lobby. Dorm check-in, SUNY New Paltz Campus, Bliss Hall.

4:00-5:00 pm

SUNY New Paltz Campus Tour (includes planting a tree donated by
Schichtel's Nursery) led by Al Wegener, Region 3 Committee
Member, and Dale Sutton, Campus Grounds Maintenance
Supervisor.

6:00-7:00 pm

Annual Council Member's Meeting, SUNY New Paltz Campus, Student
Union Building, 1st Floor.

7:00-9:00 pm

NYSUCFC Member's Reception, *Light Hors d'oeuvres & Beverages*
(Dinner on your own), SUNY New Paltz Campus, Student Union
Building, 1st Floor.

10:00am-5:00 pm

Exhibit set-up by Vendors, SUNY New Paltz, Student Union Building, 2nd
Floor Lobby.

Friday, July 15

7:00-8:15 am

Breakfast, Hasbrouck Dining Hall, SUNY New Paltz Campus.

7:00-8:30am

Registration, meet with Exhibitors, SUNY New Paltz Campus, Student
Union Building, 2nd Fl., Lobby.
Room check-in, Bliss Hall, SUNY New Paltz Campus.

8:30am-12:00 noon

Registration ongoing, SUNY New Paltz Campus, Student Union
Building, 2nd Fl., Lobby.

8:30-9:00 am

Welcomes by Invited Speakers

Senator John Bonacic

Congressman Maurice Hinchey

Assemblyman Kevin Cahill

Jason West, Mayor of New Paltz

*Dr. Gerald Benjamin, Director, Center for Research, Regional Education
and Outreach, SUNY New Paltz*

Mary Kramarchyk, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

Chris Mercurio, President, NYS Urban and Community Forestry Council

9:00-10:00 am

Keynote

Willie Janeway will give an overview on the leading environmental
challenges facing New York communities and NYS Department of
Environmental Conservation's priority initiatives in the Hudson Valley
and Catskill region. From maintaining water quality and biodiversity to
supporting the economic revitalization of the region to addressing
climate change, trees and forests are part of the solution to address
emerging environmental and economic issues, create green
communities and jobs, and ensure a healthy environment for future
generations.

*Willie Janeway, Regional Director, Department of Environmental
Conservation, Region 3*

10:00-10:15 am

Coffee Break, visit Exhibits, Student Union Building, 2nd Fl., Lobby.

10:15-11:15 am (workshops-choose one)

Workshop 1

Trees and Water Quality

With overflowing storm systems, soil erosion due to development and
the need for clean water on the rise, trees when planted as "green
infrastructure" can replace traditionally used grey infrastructure to avoid
disastrous affects under these conditions. Gain insight from the users of
green infrastructure.

Bram Gunther, Chief of Forestry, NYC Parks & Recreation Department

Workshop 2

EAB Update-The Ulster Experience

Biology, identification and locations of the EAB in New York State and
beyond will be presented along with a detailed status report of the
Hudson Valley infestation and related activities on the ground.

Jerry Carlson, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

Rob Cole, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

*Mike Callen, Region 3 Forester, NYS Department of Environmental
Conservation*

Mark Whitmore, EAB Outreach Program Coordinator, Cornell University

11:15-11:30 am

Coffee Break, visit Exhibits, Student Union Building, 2nd Fl., Lobby.

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

Workshop 3

Green Infrastructure in Communities

Actual users and funding sources will share their experiences relating to
the uses, benefits, installation and financing of different types of green
infrastructure projects including green roofs, rain gardens and tree
planting projects - all at the local level.

*Suzanna Randall, Green Infrastructure Coordinator, NYS Environmental
Facilities Corporation*

Karen Arent, Landscape Architect

Karen Emmerich, AICP, PP, Lehman & Getz Engineering, P.C.

Workshop 4

Promoting Native Plants

The use of native plants helps maintain the natural ecosystem in which
they grow, adapting to the changing environment and requiring little care
and maintenance than most non-natives. Benefits, availability of plants
and viability are some of the questions to be answered by the workshop
speakers.

David Lee, Manager, NYS Saratoga Nursery

12:30-1:30 pm

Lunch, Multi-Purpose Room, 2nd Floor, Student Union Building

1:30-5:00 pm (Rain or Shine) (choose one)

Tour 1-EAB Tour (Kingston Area) Delimitation Area

This tour will take us through emerald ash borer (EAB) infested sites in
the Saugerties area. Participants will get to see this invasive pest up
close! (Please wear **appropriate** footwear and clothing.)

Jerry Carlson, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

Rob Cole, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

Mike Callan, Region 3 Forester, NYS Dept of Environment Conservation

Mark Whitmore, EAB Outreach Program Coordinator, Cornell University

Tour 2-Mohonk Mountain House Garden Tour

Mohonk, or "lake in the sky", is a sparkling wonder, tucked away at the
top of the Shawangunk Ridge. Be inspired as you tour the award-
winning gardens of the Mohonk Mountain House. **(Reserve early-
Space is limited to the first 40 registrants.)**

<http://www.mohonk.com/gardens/gardens.cfm>

Andrew Koehn, Garden Manager, Mohonk Mountain House Garden

6:00-8:30 pm

Barbecue Picnic, SUNY New Paltz Campus Terrace.

(See next page for Saturday workshops and tours)

Saturday, July 16

7:00-8:15 am

Breakfast, Hasbrouck Dining Hall, SUNY Campus.

7:30-8:30 am

Registration, meet with Exhibitors, SUNY New Paltz Campus, Student Union Building, 2nd Fl., Lobby.

Room check-in, Bliss Hall, SUNY New Paltz Campus.

8:30am-12:00 noon

Registration ongoing, SUNY New Paltz Campus, Student Union Building, 2nd Fl., Lobby.

8:30-9:30 am (workshops-choose one)

Workshop 5

Where the Tree Meets the Pavement/ReTree Schenectady-A Case Study

Are tree roots heaving your sidewalks? Are your parking lots one big heat island? The conflict between trees and pavement can be resolved, or better yet, prevented. Dr. Bassuk describes how trees and pavement can coexist.

Faced with the rising loss of trees and limited funding (sound familiar?), ReTree Schenectady was founded in 1991 and has planted over 3,000 trees since then. How did they do it? They share their ongoing success story.

Nina Bassuk, Cornell University Horticulture Department

Betsy Henry, ReTree Schenectady

Workshop 6

Planning for Trees in Subdivisions (Part 1)

The Legislative Process, Trees in Conserved Lands

There will be a discussion of the planning process municipalities follow in New York State and it will offer suggestions on how tree advocates can participate in this process in order to provide a legal basis for conserving and enhancing our urban and community forests.

What can management do for land in conservation, or should we just leave it alone? This workshop will also explore how management can help achieve conservation goals and will offer ideas on resources available to help municipalities plan for and implement forest management programs in New York State.

Dennis Doyle, Director, Ulster County Planning Department

Laura Heady, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Hudson River Estuary Program and Cornell University

9:30-9:45 am

Coffee Break, visit Exhibits, SUNY New Paltz Campus, Student Union Building, 2nd Fl., Lobby.

9:45-10:45 am (workshops-choose one)

Workshop 7

New York's Urban Forest: A Street Tree Study

The urban forest is all around us, whether it consists of park trees, street trees or in our school yards. New York's urban forest is as diverse as the state itself. A report and analysis of community inventories will give a snapshot on how to better manage the urban forest.

Fred Cowett, PhD. Candidate, Department of Horticulture, Cornell University

Workshop 8

Planning for Trees in Subdivisions (Part 2)

Preservation of Existing Trees, Planting New Trees

Caliper should be just one of many criteria municipalities use to select trees for preservation when land is developed. The other considerations are discussed, as well as how they can be used in an approach that works for planners and developers.

The planning necessary to assure the long-term growth and health of trees planted in new subdivisions, how to anticipate and deal with the problems of soil disturbance and excavation from road-building and site clearance and what special planting techniques may be necessary because of the circumstances at these sites will also be discussed.

Al Wegener, Landscape Consultant

Nina Bassuk, Cornell University Horticulture Department

10:45-11:00 am

Coffee Break, visit Exhibits, SUNY New Paltz Campus, Student Union Building, 2nd Fl., Lobby.

11:00 am-12:00 pm (workshops-choose one)

Workshop 9

Ordinances With Teeth That Cannot be Extracted

Tree protective ordinances do more than protect trees. Share your experiences and learn how to create or improve local tree laws.

Andy Hillman, Davey Resource Group

Local Case Study Presenters

Workshop 10

If You Fail To Plan, You Plan To Fail-Developing a Management Plan

Management plans help community tree activities stay on course and make progress toward increasing tree canopy and helping public trees stay healthy. Begin your course to success by learning about urban and community forestry management plans.

Andy Pleninger, Urban Forestry LLC

Brian Liberti, Forester, City of Rochester

12:00-12:30 pm

Box Lunch, SUNY New Paltz, Student Union Building, 2nd Fl., Lobby

12:30-1:30 pm (choose either the workshop OR the tour)

Workshop 11

Benefits of Trees to the Urban Environment

Trees provide us with many social and economic benefits when planted for aesthetics or for utility purposes. Harness the benefits and develop a strategy to build community support for trees.

Dave Bloniarz, PhD., USDA Forest Service Northern Research Station,

Urban Natural Resources Institute

12:30-4:00 pm

Saturday Afternoon Tour

Huguenot Street Tour/Winery Tour and Tasting

Enjoy a one hour tour of Huguenot Street Historic District, a National Historic Landmark, created to preserve the oldest continuously inhabited street in America with its original houses, yet just steps from fabulous and funky downtown New Paltz. Learn about the French and Dutch tradition of Colonial America. <http://huguenotstreet.org/> (*Buildings on tour are handicap accessible.*)

Enjoy tasting and a tour of a small boutique winery nestled in the breathtaking Shawangunk Mountain ridge. Robibero Family Vineyards is one of New York's newest wineries.

<http://robiberofamilyvineyards.com/>

(*Reserve early-Bus Space is limited*)

4:00 pm

Return to campus via buses. Conference closes.

Registration Form

Name _____

Affiliation _____

Address _____

County _____ Phone _____ FAX _____

Email _____ Please send an Email confirming receipt of my registration?

I am unable to attend this year's Conference, but would like to make a donation. Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Would you like to become a *NYS Urban and Community Council Member*? Please include your Membership Fee of \$20 (Register at the Member rate) After **July 8th**, add **\$30** late registration fee to total costs.

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REGISTRATION

NYS Urban & Community Forestry Council Member

Full Conference-\$100

One Day-\$65

Non-member

Full Conference-\$125

One Day-\$90

Student Rate

Full Conference-\$40

One Day-\$25

SPECIAL EVENTS

Do you prefer *Vegetarian Meals*?

Will **YOU** be attending the Friday Night Picnic?

Barbecue Picnic Guest-\$25 (Picnic Included for Attendees)

Thursday Campus Tour

Thursday Reception (No Cost for Council Members)

Thursday Reception--Guest of Council Member-- \$25

DORM ROOM ACCOMMODATIONS

Bliss Hall Dorms: (ALL ROOMS ARE **NON AIR-CONDITIONED—BRING A FAN!**)

Single Occupancy-\$55 per night /person

Wednesday Night

Thursday Night

Friday Night

Saturday Night

Double Occupancy-\$45 per night/person

Wednesday Night

Thursday Night

Friday Night

Saturday Night

Share a room with: _____

SEE "IMPORTANT DETAILS" FOR DORM ROOM DESCRIPTIONS AND INFORMATION

Send Registration Form to NYS Urban & Community Forestry Council, P.O. Box 535, Port Crane, New York, 13833-0535 or FAX to 607-204-0244

Payment by: Check Purchase Order Cash

Payment by credit card: Visa Master Card

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Acct #: _____ Exp. Date: _____ 3-Digit Security Code: _____

Name on Card: _____

Friday AM Workshops-choose 1 for each time slot

10:15 am-11:15 am

Trees and Water Quality EAB Update – The Ulster Experience

11:30 am-12:30 pm

Green Infrastructure in Communities Promoting Natives

Friday Tours (Rain or Shine)

1:30 pm-5:00 pm

Tour 1 – EAB Tour (Kingston Area) Tour 2 – Mohonk Mountain House Garden Tour

No, I do not plan to attend any tour

Saturday AM Workshops-choose 1 for each time slot

8:30 am-9:30 am

Where the Tree Meets the Pavement/ReTree Schenectady-A Case Study Planning for Trees in Subdivisions (Part 1)

9:45 am-10:45 am

New York's Urban Forest: A Street Tree Study Planning for Trees in Subdivisions (Part 2)

11:00 am-12:00 pm

Ordinances With Teeth That Cannot be Extracted If You Fail To Plan, You Plan To Fail – Developing a Management Plan

Extra Saturday Workshop or Tour (Rain or Shine) – choose ONLY one

Workshop: 12:30 pm-1:30 pm

Tour: 12:30 pm-4:00 pm

Workshop: Benefits Of Trees to the Urban Environment Tour: Huguenot St. Tour/Winery Tour and Tasting

No, I do not plan to attend either

DIRECTIONS:

From the north or south take NYS Thruway (I-87) [to exit 18](#).

From the northeast/west take the NYS Thruway (I-90) to Albany and then south (I-87) [to exit 18](#).

From the southwest take Route 17 east to Route 17K to NYS Thruway (I-87) north to [to exit 18](#).

From Connecticut take I-84 west to exit 7S. Follow sign for NYS Thruway (I-87). Take Thruway north [to exit 18](#).

From New Jersey take the Garden State Parkway to Route 17 (Exit 163). Proceed 14 miles to NYS Thruway north [to exit 18](#). Alternate route: Via Route 287, go northwest on State Rt. 17 to New York. Take I-287 north to I-87. Go north on I-87 [to exit 18](#).

From Exit 18 turn left at the traffic light after toll booth. Turn left at the third traffic light onto South Manheim Boulevard (Rt. 32 South). Several campus entrances are on the right side of the road, depending on which part of campus you are here to visit. [See the campus map](#) for more information.

From Exit 18 - Alternative Route:

To avoid Main Street traffic in the Village of New Paltz, use the following directions from Exit 18. Turn left at the traffic light after toll booth. Turn left at first traffic light on to South Putt Corners Rd. Follow that road to the end. At the stop sign, turn right onto Rt. 32. After approximately one mile, you will see several campus entrances on the left side of the road, depending on which part of campus you are here to visit. [See the campus map](#) for more information.

From Mid Hudson Bridge turn right onto Route 9W north. Proceed 2 3/4 miles to traffic light at intersection with Route 299. Turn left onto 299 and proceed approximately six miles to New Paltz. Turn left onto South Manheim Boulevard (Rt. 32 South).

From Adirondack Trailways bus station, New Paltz, New York.

The Trailways bus station is located on the corner of Main Street and Prospect Street. From the parking lot, turn left onto Main Street. Go up hill to the traffic light (Rt. 32 & South Manheim Blvd.), turn right. Proceed 1/8 mile, campus is on your right. Trailways Bus System information (845) 255-6520.

From [Stewart International Airport](#), Newburgh, New York, Turn left out of Stewart onto Rt. 207. Go approximately 2 miles, then turn left onto Route 300 north. Stay on Route 300 for approximately 3 miles. At light at intersection of Rt. 300 and 17k, turn right onto 17k south. Make first left onto I-87/NYS Thruway entrance. Go north on I-87 to [exit 18](#). Public Transportation from Stewart: Take the Newburgh-Beacon Link from Stewart to the Shortline Bus Station in Newburgh and from there take the bus to New Paltz.

From train station, Poughkeepsie, New York - Hudson Line: Taxi cabs are available from train station, go west on US 44 across the Mid-Hudson Bridge. Then follow directions above [from Mid-Hudson Bridge](#). [Amtrak](#) (800) 872-7245, [Metro North](#) (800) METRO-INFO.

From Exit 17 - To avoid possible congestion on Thruway/Rt. 299/Main St.

To avoid Main Street entirely AND POSSIBLE CONGESTION ON THE THRUWAY BETWEEN EXITS 17 AND 18, use the following directions from Exit 17 (Newburgh). After the toll booth, follow the signs to Route 300 North. At the light, turn left on to Route 300 North. After about 3 miles, **continue straight** onto Route 32 North. After about 14 miles, you will see several campus entrances on the left side of the road.

New Paltz is near . . .

- Albany - 1 1/2 hours
- Bergen County, NJ - 1 1/4 hours
- Boston - 4 hours
- Philadelphia - 3 1/2 hours
- Nassau County - 2 1/4 hours
- New York City - 1 1/2 hours
- Suffolk County - 3 hours
- Syracuse - 3 1/2 hours