Partnerships to Build Your Tree Canopy July 19-21, 2012 Canisius College, Buffalo, New York



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Canisius College Campus, Buffalo, New York – Location of Workshops and Dorm Accommodations



USS Little Rock at the Buffalo & Erie County Naval & Military Park – Location of Friday Night Picnic

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.

Partnerships to Build Your Tree Canopy

All tree enthusiasts are invited to the Twentieth Annual NYS ReLeaf Conference to be held July 19-21, at Canisius College in Buffalo, New York. You won't be disappointed! The conference, "Partnerships to Build Your Tree Canopy", promotes the idea that healthy community forests take the efforts of many, sometimes allied and other times not, different stakeholders.

John McNeil, Manager, Forestry Services, Town of Oakville, Ontario, Canada and President of the Society of Municipal Arborists, will be this year's keynote speaker. Professor Hudler will provide a plenary session with insights into fungi. Workshops include The Life of a Tree; Low Impact Development; NYSDEC Grants; EAB Management and Building Volunteer Capacity. Friday afternoon's tours include Olmsted's Delaware Park, a LEED Platinum housing development in Clarence and a tour of the Town of Tonawanda to observe the restoration efforts after the October 2006 Snow Storm. Saturday offers two excellent choices, a daylong tour including barbeque at Schichtel's or if you wish to remain closer to the campus a great workshop on the Olmsted Park System and a tour of Delaware Park and the Buffalo Zoo.

Friday Night Picnic on the USS Little Rock

Plan to attend the Friday Night Picnic Event which is being held on the fantail of the USS Little Rock, a Cleveland class cruiser, later converted to Little Rock class guided missile cruiser. The USS Little Rock is now on display at the Buffalo and Erie County Naval & Military Park and plays active parts in educational and entertaining activities such as overnight encampment programs and other events.

The cost of this event for Conference attendees is included with your Registration Fee, and Guest tickets are available for \$40 per Guest. Please indicate on your Registration Form if you will be bringing a Guest to this special event! Catering will be provided by the Pearl Street Brewery and Grill. Local Buffalo culinary favorites to be served will include the Original Buffalo Wings and Beef on Weck.

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 Canisius campus map by going to: http://www.canisius.edu/admissions/PDFs/Web_Campus_Map2000.pdf

Campus Parking/Offloading for Student Center & Dorm

Parking will be available <u>free of charge</u> in the Canisius College Science Hall Parking Ramp. A van shuttle will be available to transport attendees to and from the parking area. The shuttle will make regular round trips. The shuttle schedule will be included in your welcome package. *Limited Alternate Day on street parking around the main campus is available on a first come, first served basis. You are welcome to move your car at any time during the Conference should you find a free parking spot. You can temporarily park in the loop between the Student Center and Frisch Residence Hall to unload things for the Student Center and/or Dugan Residence Hall. Please check the Campus Map in this brochure for building locations.*

Conference Fees/Registration/Dorm Check-in

The conference fee(s) includes refreshment breaks, lunches, barbecue picnic and resource packet. For those attendees staying in the dorm, 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. <u>Please submit one registration form per attendee</u>. Receipts for Registration and Dorm Fees paid will be available at the Registration table at the Conference.

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 Canisius College Campus. *The dorm rooms are air-conditioned.*

Dugan Residence Hall Dorm: There are <u>single</u> (a very limited number are available) and <u>double</u> rooms available in a suite configuration. Depending upon the room you are assigned, you will either share a living room area or a bathroom in your suite. For those attendees who do not have a shared bathroom in their suite, two common bathrooms with showers are available on each floor. Each room will have a full set-up for each person which will include: 2 sheets, 1 blanket, 1 pillow, 1 pillowcase, 1 washcloth and 1 towel (you may want to bring your own bath towel). Beds will be prepared by college staff prior to attendee's arrival.

Expanded Dates Request: For those attendees wishing to arrive a day early and remain an extra night to enjoy the beauty and tourist attractions in the Buffalo and Niagara Falls areas, dormitory rooms will be available Wednesday and Saturday evenings.

<u>Check Out:</u> Return your keys on the day of your departure to Betty Shimo at the Registration table in the Robert E. Winter Student Center, 2nd Floor Lobby. (Exception=those staying Saturday evening will be responsible for checking out by 10:00 AM on Sunday. Keys must be turned into the Residence Representative by the First Floor Entrance in the Dugan Residence Hall Dorm.) <u>A replacement fee of \$95 will be</u> charged for keys that are not returned.

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

Accommodations (Local Hotels)(not recommendations)

Use this link to access listings of hotels near Canisius College: http://canisius.universityhotelnetwork.com

Thursday, July 19

10:30 am-2:30 pm

New York State Urban Forestry Council Board Meeting and Board Luncheon, Richard E. Winter Student Center, Canisius College Campus, Grupp Fireside Lounge, 2nd Floor. (Board Members and Invited Guests) (*A light breakfast will also be served at 9:30 am in Grupp Fireside Lounge for Board Members.*)

3:00-8:00 pm

Registration and Dorm check-in, Richard E. Winter Student Center, Canisius College Campus, 2nd Floor Lobby.

4:00-5:00 pm

Forest Lawn Cemetery Trolley Tour led by Matt Quirrey, Forest Lawn Horticulturalist. Seating for this tour is <u>limited to 35 people!</u>

6:00-7:00 pm

Annual Council Member's Meeting, Penfold Commons in the Palisano Pavilion, Canisius College Campus, 1st Floor.

7:00-9:00 pm

NYSUFC Member's Reception, *Hors d'oeuvres, Dessert & Beverages,* (Dinner on your own), Penfold Commons in the Palisano Pavilion, Canisius College Campus, 1st Floor.

10:00am-5:00 pm

Ongoing Sponsor/Vendor Exhibit set-up, Richard E. Winter Student Center, Canisius College Campus, 2nd Floor Lobby.

Friday, July 20

7:00-8:15 am

Breakfast, Richard E. Winter Student Center, Economu Dining Hall, Canisius College Campus, 1st Floor.

7:00-8:30am

Registration and Dorm check-in/meet with Exhibitors, Richard E. Winter Student Center, Canisius College Campus, 2nd Floor Lobby.

8:30am-12:00 noon

Registration ongoing, Richard E. Winter Student Center, Canisius College Campus, 2nd Floor Lobby.

8:30-9:00 am

Welcomes by Invited Speakers

Montante Cultural Center, Canisius College Campus

Art Traver, Region 9 Conference Planning Committee Chair Mike Odojewski, Assistant Director, Office of Event Management, Canisius College, Buffalo, New York

Richard A Wall, PhD, Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs, Canisius College, Buffalo, New York

Byron Brown, Mayor, Buffalo, New York

Andrew Rabb, Deputy Commissioner, DPW, City of Buffalo, New York Regional Director, NYS Department of Environmental

Conservation, Region 9

Mary Kramarchyk, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Andrew Hillman, President, NYS Urban Forestry Council

9:00-9:45 am

Keynote: Why Confidence, Competence and Camaraderie Matters

Building the confidence, competence and camaraderie of the family of professionals who create and sustain community forests is the Mission statement of the Society of Municipal Arborists. When EAB was confirmed in my community in 2008 I was anything but confident about what to do and looked to a future with EAB with trepidation. Networking with my colleagues at SMA about how to manage EAB has turned around our outlook in Oakville.

John McNeil, Manager, Forestry Services, Town of Oakville, Ontario, Canada; President, Society of Municipal Arborists

9:45-10:45 am

Plenary Session: Great Moments in History and How Fungi Got Us There

Reflections on the history of humankind usually focus on the roles played by powerful leaders, courageous warriors, ingenious scholars, and other talented people. But the role of Nature's other creatures is oft overlooked. In this presentation, Professor Hudler will make the case for microbes in the Kingdom *FUNGI* as the root cause for many of history's great moments including Moses finding the Ten

Commandments, the Confederate states losing the U.S. Civil War, Notre Dame becoming a college football powerhouse, and Elliott Ness and the Untouchables taming the Roaring Twenties. The message is light but don't get too comfortable. You could be their next claim to fame!

George Hudler, PhD., Cornell University

10:45-11:00 am

Exhibitors Corner

Exhibitors will introduce themselves and their products/services 11:00-11:30 am

Richard E. Winter Student Center, Canisius College Campus, 2nd Floor Lobby (the balance of Friday's workshops and Saturday's workshops will take place at this location.)

Coffee Break, visit Vendor Exhibits,

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

Workshop 1

The Life of a Tree

Dr. Lear will lead the discussion on the life of an urban tree. Site, weather, air quality, foot traffic all have an effect on the life span of urban street trees. See specific example of planting sites in Washington D.C. and how trees could have a better survival rate even in an urban setting when proper care and protection is given.

Monica Lear, State Forester, District of Columbia, Washington DC

Workshop 2

Impervious Surface/Building and Managing LID Facilities

In a time when most budgets are being reduced, DDOT's Urban Forestry Administration has expanded into new areas in an effort to remain not just relevant, but required. From assuming the maintenance of newly constructed LID facilities, to removing unnecessary impervious surfaces, to starting an urban beekeeping program, UFA has been working to expand its original mission beyond just street tree management. *Earl Eutsler, Forester, District of Columbia, Washington DC*

Workshop 3

Keeping Communities in the Green: NYS Department Of Environmental Conservation Urban Forestry Grants

Grants provide much needed planting and maintenance funding to help maintain healthy forests in our state's communities—large or small. A description of the newest grant application will be presented and successful grant applicants will share first-hand tips for success.

Mary Kramarchyk, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Urban Forestry Program Coordinator

Terry McCracken, Town of Lancaster Parks, Recreation and Forestry **12:30-1:30 pm**

Lunch, Economu Dining Hall, Richard E. Winter Student Center, Canisius College Campus, 1st Floor

1:30-2:30 pm (workshops-choose one)

Workshop 4

EAB Management in the Town of Oakville, Ontario, Canada This presentation will demonstrate the five programs currently implemented in the Town of Oakville, Ontario—Communications, Ash Tree Monitoring, Ash Tree Treatment, Ash Tree Removal and Tree Replacement. Participants will also learn about future programs and new techniques that are being developed.

John McNeil, Manager, Forestry Services, Town of Oakville, Ontario, Canada; President, Society of Municipal Arborists

Workshop 5

Rust to Green: Green Infrastructure in the Mohawk Valley

This workshop will present a report on past, present, and future Green Infrastructure projects in Utica and Rome. Thousands of feet and a growing acreage of impervious surfaces have been completely retrofitted in the downtown districts of Utica-Rome. The workshop will showcase stormwater management practices, materials, costs, and logistics of municipal implementation of the Green Infrastructure Grant Program. The project managers will discuss utilization of CU Structural Soil, Flexi-Pave, Pervious Concrete, and Deep Roots technology utilized in the retrofit of pedestrian infrastructure, parking lots, and brownfield redevelopment as part of Rome's Brown To Green and Utica's Rust To Green initiatives.

Christian Mercurio, Deputy Director of Community and Economic Development for the City of Rome, NY

David Short, Commissioner, Department of Public Works, Utica, NY

Workshop 6

Building Volunteer Capacity

The Clean Air Coalition of WNY builds power by developing grassroots leaders who run and win campaigns the advance environmental justice and public health in Western New York. In recent years, the Coalition has taken on some of the biggest industrial polluters in Tonawanda that has resulted in significant emissions reductions in the town. Erin Heaney, the Coalition's Director will speak about their winning strategies, how the organization has grown with the help of hundreds of volunteers and how they are working with ReTree Tonawanda to find innovative solutions to the air pollution challenges.

Erin Heaney, Executive Director, Clean Air Coalition of WNY Jack Schifferli, Forester, Town of Tonawanda Paul Maurer, ReTree Western New York

2:30-5:00 pm (Rain or Shine) (choose one)

Tour 1-Tree Health Assessment in Delaware Park

Jerry will be conducting a field exercise on how to measure and evaluate urban tree health, the topic of his new book (soon available through the ISA). This practical and precise method of health measurement serves a wide range of interests, from the detection of pests such as the Emerald Ash Borer to the determination of young tree establishment. We will work together on observation and interpretation, considering the effects of factors such as species and size-class as we work toward a rigorous report.

Jerry Bond, Urban Forestry Analytics LLC

Tour 2-Sustainable Development: Rivera Green Development This tour will focus on site development before, during and after construction for the preservation of existing trees. You will also view green construction of the homes; geothermal, solar, wind as well as materials to ensure environmentally conscious construction; working with not-for-profits reserving space for tree farms and the protocol for Natalie Builders for the Platinum status of the project. There will be a tour of one of the homes.

Sam Berg, Arborist, Haskell Tree Service; Consulting Arborist for Natalie Builders

Paul Maurer, ReTree Western New York, Buffalo, NY

Tour 3-Tour of Tonawanda/After the October 2006 Snow Storm

The October Surprise Snowstorm in 2006 with heavy wet snow devastated much of the tree canopy in Western New York. The storm was like no other that was experienced in this area. Of Tonawanda's 31,000 trees, nearly 27,000 suffered some degree of damage. With the help of Environmental Protection Fund money and through creating partnerships with ReTree Western New York and ReTree Tonawanda, volunteers helped clear parks and streets. The replanting of appropriate species followed. View some of the most heavily damaged streets and witness the successful replanting efforts that took place in the years that followed the storm. Enjoy the narrative of the tour by Tonowanda Highway Department employee Jack Shifferli and refreshments along the route.

Jack Schifferli, Forester, Town of Tonawanda

6:00-10:30 pm

Picnic on the fantail of the USS Little Rock, Guided Missle Cruiser, located in the Buffalo and Erie County Naval and Military Park. Catering will be provided by The Pearl Street Grill and Brewery.

Saturday, July 21

7:00-8:00 am

Breakfast, Richard E. Winter Student Center, Economu Dining Hall, Canisius College Campus, 1st Floor.

7:30-8:30 am

Registration and Dorm check-in/meet with Exhibitors, Richard E. Winter Student Center, Canisius College Campus, 2nd Floor Lobby.

8:30am-12:00 noon

Registration ongoing, Richard E. Winter Student Center, Canisius College Campus, 2^{nd} Floor Lobby.

8:00 am-3:30 pm

Tour 1-Walking Tour, Workshops and Demonstrations at Schichtel's Nursery

Board buses to Schichtels Nursery outside the front entrance to the Richard E. Winter Student Center, on the Canisius College Campus. Come visit Schichtel's Nursery to see how trees are grown. Demonstrations will showbudding/grafting, pruning, digging (balled and burlapped, and bareroot), hydrogel dipping and tree planting. Tour Schichtel's Arboretum and Test Block of new varieties.

One feature of this daylong event will focus on pruning young trees. Pruning young trees is the simplest and most cost effective management tool for prolonging the life span of a tree. Learn the new ABCs techniques designed for a wide range of users – from municipal workers to home owners who may have little or no experience pruning trees, to arborists and landscape professionals. Andy Pleninger, author of the ABCs of Pruning, will be presenting.

(This is a daylong event with lunch provided. Wear appropriate footwear and clothing; possibly bring umbrellas and ponchos in case of inclement weather!)

Jim Kisker, Sales, Schichtel's Nursery Bob Smith, Sales, Schichtel's Nursery

Andy Pleninger, Urban Forestry LLC

9:00-10:30 am

Workshop 7

The History of Olmsted Parks

The Buffalo Olmsted Parks System, designed by famed landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted is the first system of parks and parkways in any American city. This groundbreaking concept in park design integrated the urban forest into the urban fabric, creating a city within a park. President and CEO of the Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy, Thomas Herrera-Mishler, will present the evolution of Olmsted's vision for Buffalo's green infrastructure, as well as the Conservancy's award winning *Buffalo Olmsted Park's System Plan for the 21st Century. The System Plan* is a restoration and management plan focused on: Preservation, through proper care of the intact historic landscape, and Enhancement, through landscape restoration based on historic plans. Optional tour of Delaware Park to follow.

Thomas Herrera-Mishler, President and CEO, Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy

Brian Dold, Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy

10:30-11:00 am

Pick up Box Lunches in the Faculty Dining Room, Robert E. Winter Student Center, Canisius College Campus, 1st Floor.

11:00 am-3:30 pm

Tour 2-Walking Tour of the Buffalo Zoo/Horticultural Tour This tour will feature a bus tour around the ring road in historic Delaware Park, the focal point of Buffalo's Olmsted park system. Following will be a guided horticultural tour of the adjoining Buffalo Zoo, including their Rainforest Falls exhibit. Please note: the Zoo portion will be a walking tour.

Donna Ferandes, President, The Buffalo Zoo

3:30 pm

Return to campus via buses.

Conference Closes

Registration Form

Name
Affiliation
Address
County Phone FAX
Email
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 (Registration is also available online at www.nysurbanforestrycouncil.com) Payment by: Check Purchase Order Cash <u>TOTAL ENCLOSED</u> \$ Payment by credit card: Ovisa Master Card Exp. Date: 3-Digit Security Code: Name on Card:
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DIRECTIONS/TRAVEL INFORMATION

Please refer to the IMPORTANT DETAILS page of this brochure for Parking and Check-in information as well as where to park temporarily to offload items at the Richard Winter Student Center and Dugan

By Car:

From areas East, including Rochester, Syracuse, Albany, Hartford, CT, Boston, MA:

*1-90 West to Exit 51W (NY 33 West).

* NY 33 West and to NY 198 West.

* NY 198 West to Main Street (NY 5) Exit (first exit on your right).

* At Stop sign, turn left (onto Kensington Avenue)

* At light, turn left (onto Main Street). Follow Main Street and go left onto Jefferson Street. Turn left off Jefferson to Hughes and proceed to 80 Hughes Street, the Richard E. Winter Student Center.

From areas West, including Dunkirk, Erie, PA, Cleveland, OH, Pittsburgh, PA)

* I-90 East to Exit 51W (NY 33 West).

* NY 33 West to NY 198 West.

* NY 198 West to Main Street (NY 5) Exit (first exit on your right).

* At Stop sign, turn left (onto Kensington Avenue)

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From The South And Southern Tier

(From Springville, Olean, Bradford, PA):

- * US 219 North to I-90 East (Buffalo and Albany).
- * I-90 East to Exit 51W (NY 33 West).
- * NY 33 West and to NY 198 West.

* NY 198 West to Main Street (NY 5) Exit (first exit on your right).

* At Stop sign, turn left (onto Kensington Avenue)

* At light, turn left (onto Main Street). Follow Main Street and go left onto Jefferson Street. Turn left off Jefferson to Hughes and proceed to 80 Hughes Street, the Richard E. Winter Student Center.

By Plane:

Eight Major Carriers and eight Commuter Airlines fly into the Buffalo/Niagara International Airport.

Driving from Buffalo Niagara International Airport:

* Follow the signs for NY 33 West as you exit the airport. * NY 33 West approximately 5 miles and exit at NY 198 West.

* NY 198 West for a very short distance to the Main Street Exit (NY 5).

* At Stop sign, turn left (onto Kensington Avenue)

* At light, turn left (onto Main Street). Follow Main Street and go left onto Jefferson Street. Turn left off Jefferson to Hughes and proceed to 80 Hughes Street, the Richard E. Winter Student Center.

<u>By Train:</u>

AMTRAK

Buffalo (Exchange Street) Station

* Walk two blocks west on Exchange Street to Main Street. * Walk one block south on Main Street to Auditorium Metro Rail Station.

* Take Metro Rail to Humboldt-Hospital Metro Rail Station (fare required) on Main Street. Follow Main Street and go left onto Jefferson Street. Turn left off Jefferson to Hughes and proceed to 80 Hughes Street, the Richard E. Winter Student Center.

AMTRAK services Buffalo from the East (Boston/NYC) and from the West (Chicago). Call 1-800-872-7245 for fare and schedule information.

By Bus:

From Buffalo Metropolitan Transportation Center * Walk two blocks west on North Division Street to Church Street Metro Rail Station.

* Take Metro Rail to Humboldt-Hospital Metro Rail Station on Main Street. Follow Main Street and go left onto Jefferson Street. Turn left off Jefferson to Hughes and proceed to 80 Hughes Street, the Richard E. Winter Student Center.

Greyhound - See your local Yellow Pages Directory or call 1-800-231-2222 for fare and schedule information.

New York Trailways - See your local Yellow Pages Directory or call 1-800-295-5555 for fare and schedule information.

If you prefer using a GPS device or computerized directions, please use 80 Hughes Street, Buffalo, NY 14208

If you wish to view the Directions webpage for Canisius College, please use this address:

http://www.canisius.edu/admissions/impinfo_directions.asp

