

RELEAF CONFERENCE

JULY 18-20, 2013 SUNY IT UTICA-ROME, NEW YORK







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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 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.

"Rust to Green"

All tree enthusiasts are invited to the Twenty-First Annual NYS ReLeaf Conference to be held July 18-21, at the State University of New York Institute of Technology, Marcy, New York. You won't be disappointed! The conference, "Rust to Green", promotes the idea of taking vacant underutilized properties, and redeveloping them incorporating green infrastructure to turn them into assets for community use.

Kevin Caravati, Senior Research Scientist at the Georgia Tech Research Institute will be one of the keynote speakers and will discuss the projects that they have assisted on in various cities turning vacant properties to green spaces. The second keynote speaker is Matt Driscoll, President and CEO, NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation who will discuss the green infrastructure projects that have been funded using their state grant money. Workshops will include the "Save the Rain" program in Onondaga County, Proper Tree Planting, Insects and Diseases of Landscape Trees, Urban Soils, and Planning/Zoning topics. Tours on Friday afternoon will include visiting Green Infrastructure Projects in the Mohawk Valley or visiting the Hamilton College Arboretum. The conference workshops are planned to provide a variety of topics that will be of interest to anyone who is involved with urban environments and trees.

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.

****IMPORTANT**** For this year's Conference, the Herkimer-Oneida Counties Comprehensive Planning Program (HOCCPP) is partnering with the NYS Urban Forestry Council's Annual ReLeaf Conference to provide an opportunity for local planning and zoning board members to receive training on a variety of land use and green infrastructure topics to complete their yearly training requirement. Those who participate in the conference will be able to receive at least <u>4 hours of required training</u>! All applicable credit categories have been applied for and are pending approval. For more information on credits that have been approved, please check <u>www.nysurbanforestrycouncil.com</u> (the Conference Brochure) or call Betty Shimo at (607) 204-0244 for further details.

Campus Information

Please refer to the campus map that is included with this year's brochure.

Campus Parking/Offloading for Kunsela Hall/ Student Center and Oriskany Hall Dorm

Parking will be available <u>free of charge</u> on the SUNY IT campus at Kunsela Hall, the Student Center and the Oriskany Hall Dorm. Signage leading to all facilities will be posted both leading to and on the campus grounds (as it has been for conferences in past years).

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 SUNY IT Campus. *All dorm rooms are air-conditioned.*

Oriskany Hall Dorm: There are **single** and **double** rooms available in a suite configuration. 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).

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 Mohawk Valley, dormitory rooms will be available Wednesday and Saturday evenings. *Room accommodations will be on a first come, first served basis.*

<u>Check Out:</u> Return your keys on the day of your departure to Betty Shimo at the Registration table in Kunsela Hall, 1st 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 at the Oriskany Hall Dorm.) <u>A replacement fee of \$95 will be</u> charged for keys that are not returned.

Thursday, July 18

10:30 am-2:30 pm

New York State Urban Forestry Council Board Meeting and Board Luncheon, Kunsela Hall, SUNY IT Campus, the Kunsela Café, 1st Floor. (Board Members and Invited Guests) (*A light breakfast will also be served at 9:30 am in the Kunsela Café for Board Members.*)

3:00-8:00 pm

Registration and Dorm check-in, Kunsela Hall, SUNY IT Campus, 1st Floor Lobby.

3:30-4:30 pm

Documentary film on Frederick Law Olmsted, "Olmsted and America's Urban Parks", Kunsela Hall, SUNY IT Campus, the Kunsela Café, 1st Floor.

5:00-6:00 pm

Annual Council Member's Meeting, Student Center, SUNY IT Campus, $2^{\rm nd}$ Floor The Pub.

6:00-7:00 pm

Saranac Thursday Night at the FX Matt Brewery. Transportation will be provided.

7:00-9:00 pm

NYSUFC Member's Reception, *Heavy Hors d'oeuvres, Dessert & Beverages,* (Dinner on your own), Student Center, SUNY IT Campus, 2nd Floor The Pub..

10:00am-5:00 pm

Ongoing Sponsor/Vendor Exhibit set-up, Kunsela Hall, SUNY IT Campus, $1^{\rm st}$ Floor Lobby.

Friday, July 19

7:00-8:00 am

Breakfast, Campus Center-Dining Hall, SUNY IT Campus.

7:30 am-3:00 pm

Registration and Dorm check-in/meet with Exhibitors, Kunsela Hall, SUNY IT Campus, 1st Floor Lobby.

8:30-9:00 am

Welcomes by Invited Speakers

Lecture Hall, Room A112, Kunsela Hall, 1st Floor

Chris Mercurio, Region 6 Conference Planning Committee Bjong Wolf Yeigh, President, State University of New York, Institute of Technology, Marcy, New York

Anthony J. Brindisi, NYS Assemblyman, 116th District, Albany, New York Joseph R. Fusco, Jr., Mayor, Rome, New York

Robert Palmieri, Mayor, Utica, New York

Anthony J. Picente, Jr., Oneida County Executive, Utica, New York

Robert Davies, NYS Forester, Albany, New York

Judy Drabicki, NYS DEC Region 6 Director

Fred Munk, NYS DEC Natural Resources Supervisor

Mary Kramarchyk, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

Andrew Hillman, President, NYS Urban Forestry Council

9:00-10:00 am

Keynote: Greening Innovations - Vacant Properties to Green Spaces

Be inspired by a land-based approach to solving America's economic crisis which could enable communities to acquire vacant properties and transform neighborhoods into more vibrant spaces for parks, residential and commercial space use. Nationally-acclaimed for his approach to paved, vacant, and desolate urban landscapes, Dr. Caravati will explore the host of techniques and applications that can transform barren, pervious urban lots into community assets.

Kevin Caravati, Senior Research Scientist, Georgia Tech Research Institute

10:00-10:45 am

Co-Keynote: Green Innovation Grant Program – Sustainable Urban Hydrology

Green Infrastructure and Environmental Facilities Corporation funded projects will be showcased by community success stories across the state. The Green Innovation Grant Program (GIGP) supports projects that incorporate unique ideas for stormwater management, utilizing innovative green infrastructure design and cutting-edge green technologies. GIGP funded projects may be found from Buffalo to the east-end of Long Island and range from simple rain gardens to largescale wastewater treatment sites.

Matthew Driscoll, President and CEO, NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation, Albany, New York

10:45-11:00 am

Exhibitors Corner

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

Coffee Break, visit Vendor Exhibits, Kunsela Hall, SUNY IT Campus, 1st Floor Lobby.

(ALL <u>WORKSHOPS</u> WILL TAKE PLACE IN KUNSELA HALL) 11:30 am-12:30 pm

Plenary Session: Save the Rain – Syracuse and Onondaga County's Approach to Urban Watershed Management

The "Save the Rain" program is a comprehensive stormwater management plan intended to reduce pollution to Onondaga Lake and its tributaries. Internationally recognized for sheer vision and innovation in green design, Save the Rain has forever changed the way cities view urban watershed systems, smart growth, and the water treatment. This session will showcase green infrastructure applications, critical partnerships, financing strategies, and technical considerations of managing water in the urban core, suburbs, and riparian corridors. *Matt Millea, Deputy County Executive, Onondaga, New York, Former*

President, NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation Steven Harris, City-County Arborist, Syracuse, New York

12:30-1:30 pm

Lunch, Multi-Purpose Room, Student Center, 1st Floor, SUNY IT Campus.

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

Workshop 1

Tree Planting 101/Children's Tree Planting Workshop

Consumers planting balled and burlap and containerized trees will gain confidence after learning the current and accepted science of planting both types of trees. A classroom and outdoor demonstration will be given.

Nina Bassuk, Professor, Urban Horticulture Institute, Cornell University

Holly Wise, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Oneida County Workshop 2

Tree Protection/Damage Mitigation Panel

This panel will discuss the challenges of root zone protection during site development, construction, and routine maintenance of urban trees and high-traffic areas from three different perspectives. This is an interactive workshop, and an opportunity for the audience to share successes, failures, and ideas with fellow planners and professionals.

Jeffrey Bell, Utility Forester

Mike Mahanna, Consulting Arborist

Timothy Toland, Associate Professor, Department of Landscape Architecture, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry

Credits (ISA, SAF, CNLP, ASLA, APA/AICP, DEC Pesticide and Planning & Zoning Board Member) have been applied for and updates will be made <u>here</u> once they have been approved

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Workshop 3

Pesticide Workshop-Top Ten Landscape Trees and Associated Insects/Diseases

The top ten landscape trees and their pests will be presented. The technical discussion will discuss prevalent insects & diseases in the Mohawk Valley. Factors affecting infestation, integrated pest management, dendrological considerations, and horticultural techniques to mitigate exposure to problem insects & disease will also be discussed.

Terry Hawkridge, Director of Hamilton College Arboretum, Clinton, New York

2:45-5:00 pm (Rain or Shine) (choose one) Non-Tour Session

Olmstead Parks Documentary Film/Presentation by Utica Olmsted Conservancy

Documentary film on Frederick Law Olmsted, "Olmsted and America's Urban Parks", Kunsela Hall, SUNY IT Campus, the Kunsela Café, 1st Floor.

Tour 1

Green Infrastructure Reality Tour-Utica/Rome

This tour will showcase a number of green infrastructure applications in the Mohawk Valley, from rain gardens, site development for new construction, business district streetscapes, and reclaimed brownfields. The tour will feature in-progress construction of two GIGP projects and an interactive design charette for the Little Italy Colonnade. *Christian Mercurio, Rome Director of Community and Economic*

Development

David Short, Utica Commissioner of Public Works

Tour 2

Hamilton College Arboretum

This tour will highlight over 50 mature, specimen tree species while paying tribute to the historic architecture, greenspace design, LEED facilities, and how mature trees are woven into the Hamilton College campus fabric. The technical aspects of integrated pest management, tree protection, lighting protection systems, dendrology, and the pruning of mature trees will be discussed.

Terry Hawkridge, Director of Hamilton College Arboretum Mike Mahanna, Consulting Arborist

5:00-8:00 pm

Friday Night Picnic, held on the beautiful campus of Hamilton College in Clinton, New York at "The Pub". Local and picnic fare will be available. Transportation for those not already on campus for Tour 2, will be available to/from the SUNY IT campus.

Saturday, July 20

7:30-8:30 am

Breakfast, Campus Center-Dining Hall, SUNY IT Campus

8:00-9:00 an

Registration and Dorm check-in/meet with Exhibitors, Kunsela Hall, SUNY IT Campus, 1st Floor Lobby

9:00-10:00 am

Workshop 4

New York City Parks: Hurricane Sandy Damage, Response and Update

Hurricane Sandy swept to shore in October of 2012 damaging homes, businesses and our natural resources. NYC Parks' response benefited by experiencing extreme weather events by preparing themselves to identify and respond to citizen requests for help. Techniques and management practices which will help prepare other communities will be discussed.

Tim Wenskus, New York City Parks and Recreation Department

9:00-11:00 am (choose one)

Planning Workshop 1

Challenges of Green Building and Adaptive Reuse in the Valley

This session will discuss the cultural, financial, and technical considerations for adaptive re-use of vacant, underutilized structures in the urban core. The first successful LEED-Certified building in downtown Utica, the Hage & Hage building demonstrates how rust-belt cities can reinvent themselves through Smart Growth, environmental design, and positive energy.

Amy Porter Ossont, Hage & Hage

J. K. Hage, III, Hage & Hage

Planning Workshop 2

Creative Green Infrastructure Applications in New York City and the Hudson Valley

The Hudson Valley has paved the way for innovative landscape architecture by weaving trees, shrubs, and pervious surfaces into the diverse, historic urban fabric of cities and towns along the Hudson River Valley. Good science, tastefully applied, can enhance and revitalize underutilized urban spaces and streetscapes.

Karen H. Emmerich, Environmental Planner, Freshwater Environmental Consultants, LLC and Lehman & Getz Engineering

Nette Compton, New York City Parks and Recreation Department 10:15-11:00 am

Workshop 5

Urban Soils: Soil Basics and the Challenges of Urban Soils

Soil is a crucial building block when considering site selection and site preparation. Testing and amending are some of the activities undertaken when planting in urban settings. Learn more about healthy soils through the tried and true field experiences.

Barb Neal, Green Legacy Tree Consultants, Inc., Board Certified Master Arborist, Registered Consulting Arborist

11:00-11:15 am

Coffee Break, visit Vendor Exhibits, Kunsela Hall, SUNY IT Campus, 1st Floor Lobby.

11:15 am-1:15 pm (choose one)

Planning Workshop 3

Four Steps to Conservation Subdivisions

This session will help participants understand the conservation subdivision technique and how it can be put into local plans and ordinances. Application documents, design process and land design standards will be discussed along with the advantages and disadvantages of applying the technique. Learn how this can be integrated into existing zoning and subdivision laws. *Nan C. Stolzenburg, Community Planning and Environmental*

Associates Planning Workshop 4

Tree Protection by Planning Guidelines/Design & Implementation of Green Infrastructure in Planning Aided by Software

This workshop will provide science and experience- based suggestions on the criteria to use for selecting which trees to preserve on land to be developed for commercial or residential use. It will include an explanation as to why LCR (live crown ratio) is important, a planning process to use for selecting priority trees, and will offer specific ideas for inclusion in the tree preservation section of subdivision regulations. This workshop will include demonstrations on how to use various technologies to better understand the options for site development during site plan reviews or variance requests. Also highlighted will be ways to "see" aesthetic and environmental impacts before the site layout is approved. The target audience for this session: Public Works Staff and Local Planning and Zoning Board Members.

- Al Wegener, Arborist and Landscape Consultant
- J. Caroline Williams, Rural and Community Development Specialist, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Oneida County

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11:15 am-12:15 pm Workshop 6

Ogdensburg's UCF Grant Success

This session will demonstrate how a small city took an idea from concept to reality with the help of a strong urban forestry network and a tree inventory grant from the NYS DEC. Lori Brockelbank, FORECON

Andrea Smith, Ogdensburg Director of Planning

12:15-1:15 pm

Workshop 7

Volunteer Program Successes in Watertown, New York

This session will demonstrate the essential nature of public/private partnerships and how volunteers are the instrument that shapes the urban forest in Watertown. Following a devastating ice storm in the late 1990's, Watertown is a brilliant example of the value and resiliency of Watertown's urban canopy. *Mike Lumbis, Tree Watertown*

1:15 pm

Pick up Box Lunch (all attendees)

Kunsela Hall, SUNY IT Campus, 1st Floor Lobby.

1:30 pm

Conference Closes

Self-Guided Mohawk Valley Adventure Tours

Conference Attendees are welcome to take self guided tours (partially assisted by local Region 6 Planning Committee members and the Oneida County Tourism Bureau) of local attractions, parks, zoos, breweries (FX Matt in Utica and Ommegang in Cooperstown to name a few) and many wonderful eateries.

(See a Region 6 Planning Committee Member for details)

Registration Form

DIRECTIONS/TRAVEL INFORMATION

Please refer to the IMPORTANT DETAILS page of this brochure for Parking and Check-in information for SUNY IT.

By Car:

From the NYS Thruway (I-90)

Take Exit 31/Utica. After toll, bear right onto North Genesee Street and stay in right lane. Turn right at light and immediately turn right onto ramp for West I-790/Rtes. 5/8/12/Rte. 49. Travel 1.5 miles and take the SUNY Institute of Technology exit. Go straight at the light and continue for about a half-mile; bear right onto Technology Drive. Follow campus signs to Kunsela Hall.

From NYS Rte. 49

Take the SUNY Institute of Technology exit. Go straight at the light and continue for about a halfmile; bear right onto Technology Drive. Follow campus signs to Kunsela Hall.

From Rtes. 5/8/12

Take the I-790/Rt./I-90/Rte. 49 exit and stay in the left lane, following the sign for West 49 Rome. Take the SUNY Institute of Technology exit. Go straight at the light and continue for about a half-mile; bear right onto Technology Drive. Follow campus signs to Kunsela Hall.

Two other campus entrances

Horatio St. and Mulaney Rd. -- can be used from Rtes. 8/12 by taking the Horatio St. exit and following signs for SUNY Institute of Technology.

By Train:

AMTRAK services Utica from the west (Buffalo) and east (NYC and Hudson Valley).

Call 1-800-872-7245 for fare and schedule information for Utica, NY.

By Bus:

Greyhound -

See your local Yellow Pages Directory or call 1-800-231-2222 for fare and schedule information for travel to Utica, NY.

New York Trailways –

See your local Yellow Pages Directory or call 1-800-295-5555 for fare and schedule information for travel to Utica, NY.

Transportation from Union Station:

(for those taking the bus or train) If you know your travel plans (arrival date and time at Union Station in Utica, NY) by <u>July 1st, contact Betty Shimo at (607) 204-</u> 0244 with that information. The Planning Committee is arranging for a shuttle van to take attendees from the station to the SUNY IT Campus. Otherwise, please contact one of the following transportation alternatives upon your arrival at Union Station: City Cab--- (315) 724-5454 Ace Taxi--- (315) 735-5055 Utica Transportation--- (315) 765-0017

If you wish to view the Directions webpage for SUNY IT directly, please use this address: http://sunyit.edu/directions

If you prefer using a GPS device or computerized directions, please use:

5701 Horatio St Utica, NY 13502

Alternate Accommodations

(suggestions not recommendations) (Mileage is from the hotel to SUNY IT)

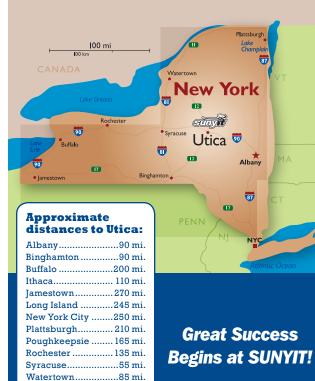
Hotel Utica:
(315) 724-7829

www.hotelutica.com
4.6 mi.

Holiday Inn Express: (877) 859-5095 www.Holiday-Inn.ReservationCounter.com 4.3 mi.

Radisson Hotel: (315) 797-8010 www.Radisson.com/Utica <u>5.5 mi.</u>

Wingate by Wyndham: (315) 334-4244 www.Wingate.ReservationCounter.com **13.2 mi.**



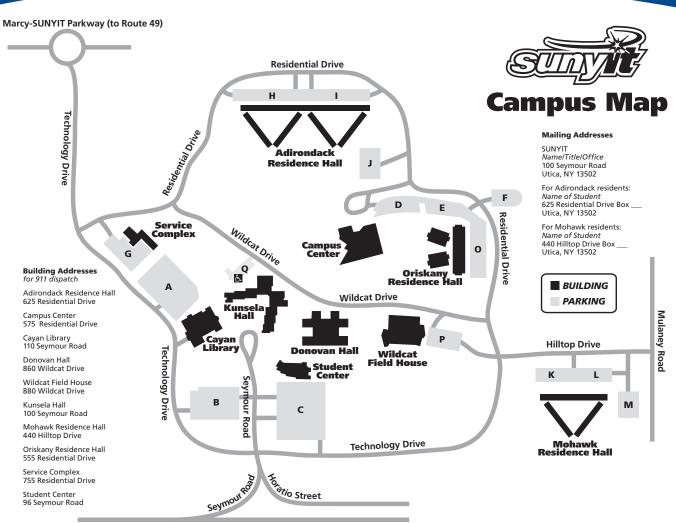
Directions to Campus:

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From NYS Rte. 49: Take the SUNYIT exit. Go straight at the light and continue for about a half-mile; bear right onto Technology Drive.

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Campus Map

Routes 8/12

Need overnight accommodations? Contact the Admissions Office to make arrangements at 1-866-2 SUNYIT The Admissions Office is located in Kunsela Hall Room A108.