

22ND ANNUAL

RELEAF CONFERENCE

JULY 17-19, 2014

HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY
HEMPSTEAD, NEW YORK



“STANDING UP FOR
LONG ISLAND’S TREES”



CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Thursday, July 17

10:30 am-2:30 pm

New York State Urban Forestry Council Board Meeting and Board Luncheon, Student Center, Hofstra University Campus, Multipurpose Room, 1st Floor. (Board Members and Invited Guests) *(A light breakfast will also be served at 9:30 am in the Multipurpose Room for Board Members.)*

3:00-8:00 pm

Registration and Dorm check-in, Student Center outside the Theatre, Hofstra University Campus, 1st Floor.

4:00-5:30 pm

Outdoor demonstration of noise reduced wood chippers and portable saw mill by Cliff Rose of Bartlett Tree Experts and David Scott of Wood Miser, Hofstra University Campus.

6:00-7:00 pm

Annual Council Member's Meeting, Student Center, Hofstra University, Multipurpose Room, 1st Floor.

7:00-9:00 pm

NYSUFC Member's Reception and 25-Year Long Island Tree City Recognition Awards by Bruce Williamson, NYS DEC Bureau of Private Lands Section Chief. *Heavy Hors d'oeuvres, Dessert & Beverages, (Dinner on your own)*, Student Center, Hofstra University Campus, Multipurpose Room, 1st Floor.

10:00am-5:00 pm

Ongoing Sponsor/Vendor Exhibit set-up, Student Center, Hofstra University Campus, Multipurpose Room, 1st Floor.

Friday, July 18

(ALL WORKSHOPS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE STUDENT CENTER, HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY CAMPUS, 1ST FLOOR)

7:00-8:00 am

Breakfast, Student Center, Hofstra University Campus, Plaza Room, 1st Floor.

7:30 am-3:30 pm

Registration and Dorm check-in/visit with Vendor Exhibitors, Student Center, Hofstra University Campus, 1st Floor, outside Theatre and Multipurpose Room.

8:30-9:00 am

Welcomes by Invited Speakers Student Center Theatre, 1st Floor

Stuart Rabinowitz, President, Hofstra University, Hempstead, New York
Fred Soviero, Arboretum Director, Hofstra Arboretum, Hofstra University, Hempstead, New York

Mary Kramarchyk, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

Andrew Hillman, President, NYS Urban Forestry Council

Vincent Drzewucki, Region 1 Conference Planning Committee Chair

Phil Healey, Region 1 Conference Planning Committee

Robert K. Sweeney, NYS Assemblyman, 11th District, Lindenhurst, New York

Edward P. Mangano, Nassau County Executive, Mineola, New York

Kate Murray, Town Superintendent, Hempstead, New York

Peter A. Scully, NYS DEC Region 1 Director

9:00-9:45 am

Keynote Address

Healthy Trees, Healthy Cities

The Healthy Trees, Healthy Cities is an initiative of The Nature Conservancy with programs currently running in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, and Tennessee. Healthy Trees, Healthy

Cities is improving the health of America's trees by engaging people in hands-on tree care and inspiring a new generation of environmental stewards. The steps undertaken by project cities to maintain a healthy urban forest will be demonstrated. These steps include assessing urban forest health to inform tree planting and management; training volunteers in tree stewardship and tree health monitoring; engaging youth and the public; raising awareness about the importance of trees and what people can do to keep trees healthy through education and outreach; and working with local partners to ensure the successful implementation of the program. Case studies from across the country will demonstrate the work taking place in projects underway.

Bill Toomey, The Nature Conservancy, New Haven, Connecticut

9:45-10:30 am

Plenary Session: Trees for the Urban Landscape

This presentation will showcase Nina's knowledge and recommendations for the best trees to use in urban settings. Municipalities will learn the best management practices to improve the best uses of plants within the urban ecosystem. The broader audience made up of volunteers and professionals will hear of the latest resources available to integrate technology and science into local landscapes. Demonstration sites using soil technology will show past and present success stories.

Nina Bassuk, Ph D., Executive Director, Urban Horticulture Institute, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York

10:30-10:45 am

Exhibitors Corner

Exhibitors will introduce themselves and their products/services.

10:45-11:00 am

Coffee Break, visit Vendor Exhibits, Student Center, Hofstra University Campus, Multipurpose Room, 1st Floor.

11:00 am-12:45 pm (choose one)

Walking Tour Group 1—Hofstra University Campus

Hofstra Arboretum Walking Tour-The same tour is offered twice for your convenience - Meet at Pedestrian Bridge

Visit the nationally recognized arboretum at Hofstra University with Executive director Fred Soviero. Trees, shrubs and flowers will be in full bloom! **Tour will take place rain or shine. Space for this tour is limited to 30 people.**

Fred Soviero, Arboretum Director, Hofstra University, Hempstead, New York

Workshop 1

NYS Invasive Plant List/Alternatives to Invasives

The New York Invasive Species Council has completed a final report in which it recommends a regulatory system preventing the importation and/or release of non-native native species. The recommended system would create the first-ever official lists of invasive species for New York State. Concern over invasive species and the deleterious impacts these plants have on natural environments prompts us to investigate alternative landscape selections. In this lecture Dr. Lehrer will explore East Coast native species and cultivars that offer ornamental traits and landscape value commensurate with important invasive (and potentially invasive) ornamentals such as Norway maple, callery pear, Japanese barberry and winged euonymus, among others.

Leslie Surprenant, Leader, Invasive Species Coordination Unit, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

Jonathan Lehrer, Assistant Professor, Urban Horticulture & Design, SUNY Farmingdale

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Workshop 2

Irene and Sandy Community Information: Working Together in Response to Sandy

The Town of Babylon responded after Super Storm Sandy in coordination with DOT and NYS Parks. Rehabilitation and renovations for recreation and housing will be the focus of this talk

Brian Zitani, Waterways Management Supervisor, Town of Babylon

1:00-1:45 pm

Buffet Lunch, Student Center, Hofstra University Campus, Plaza Room, 1st Floor.

2:00-3:00 pm (choose one)

Workshop 3

ALB Presentation

ALB has been on Long Island since 1997. The most recent find has expanded the new quarantine. Come learn the new guidelines and how to protect the Urban Forest.

Marlene Bombara, Outreach Coordinator, USDA Asian Longhorned Beetle Program, Amityville, New York

Workshop 4

Landscaping With Native Species

Observations on a decade of reforestation using native trees in the greater NY City Urban Forest. Bartlett had involvement in City projects to remove acres of invasive plants, plant natives in their place and maintain them. What worked, what didn't and personal favorites. The story of the "Return of the Clones – Historic great trees return to NY City" a project six years in the making that is responsible for the reintroduction of significant trees back to their original homes.

David McMaster, Bartlett Tree Experts.

Workshop 5

Breaking the Fear of Trees and Technology: A Little Knowledge Can Be a Dangerous Thing

Storms may lead to tree failure causing the loss of benefits that tree canopy in your town provides. Learn how to advocate for trees and do your part through the use of iTree. Learn the tools available for public and private use.

Vincent Drzewucki, Horticulture Educator, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Nassau County

Sally Kellogg, Urban Forestry Program Assistant, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

3:15-6:00 pm (Rain or Shine) (choose one)

Walking Tour Group 2—Hofstra University Campus

Hofstra Arboretum Walking Tour (Group to meet at pedestrian bridge)

Visit the nationally recognized arboretum at Hofstra University with Arboretum Director Fred Soviero. Trees, shrubs and flowers will be in full bloom! **Tour will take place rain or shine. Reservations for this tour are limited to 30 people.**

Fred Soviero, Arboretum Director, Hofstra University, Hempstead, New York

Tour 1

Tanner's Pond Environmental Center—Garden City Bird Sanctuary/Hempstead Plains Preserve

A 9-acre preserve, partially enhanced by a DEC grant, provides a natural setting for wildlife and humans alike. This natural sanctuary provides a dual purpose of storm water control and a critically needed open space. An open expanse to native grasslands, Hempstead Plains is cited as one of the few natural prairies east of the Allegheny mountains. Learn how this prairie is preserving the natural heritage of the landscape.

Rob Alvey, Geologist, Tanner's Pond Environmental Center
Betsy Gulotta, Conservation Project Manager, Nassau Community College

6:00-9:00 pm

Friday Night Picnic

The Picnic will be held on the Hofstra University Campus at the Hofstra USA Pavilion. Cost of the Picnic is included in Attendees' Registration. Guests Welcome. Please see Registration Form for Guest Fee.

7:00-10:00 pm

Group Activities

A bus will be available to shuttle attendees to/from either Eisenhower Park entertainment. Ticket information here - fee applies: <http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/Agencies/parks/> or the Jones Beach Band Shell for free concert on the Boardwalk http://www.jonesbeach.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=385&Itemid=100057

Saturday, July 19

7:00-8:15 am

Breakfast, Student Center, Hofstra University Campus, Plaza Room, 1st Floor.

8:00 am-12:00 pm

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8:30-10:30 am (choose one)

Workshop 6

Decline of the Urban Forest and Pesticide Resistance

How to make your urban forest more resilient. Learn how two New York professionals are blending improved technologies and hands on experiences into successful urban arboriculture programs

Bill Snyder, Greenleaf Supplies

Jim Kisker, Schichtel's Nursery

Workshop 7

Lightning Round: NYS Urban Forestry Council, Tree City USA, Urban & Community Forestry Grants, Importance of Inventory, Region-1 ReLeaf

In the Lightning Round, each presenter only has 7 minutes to speak on their specific topic. Questions must be saved for the end of all rounds.

Council Advocacy: David Moore, NYS UFC, Executive Committee

Tree Campus: Andrea Petterson, Landscape Manager, Stony Brook University

Grants: Mary Kramarchyk, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

Pruning: Andy Pleninger, Urban Forestry, LLC

School Spruce Up: Region-1 ReLeaf Member

10:30-11:00 am

Break, visit Vendor Exhibits, Student Center, Hofstra University Campus, Multipurpose Room, 1st Floor.

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

Workshop 8

Roots on Steroids

The Missouri Gravel Bed (MGB) is a method of handling bare root nursery stock that can extend the planting season and greatly simplify and lower the cost of handling of bare root tree stock for arborists, municipalities, urban and community foresters, growers, retailers and landscapers.

Dave Ryan, Rare Earth Nursery

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Workshop 9

Protecting Wildlife in the Urban Forest: Effects of Pruning on Habitat Viability

Professionals are taking another look at pruning and tree maintenance schedules to prevent actions leading to the vulnerability of specific wildlife species such as the long-eared bat

Carl Herzog, Biologist, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

12:00-1:00 pm

Box Lunch, Hofstra University Campus, Plaza Room, 1st Floor.

Conference Closes

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