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Conference Program

Thursday, July 14

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. New York State Urban Forestry Council Board Meeting, Murray-Aikens Dining Hall, 2nd Floor

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Sponsor/Vendor Exhibit Set-Up. Bolton/Palamountain Hall

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Registration, Bolton/Palamountain Hall

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Housing Check-in, Case Center Information Desk

****Note: Housing check-in at Case Center CLOSSES at 7:00 p.m.**

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Annual Council Members Meeting, Emerson Auditorium

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Annual Council Members Reception, Gannett Lobby

Hors d'oeuvres will be served.

For those unable to attend the Reception, Dining Hall will be open until 7:00 p.m. Please see Travel Information Page for dining suggestions in downtown Saratoga Springs.

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Lantern Led Tour of North Woods at Skidmore College *Meet in Gannett Lobby*
Come explore Skidmore College in a new light. The North Woods offer unique and valuable resources for the college and community, with an interesting complex of ecosystems. Discover what comes alive when the sun goes down.

Wear bug spray if needed, and be sure to check for ticks at the conclusion of the workshop.

Dress for the weather.

Moderator: Sally Kellogg, Urban Forestry Partnerships Coordinator, NYSDEC

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****DINNER ON YOUR OWN**

Friday, July 15

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast, Murray-Aikins Dining Hall

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7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration/Meet with Exhibitors, Bolton/Palamountain Hall

8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Housing Check-in, Case Center Information Desk

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8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Welcomes by Invited Speakers

Keith Goertz, Regional Director, Region 4, NYSDEC

Robert Stegemann, Regional Director, Region 5, NYSDEC

Philip A. Glotzbach, President, Skidmore College

Joanne Yepsen, Mayor, Saratoga Springs

David Moore, President, Urban Forestry Council

Moderator: Mary Kramarchyk, Urban Forestry Program Manager, NYSDEC

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Keynote: Water: History to Present Day Concerns, Davis Auditorium

An overview of the history of water from the beginning of time into the future and the issues confronted. Dr. Cornelius Murphy will enrich our understanding of water's importance and today's renewed concerns presented to the urban forestry world. A paradox of issues will be addressed such as the need for water; green infrastructure and how to protect our waterways and forests.

Neil Murphy, PhD, Former President, SUNY ESF

Moderator: John Bartow, Executive Director, Empire State Forest Products Association

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9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Introductions: Sponsors and Exhibitors will introduce themselves and their products/services.

Moderator: John Bartow

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (choose between ONE of the 3 WORKSHOPS)

Workshop 1 – Pesticide Injection Techniques, Meet in Gannet Lobby

Two outdoor concurrent sessions including two model insecticide applications. This workshop will be outside, **dress for the weather.**

Trent Dicks, Mid Atlantic Technical Manager, Arbor Jet

Stew Leonard, Certified Arborist, Tree Care by Stan Hunt

Moderator: Dan Gaidasz, Forester, NYSDEC

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DEC Categories 10, 3a, 9 = 1.0 CEUs

Workshop 2 – Reforesting New York, Davis Auditorium

These case studies demonstrate how tree giveaways build relationships between corporate, municipal entities and volunteers while returning environmental benefits to those areas in need of rebuilding their tree canopy. Showcasing three events these projects will serve as case studies and will provide the groundwork for other recovering New York communities.

Larry Ferrandiz, Senior Forester, Projects and Construction, PSEG of Long Island

Brian Liberti, City Forester, City of Rochester

Addie Cappello, CCE Nassau County

Kathleen Alvey, CC Nassau County

Moderator: Laurel Gailor, Capital/Mohawk PRISM Coordinator, Cornell Cooperative Extension

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Workshop 3 – Trees, Computers and the Mix, Emerson Auditorium

Inventory software plays an important role in managing urban forests and can enhance community planning. Innovative software technology makes managing community forests easier.

Chris Peiffer, Business Developer and Urban Forester, Plan-It Geo

Tig Tillinghast, CEO, Urban Forest Metrix

John Peckham, Client Services Manager, Urban Forest Metrix

Moderator: Mary Kramarchyk

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11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Coffee Break, Visit Vendor Exhibits, Gannett Lobby

11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. (choose between ONE of the 3 WORKSHOPS)

Workshop 4 – Forest Health: What Ails Your Community Forest?, Emerson Auditorium

The long term health and productivity of New York's forests are threatened by invasive insect species. Emerald Ash Borer, Asian Long Horned Beetle and Southern Pine Beetle are just three of the many species that have impacted communities across the state. This workshop will provide a forest health overview, information on community efforts to prepare and manage infestations and the availability of grants to identify, monitor and raise public awareness about invasive insects.

Jerry Carlson, Research Scientist, NYSDEC

Rob Cole, Forest Health Operations Supervisor, NYSDEC

Moderator: Scott Moxham, Forester, NYSDEC

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DEC Categories 10, 3a, 25, 6a, 9 = 1.25 CEUs

Workshop 5 – Utilizing Urban Wood Waste, Davis Auditorium

Learn about the challenges of optimizing urban wood waste for higher end use and how a local designer is turning hazard street trees into furniture, slabs and works of art on commission. This workshop will be inside and outside, **dress for the weather.**

Tom Derby, City Woods

Jim Maloney, Superintendent of Forestry Central Division, National Grid

Moderator: Sally Kellogg

CNLP = 1.25 CEUs, CFE Category 2 = 1.0 credits

Workshop 6 – A Grove of Grants, Room 201

Harvest your knowledge to obtain funding for community tree projects. Unique opportunities exist to fit any community's needs.

Karen Emmerich, Region 3 ReLeaf Chair, Region 3 ReLeaf

Andy Hillman, Past President, Urban Forestry Council, Davey Resource Group

Kippy Boyle, City of Newburgh, Shade Tree Committee

Moderator: Mary Kramarchyk

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1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Catered Lunch, Murray-Aikins Dining Hall, 2nd Floor

Visit with Vendors – Gannet Lobby

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (choose between TOUR or WORKSHOP)

Tour – Saratoga DEC Nursery Tour and Saratoga Tour

Meet in Parking Lot Rear of Murray-Aikins Dining Hall, buses will leave promptly

Trees from the nursery are grown to be tough, hardened by the demanding climate conditions of our region. Local seed is best for growing healthy and hardy trees, adapted to our state's conditions. More than 200 acres of seed orchards throughout the state are maintained by nursery staff as seed production areas. The group will be divided into stations for more meaningful explanations of happenings within the nursery from staff members. After touring the nursery, discover some hidden treasures and tree plantings within the city of Saratoga Springs. This workshop has a limit of 100 people.

Dave Lee, Nursery Manager, NYSDEC

Rick Fenton, Urban Forestry Project Member, Sustainable Saratoga

Moderator: Laurel Gailor

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Workshop 7 – Tools of the Trade, Meet in Gannet Lobby

Come learn about some of the most advanced tools we have today, from sonic tomography to root radar and the resistograph. These tools result in the best management of your urban forests. Best management includes accurate diagnoses, which is the key to treatment of tree diseases and insects. New York State law requires the presence of the pest and host to be identified for use of pesticides. This workshop will be outside, **dress for the weather.**

Chris Luley, Cofounder, Urban Forestry LLC

John Wickes, Owner, Certified Arborist, Wickes Arborist

Gary Raffel, Certified Arborist NY-5245A, Dynamic Tree Service

Susan Beebe, Assistant Director/Agriculture Issue Leader, Cornell Cooperative Extension

Moderators: Jennifer Kotary, Intern, Urban Forestry Program, NYSDEC

Mary Kramarchyk

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DEC Categories 10, 3a, 25 = 1.0 CEUs

5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Friday Night Picnic, Skidmore Campus – Case Center Patio

Portable Sawmill Demonstration, Hudson Forest Products

Saturday, July 16

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast, Murray-Aikins Dining Hall

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Check out by 11 a.m.

7:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Registration/meet with Exhibitors, Bolton/Palamountain Hall

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. (choose between WORKSHOP 1 and 2 or WORKSHOP 3)

Workshop 8 – A Globally Rare Ecosystem in the Capital Region, Room 201

An overview of the Albany Pine Bush Preserve Commission and Preserve including its work to restore the native pitch pine-scrub oak barrens habitat through whole-tree harvest.

Chris Hawver, Executive Director, Albany Pine Bush Preserve

Moderator: Aric Dicruttalo, Capital Region Forestry Supervisor, National Grid

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Workshop 9 – Roadside Plants: What Plant is That?, Room 201

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 VanDuyne, Citizen Participation Specialist, NYSDEC

Moderator: Sally Kellogg

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DEC Categories 10, 25, 3a = 1 CEUs

Workshop 10 – Fruits of the Urban Forest, Emerson Auditorium

Rethinking urban green spaces allows the urban forest to nurture the public and the environment. These projects demonstrate how diverse activities bring new opportunities to the public.

Mary Cosgrove, Science Problem-Based Learning Coordinator, College of St. Rose

Tom Pfeiffer, City Forester, City of Albany

Gina Jack, Environmental Educator, NYSDEC 5 Rivers Environmental Education Center

Sharon DiLorenzo, Program Manager, Capital Roots

Sam Bishop, Director of Education, Trees NY

Moderator: Mary Cosgrove, Science Problem-Based Learning Coordinator, College of St. Rose

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10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Coffee Break, visit Vendor Exhibits, Gannet Lobby

10:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (choose between TOUR or WORKSHOP)

Tour – Skidmore Campus North Woods Stewardship Project, *Meet in Gannet Lobby*

Help restore a wooded area back to its natural ecosystem. Please bring gloves if you have them, if not gloves will be provided. **Dress for the weather**. Wear bug spray if needed, and be sure to check for ticks at the conclusion of the workshop.

Levi Rogers, Sustainability Coordinator, Skidmore College

Moderator: Sally Kellogg

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Workshop 11 – Trees, Trees and More Trees., *Emerson Auditorium*

Learn about some of the local projects happening in the Capital District working to better our urban environment as well as maximize green spaces and ecosystem benefits. These case studies illustrate the use of structural soil and green infrastructure technology with the outcome of trees being added to city streets.

Mike Lopez, Volunteer, City of Troy

Neil O'Connor, P.E., LEED AP, City of Albany

Ian Law, Director of Urban Planning and Design, PLACE Alliance

Al Key, Vice President, Deep Root

Moderator: Laurel Gailor

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12:00 p.m. – Box Lunch

CONFERENCE CLOSES

***Don't forget to fill out your surveys...
and turn them in!***

Conference Speaker Biographies

Keynote Speaker:

Dr. Cornelius Murphy is a Senior Fellow for Environmental and Sustainable Systems, State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry, and past President of the College (2000-2013). Prior to being President of SUNY-ESF, Neil held various positions at O'Brien & Gere starting out as a Laboratory Technician in June 1970 and working his way up to both President in 1993 as well as Chairman of the Board in 1998. He received his B.A. in Chemistry from St. Michael's College, Magna cum laude and his Ph.D. in Chemistry from Syracuse University.

His technical expertise lies in the areas of environmental science and engineering, hazardous waste management, renewable energy systems, limnology, urban runoff planning, and industrial wastewater treatment. Neil belongs to various professional affiliations including the American Chemical Society, Environmental Chemistry Division; American Association for the Advancement of Science; Water Environment Federation, Pollution from Non-Point Sources Committee (former chairman), and Acid Precipitation Committee; New York Public Consultation Panel of the International Joint commission on the Great Lakes' "Pollution from Land Use Activities" Reference Group, the American Management Association and the New York Academy of Sciences. He is also an advisor to or board member of several esteemed foundations and councils.

Workshop Speakers:

Samuel A. Bishop II is Education Director for Trees New York. He is an ISA Board Certified Master Arborist® and an ISA Certified Arborist Municipal Specialist®. He is also a pruning instructor for the New York Botanical Garden, has taught Urban Forestry at The New School, and served on the board of directors of ACTrees.

Kippy Boyle is a Region 3 ReLeaf volunteer, as well as a founding member of the City of Newburgh's Shade Tree Commission. She was an Urban & Community Forestry Council Board Member for 4 years, back in the early days of its formation. She helped create the City of Newburgh Conservation Advisory Council, which was formally legislated in 2014 and sits on its Urban Forestry Committee. Over the years, Kippy has co-written many grant applications. One of the most important awards has been the 2015 UCF No-Match Tree Inventory Grant.

Dr. Jerry Carlson is a forester and biologist and the DEC's chief expert on forest protection. The major forest health concerns at present relate to the loss of biological diversity, invasive species impacts, climate change, and forest sustainability. He has a MS in Forestry from the University of British Columbia, and more than 30 years experience working on the health of North American forests.

Robert Cole is a forester and Certified Arborist. He has worked in Forest Health for 10 years and is responsible for running the Southern Pine Beetle, Emerald Ash Borer, and Oak Wilt Programs for NYSDEC.

Trent Dicks is the Atlantic Regional Technical Manager with ArborJet, with outreach focused from Maine to North Carolina. Trent has over 20 years of experience in Landscape and Nursery sales and operations. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agri-Business Horticulture from Illinois State University and an Associate's Degree in Applied Science and Horticulture. For 14 years, he lived in the Midwest, managing a small garden center, and operating a small nursery and landscape company. Trent was the landscape designer/operation manager at Moon Landscaping for 6 years, where he

managed large commercial projects, large estates and maintenance with plant health care. Trent is a graduate of Dale Carnegie training.

Sharon DiLorenzo has worked as Program Manager for Capital Roots (formerly Capital District Community Gardens) since 1992, overseeing development and management of the organization's 51 community gardens, educational programming and outreach, and the Squash Hunger Program, a food rescue initiative. She has also organized the planting of thousands of urban trees in Capital Region cities through Capital Roots' urban greening program. Ms. DiLorenzo is a graduate of the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry and a member of the Board of Directors of the NYS Urban Forestry Council.

Karen Emmerich, AICP is an environmental planning consultant from the Hudson Valley. She is currently a member of the Executive Committee of the NYS Urban Forestry Council, a Co-Chair of Region 3 ReLeaf, and a member of the Town of Warwick Tree Commission. She and her husband, Kurt, also own and operate a Christmas tree farm in Warwick, NY.

Rick Fenton lives in Saratoga Springs, and is a retired DEC supervising forester from the Northville office, where he managed the Forest Preserve, State Forest and private land forestry programs in the area. He is a member of Sustainable Saratoga's Urban Forestry Project, which was instrumental in the city council's decision to develop an urban forest master plan, which they adopted in 2013, and to hire a city arborist. Since 2014, the UFP has organized 4 successful "Tree Toga" community street tree planting events, recruiting and organizing hundreds of volunteers and planting over a hundred new street trees. UFP supported the City's commitment to significantly increase urban forestry funding, and assists the city arborist and the Department of Public Works in annually planting an extensive list of native and near-native tree species throughout the city.

Stephen Harris is City-County Arborist for Syracuse Department of Parks, Recreation and Youth Programs. Stephen oversees policies, planting and management of Syracuse's 42,000 street and park trees. Stephen previously worked in the nursery industry and as an urban forest educator for Cornell Cooperative Extension of Onondaga County and got his start in forestry as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Gambia West Africa. Stephen has associates and masters degrees in forestry and is a certified arborist.

Chris Hawver has served as the Executive Director of the Albany Pine Bush Preserve Commission since 2000. He started with the Commission as a seasonal ecologist in 1993. As Executive Director, Chris is responsible for all fiscal, legal and administrative aspects of the Commission and its staff. He implements the decisions of the board and conducts the day-to-day business of the Commission. Chris ensures organizational compliance with all applicable laws and regulations, including the Public Authorities Law. He works closely with Commission members and its counsel, as well as state, county and local government agencies, elected officials, conservation groups and landowners to raise and promote support for the management and protection of the Albany Pine Bush. Chris holds a Bachelor's in Environmental Science and Master's in Natural Resources from the State University of New York at Plattsburgh.

Andrew Hillman is the Northeast Regional Business Developer for Davey Resource Group. Mr. Hillman has over 30 years of experience in urban forestry. Prior to joining Davey, Mr. Hillman was City Forester for the City of Ithaca, New York. Before that he managed the urban forestry program for Oswego, New York. Mr. Hillman served for many years on the ANSI A300 Committee representing municipal arboriculture in the development of national tree care standards. He is an International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist and Municipal Specialist, New Hampshire Certified Arborist, and a New Jersey Certified Tree Expert. Mr. Hillman is an Honorary Life Member, Award of Merit recipient, and Past President of the Society of Municipal Arborists. He is an instructor at the Municipal Forestry

Institute and is the immediate Past President of the New York State Urban Forestry Council. Mr. Hillman serves on the Town of Ulysses Sustainability and Conservation Advisory Council.

Gina Jack is an environmental educator at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, in Delmar, New York. She is the past editor/author of NYSDEC's *Conservationist for Kids* magazine. Gina has worked in a number of residential and day environmental education centers with demonstration maple sugaring programs and is a big fan of this particular "fruit of the forest."

Al Key has been involved in the green industry for 20+ years as an owner of DeepRoot Green Infrastructure, LLC. Together with his partners, he has received several patents for their inventions that address Trees and Storm water management in the urban setting. He is also an Associate Member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and is an American Chestnut Foundation Bronze Sponsor. He has published articles in a wide variety of periodicals like *The Journal of Arboriculture* and *Civil Engineering News*. Mr. Key has a Master's in Business Administration in Marketing and Finance from Santa Clara University. He is also a board member of Trees New York.

Stew Leonard has over 25 years in the field of utility arboriculture, and was involved in the early design and testing of injection systems, and growth regulation materials. Presently, he is a certified arborist with Tree Care by Stan Hunt in Queensbury, New York. Stew injects trees in response to plant health care issues raised by our residential customers.

Brian Liberti is currently the Manager of Parks and Forestry for the City of Rochester, New York. Prior to that he was the City Arborist for the City of Syracuse, New York for 8 years. He has a BS in Forestry from SUNY Environmental Science and Forestry at Syracuse. Brian is an ISA Certified Arborist, serves as Vice President for the NYS Arborist Association, a member of the Society of Municipal Arborists, serves on the Executive Committee for the NYS Urban and Community Forestry Council and the Region 8 Releaf committee. His previous work experience includes urban and utility arboriculture in Maryland, Virginia, California and the City of New York.

Michael Lopez, Troy, NY, has been a lifelong gardener, but his interest in the community forest was somewhat circumspect. It began by choosing to donate to a worthy charity – the Arbor Day Foundation. While his choice of charity was not altogether random, the benefits of it were delightful. With each passing year of membership, he became more and more educated about the precepts of community forestry. His commitment to organize an annual Troy Arbor Day began in 2014, and, since, Troy Middle Schoolers have been the prime audience and participants. The ReLeaf conference and, more specifically, the enthusiasm and moral support of Mary Kramarchyk, introduced him to other people who care.

Christopher J. Luley, PhD, is a native New Yorker who studied botany and forest pathology at SUNY ESF in Syracuse, New York and at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa. Chris has over 25 years of hands-on field diagnostic experience, having served as Forest Health Pathologist in Missouri and as a technical advisor for a major international tree care company. He has authored numerous research articles and co-authored books on wood fungi, pest management and pruning.

Jim Maloney is a Paul Smiths College graduate with over 3 decade's experience. He has worked in every aspect of Arboriculture from Residential & Commercial and Utility, having started as a groundie and moved straight up the tree into management. An ISA Certified Arborist/ Utility Specialist; he is presently employed as an Arborist overseeing National Grid's vegetation management programs in Central & Northern New York.

Neil O'Connor, P.E., LEED AP, has served as the engineer for the City of Albany Department of Water & Water Supply for the past 1 1/2 years. Previous to this he worked as a consultant working on site

development project throughout the northeast. He earned a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Syracuse University in 2005 and is a licensed Professional Engineer in New York. He is currently working on the design and construction of capital projects in the City of Albany related to combined sewer overflow and the Albany Pool Long Term Control Plan. In addition to this work, he contributes to everyday operations of the city's water, sewer and storm water infrastructure systems.

John Peckham is Forest Metrix's primary account manager for customization and end-user experience. He has countless customizations under his belt for systems designed for individual forestry and urban forestry firms. John recently completed the coursework for Master's in Environmental Studies from Antioch University New England, and is currently completing his thesis. John lives and works close to Burlington, in Williston, Vermont, where he enjoys hiking, birding, snowboarding and other outdoor activities.

Chris Peiffer is a graduate from Penn State's College of Agricultural Science's Urban Forestry Bachelor Degree program and is a certified arborist with a broad background in urban forest management and practice. At Plan-It Geo, Chris has assisted in the collection of tree inventory data, inventory data synthesis and analysis, and urban forest management plan writing. This experience includes regional canopy action plans and strategies, strategic planting plans, analysis and reporting of statewide tree inventories, and Urban Tree Canopy (UTC) reports. In addition, Chris manages UTC projects and tree inventory software development and manages many of the custom and subscription software projects. He has been one of the lead contributors to the development of the innovative Tree Plotter and Work Order Management software applications at Plan-It Geo. Chris is a graduate of the 2011 Municipal Forestry Institute, 2013 Urban Forestry Institute, and 2014 Urban Forest Strike Team Training. He has served on NAASF's U&CF's UTC and Green Infrastructure Subcommittee, Lancaster City's Green Infrastructure Advisory Committee, and the PA Urban and Community Forestry Council.

Tom Pfeiffer is the forester for the City of Albany. He has worked with the city since 1988, working to improve tree diversity within the city as well as dealing with a variety of issues related with urban trees. These issues include: storm damage, utility conflicts, sidewalk replacement, insect and diseases, cultural differences, residential/neighbor conflicts, planning, parks and more. He is an Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America and a graduate of Paul Smith's College Forestry program. He is a member of ISA, SMA and NYSA.

Gary Raffel is the Vice President of Genesee Tree Service Inc. and the consulting arm of the company Dynamic Tree Systems. He is also an international consultant specializing in Tree Radar. He has international clients in Japan, Sri Lanka, United Arab Emirates, Singapore, South Korea and England. Gary is also a board member of NYS Urban Forestry Council, as well as a certified arborist and licensed pesticide applicator with 23 years of experience in arboriculture.

Tig Tillinghast is CEO of Forest Metrix, which makes the Urban Forest Metrix program that scored highest in user satisfaction among inventory and tree management software packages. Tig co-founded the company in 2012 and previously worked on several other database startup firms. He comes from a forestry-oriented family that has been working with trees in one way or another since before the Civil War. He lives in Thetford, Vermont with his wife and two toddlers and a Brittany spaniel.

Gloria VanDuyne started her career at DEC in the Division of Lands and Forests' Urban and Community Forestry Program in 2005. She is now the Division's Web and Communications Coordinator, promoting all Division programs through print and electronic media. Gloria holds a M.S. degree in Natural Resource Management and Non-Profit Administration from Antioch University New England. Prior to DEC, she was the Executive Director of the Landis Arboretum in Esperance, NY.

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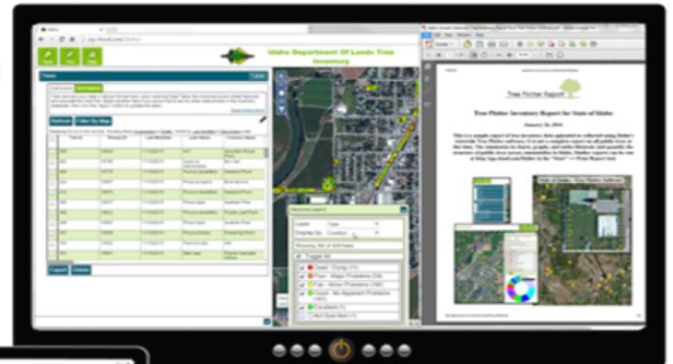
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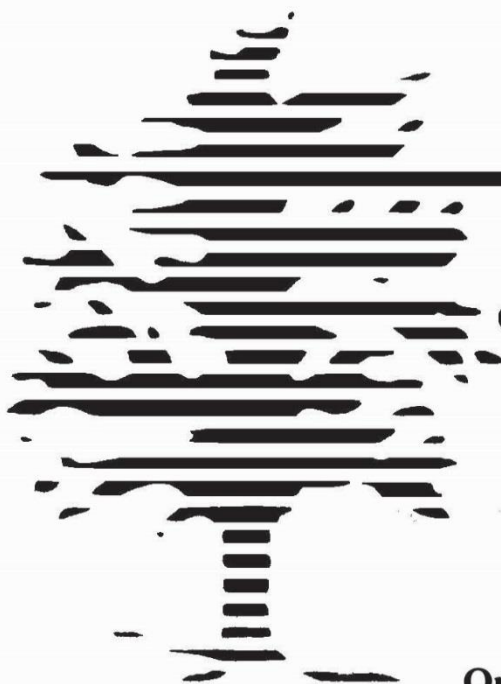
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