

# Storm Response

2024 ReLeaf Workshop

**JUNE 13, 2024**

Draves Arboretum  
1815 Sharrick Rd.  
Darien Center, NY 14040

Continuing education credits, pending approval:  
ISA, Planning and Zoning, and CNLP

## Western NY ReLeaf Urban Forestry Workshop

Storm response is a challenge for communities across New York State. Larger storms fueled by a changing climate mean more damaged and downed trees. Municipal responders may include staff who do not regularly work with trees and tree-related equipment. Storm response often includes long hours, late nights, and dangerous conditions.

In last year's Storm Response Workshop, we provided a broad overview of preparation and response activities for before, during, and after storms. In this second workshop, we will focus on safety and the things staff need to know to safely handle downed and damaged trees. Attendees will be given a more in-depth look at the important aspects of storm response: physical and mental safety, the physics of damaged trees, a live demonstration of the removal of a hazardous tree, and more.



## Program Details

**Check-in begins at 8:30 AM.**

**Program begins at 9:00 AM and runs until 3:00 PM.**

**Registration includes lunch.**

### Program Speakers

**Tom Draves** – Draves Arboretum

**Darrin Strickland** – Strickley Business Safety Solutions

**Mike Sawyer** – Olmstead Parks Conservancy

**Greg Rose** – Rose Forestry

**Gary Raffel** – Bartlett Tree Experts

### More Information

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**For information on other upcoming Urban and Community Forestry events:**

- [on.ny.gov/decurbanforestryevents](https://on.ny.gov/decurbanforestryevents)

## Storm Response Workshop

To register for the June 13 event, visit [nysufc.org/releaf-workshops/](http://nysufc.org/releaf-workshops/)

**Space is limited! No refunds will be given,** but transfer of your registration to another person is allowed. If you must cancel, please email [urbanforestry@dec.ny.gov](mailto:urbanforestry@dec.ny.gov).

### Workshop Cost

**General public: \$40**

**Member\* rate: \$30**

(\*Member of a ReLeaf Committee or member of the NYS Urban Forestry Council)

### Payments

Payment online with a credit card is preferred, or you may mail a check or voucher after registering online.

If you need an invoice, please contact [urbanforestry@dec.ny.gov](mailto:urbanforestry@dec.ny.gov) after registering.

Payments are processed by the NYS Urban Forestry Council. Issues or questions with payments? Contact [admin@nysufc.org](mailto:admin@nysufc.org).

**If paying by check, make it payable to: NYS Urban Forestry Council.**

## New York's Community Forestry Partners

### New York ReLeaf

ReLeaf is a statewide program managed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) Urban and Community Forestry Program (UCF) in partnership with the NYS Urban Forestry Council. ReLeaf brings together professionals and others to share information about our community forests and how to improve them. Volunteer members of ReLeaf include interested citizens, forestry professionals, representatives of environmental not-for-profits, local government officials, and municipal staff.

### New York State Urban Forestry Council

The NYS Urban Forestry Council is a not-for-profit organization that advises and assists DEC's UCF in the implementation of statewide urban and community forestry programs.

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