

What Do You Know About Connecticut's Forests?

The 29th Annual Conference on Urban and Community Forestry and 13th Annual Forest Forum

A conference for all who are interested in trees and forests, from tree wardens to loggers and from interested citizens to arborists, and all others who would want to attend.

Tuesday November 7th, 2017

Aqua Turf Club, 556 Mulberry Street, Plantsville, CT

- 8:00 Exhibit area open
- 8:15 – 8:45 Registration and visit with exhibitors
- 8:45 – 9:00 Welcome and Opening Address
- Eric Hammerling – Executive Director, CFPA
- Aris Stalis –CUFC Chair/CT Chapter American Society of Landscape Architects
- 9:00 – 10:00 ***Reading the Forested Landscape***
- Tom Wessels, PhD - Antioch University - Dr. Wessels will introduce us to the ample visual evidence that can be seen in our forests to unravel former agricultural, logging, or wind event histories.
- 10:00 – 10:15 Break
- 10:15 – 11:30 Morning Breakout Sessions (30 min each talk and 15 min questions for both speakers)
- Innovation on Small Woodland Parcels: Emma Kravet, Moderator
 - Sven Pihl, CT Edible Ecosystems
 - Kate Forrer, UVM Forestry Cooperative Extension
 - Recreation and Balance in Connecticut's Forests: Bruce Lindsay, Moderator
 - Bill Boles, New England Mountain Bike Association
 - Clare Cain, CFPA Trails Stewardship Director
 - Jeff Yale, Program Specialist, SCCRWA – recreation activities on SCCRWA lands
 - Forests and Connecticut's Drinking Water: Chris Donnelly, Moderator
 - Otto Schaeffer, SCCRWA (retired) - Forests and Water
 - Lori Mathieu, Chief, Drinking Water Section, CT DPH - discussion on current and future status of CT's drinking water
- 11:30 – 1:00 Lunch and Awards Ceremony – Network with Exhibitors
- 1:00 – 2:15 Afternoon Breakout Sessions (30 min each talk and 15 min questions for both speakers)
- History and Culture – What Do People Look For in Parks, Aris Stalis, Moderator
 - Peter Viteretto, Landscape Architect
 - Towns and Forest Management: Larry Rousseau, DEEP Forestry, Moderator
 - J. Brett Simmons-Town of Torrington and Andrew Bosse, Consulting Forester will speak on comprehensive Forest Management Plan for Charlene Susan Besse Park

- Eric Hansen, Consulting Forester- Town of Southington's Crescent Lake Property
- GIS Technology for the Urban Forest – a panel discussion: Katie Blake: Audubon Connecticut, Moderator
 - Drew Goldsman- TNC- story mapping as means to communicate GIS analysis which looked at opportunities for investment of natural resources in Bridgeport
 - Corrie Folsom-O’Keefe- Audubon- GIS decision support tool for urban habitat restoration that includes ecological *and* social models
 - Colleen Murphy-Dunning- URI- LIDAR and GPS and implications for urban forestry policy and management

2:15 – 2:30 Break

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Susan Whalen, Deputy Commissioner, CT DEEP

For individuals who attend the Conference (November 7):

Attendees will have the opportunity to earn up to 4.25 educational credits towards the renewal of the **CT Arborist License** (Category 3D), **CT Ornamental and Turf License** (Category 3A), the **Forest Pest Supervisory License** (Category 2), and the **Rights-of-Way License** (Category 6). In addition, attendees will have the opportunity to earn 2.0 ceu’s towards the renewal of their **Forest Practitioner Certification**.

Advanced Certified Tree Wardens may earn 4.25 ceu’s towards the renewal of their **Tree Warden Certification**.

Licensed Landscape Architects are encouraged to refer to the Department of Consumer Protection, Board of Landscape Architects for current Connecticut State requirements.

For individuals who attend the Forest Walk with Dr. Wessels (November 6):

Walk participants may earn up to 1.5 educational credits towards the renewal of the **CT Arborist License** (Category 3D), **CT Ornamental and Turf License** (Category 3A), the **Forest Pest Supervisory License** (Category 2), and the **Rights-of-Way License** (Category 6). In addition, attendees will have the opportunity to earn 1.0 ceu’s towards the renewal of their **Forest Practitioner Certification**.

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Conference pre-registration is \$65 per person and must be received by November 3, 2017. Student Registration is \$15. \$20 for walk with Dr. Wessels on November 6th. \$75 for a walk ticket/conference registration combination. Space is limited. If available, registration at the door is \$75. Lunch is included.

Questions about the registration? Please contact Scott Williams at Scott.Williams@ct.gov or 203-974-8609.