

Growing Grassroots in Connecticut's Forests

A conference and networking opportunity to promote management of and investments in Connecticut's forests. This year the conference focuses on municipal and non-profit accomplishments that foster collaboration and best practices and show lessons learned. Forests and climate change will also be considered.

Wednesday October 26, 2022

Aqua Turf Club, 556 Mulberry Street, Plantsville, CT

8:00	Exhibit area open	
8:30-9:00	Registration and visit with exhibitors	
9:00-9:15	Welcome and Opening Remarks <i>Introduction to the Conference and an overview of the day's agenda.</i>	Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heather Dionne, CUFC Chair and Hartford City Forester • Dr. Danica Doroski, DEEP Urban Forestry Coordinator
9:15-10:00	Keynote Talk <i>The importance of Connecticut's forests and the role of the state in helping to protect, maintain and improve these forests.</i>	Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katie Dykes, CT DEEP Commissioner • <i>introduction by</i> Eric Hammerling, CFPA Executive Director
10:00-10:10	Break	
10:10-10:55	Flash Talks <i>Series of 7-minute presentations highlighting forestry activities in Connecticut, including several grant-funded urban forestry projects.</i>	Speakers: Various, from several Connecticut cities and towns
11:00-12:15	Morning Breakout Sessions - Concurrent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session A: Developing an Urban Forestry Workforce Training Program • Session B: Managing Forests that are Town- or City-owned 	Speakers: Session A: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colleen Murphy-Dunning, Urban Resources Initiative • Patrick Doyle, Knox (Hartford) • Christina Smith, Groundwork Bridgeport Session B: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tom Failla, Weston • Eric Hansen, Hartford • Cameron Beard, East Haddam
12:15-1:30	Network with Exhibitors and Lunch	
1:30-2:45	Afternoon Breakout Sessions - Concurrent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session A: Managing Forests in the Face of Climate Change • Session B: Beech Leaf Disease – Biology and Management 	Speakers: Session A: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrea Urbano, DEEP Private and Municipal Lands Supervisor • Frank Cervo, DEEP Eastern District Service Forester Session B: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Robert A. Marra, CAES Research Scientist • Dr. Richard Cowles, CAES Research Scientist
2:45-3:00	Closing Remarks – CEUs available (see next page)	

Available Continuing Education Credits

CT DEEP Pesticide Program, Categories 3A and 3D:

1.25 CEUs total for the session on Beech Leaf Disease- Biology and Management.

CT DEEP Forest Practitioner Certification Program:

1.5 CEUs have been assigned for Connecticut Forest Practitioners

International Society of Arboriculture:

Certified Arborist: 4 CEUs

Municipal Specialist: 4 CEUs

BCMA - Management: 4 CEUs

Advanced Certified Tree Wardens:

CEUs have been requested

Connecticut Certified Landscape Architects

Attendance at this conference may be used for license re-certification. A certificate of attendance from CUFC is available upon request.