



The CT Urban Forest Council Annual Conference

February 29, 2024

Demystifying Success in Urban Forestry

Aqua Turf Club, Plantsville, CT

8:30 – Registration Open, Exhibits Available for Visiting

9:00 – Welcome – Heather Dionne, Chair, CUFC

9:15 – **Keynote Address**

Urban Forests for All: Thinking Beyond Tree Planting

Dr. Cynnamon Dobbs

University of Connecticut

Dr. Dobbs will discuss how culturally respectful urban forest management, the acknowledgement of tree disservices, careful attention to how and why trees are planted and paying full attention to the maintenance needs of trees can serve to promote support for urban forests of our future.

10:00 – **Break and Visit with Exhibitors**

Attendees will be able to earn ceu's by visiting various exhibitor booths, listening to the exhibitors and asking questions. To earn these ceu's, attendees must visit at least 5 booths and speak to the exhibitors regarding the information provided by those exhibitors.

10:45 – **First Panel Discussion**

Planning for Success in Urban Forestry

- Danica Doroski, Urban Forestry Coordinator, DEEP – Moderator
- Chris Hayes, Acting Public Works Director, City of Hartford
- Kelly Kerrigan, Environmental Conservation Superintendant, Town of Stratford
- Sue Mayne, Tree Committee Member, Town of Suffield
- Davey Resource Group Representative

12:00 – **Lunch (exhibits will be open)**

1:15 – **Second Panel Discussion**

Implementing Success in Urban Forestry

- Heather Dionne, Sav-A-Tree, Bloomfield, CT – Moderator
- Greg Foran, Deputy Tree Warden, Glastonbury, CT
- Darryl Newman, Planters' Choice Nursery
- Sue Fiedler, DOT
- Jillian Bell, Urban Oasis Coordinator, Audubon Connecticut, New Haven
- Sean Redding, Director of Vegetation Management, Eversource

2:30 – **The Trees of Riverside Cemetery in Waterbury**

Martin Begnal, Executive Director, Friends of Riverside Cemetery

Riverside Cemetery is a historical cemetery in the heart of Waterbury, CT. It has been there as the City has grown around it. The intent for the cemetery to be a living part of the City's landscape was there

from the beginning and continues on today. Trees are very much a part of this living landscape. Mr. Begnal will discuss how the Cemetery approaches the care of its trees.

3:00 – Final comments and CEUs.

3:15 – Adjournment

Continuing Education Credits

- CT DEEP Pesticide Certification Category 3D – Arborists – 3.75 CEUs
- CT Tree Wardens Association – Advanced Tree Warden’s Certification – 4.5 CEUs
- ISA Arborist Certification – pending
- Connecticut Association of Landscape Architects – pending

Registration

- Preregistration, prior to February 25th - \$75
- Registration, after February 26th and at the door - \$90

For further details, please visit the CT Urban Forest Council Website: www.CTUrbanForestCouncil.org