



Demystifying Success in Urban Forestry

**The Connecticut Urban Forest Council
Conference 2024**

February 29, 2024

**Aqua Turf Club
Plantsville Connecticut**

Program at a Glance

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 maintained 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

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

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 – **Learning to Love its Trees**

Martin Begnal, Executive Director, Friends of Riverside Cemetery

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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 – 4.75 CEUs
- CT Forest Practitioners – 2.0 CEUs
- Landscape Architects – 4.5 credits for CT licensure
- ISA Arborist Certification – 3.75 CEUs

Instructions for CEUs

1. In the morning, visit CEU registration desk to sign up for CEUs
2. Attend the talks and talk to exhibitors to collect at least 5 signatures. Collect signatures on the sheet attached to the conference program.
3. After 3 PM, visit CEU registration table to receive certificate/verify attendance for CEUs.

Registration fees

- Preregistration, prior to February 25th - \$75
- Registration, February 25th and after, and at the door - \$90
- Students - \$60
- Exhibitor Registration - \$150 commercial rate; \$100 for municipal and non-profit exhibitors
- Exhibitor Registration includes 1 lunch ticket. Extra lunch tickets for exhibitors - \$65

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Sessions and speakers

Welcome.

9:00-9:15. **Heather Dionne**, Chair of the Connecticut Urban Forest Council

The theme of this year's conference is "Demystifying Success in Urban Forestry". **The Keynote Speaker is Dr. Cynnaron Dobbs** of the University of Connecticut. Dr. Dobbs will talk about "**Urban Forests for All: Thinking Beyond Tree Planting**". **First panel discussion** will cover aspects related to "**Planning for Success in Urban Forestry**", and the **second panel discussion on "Implementing Success in Urban Forestry"**. The panelist speakers come from a variety of backgrounds — municipal, utilities, non-profit, and corporate. The conference program will conclude with a **presentation on a successful urban forestry program**, showcasing the work at the **Riverside Cemetery in Waterbury**.

In addition to the presenters, conference participants have the opportunity to **meet with the exhibitors** to learn more about tree planting, tree care, tree health, urban forestry, and tree research. The Connecticut Urban Forest Council would like to thank all the speakers and exhibitors for making this a great event.

Attendees may also earn Continuing Education Credits by listening to the presenters and visiting with the exhibitors.

Heather Dionne, Chair of the Connecticut Urban Forest Council. Heather Dionne is the SavATree Branch Manager in Bloomfield. Before this, she was City Forester for the City of Hartford. She believes in educating the public on the importance of trees, climate change and proper arboricultural practices. She has worked hard to encourage decision makers to see trees as a necessity, especially regarding budgeting and planning. Seeing firsthand the social injustices in a city relating to tree canopy gives her a vantage from which she can bring everyone together to come up with solutions. Heather studied Urban and Community Forestry at Unity College in Maine, is a licensed arborist in Connecticut and with the International Society of Arboriculture.

Keynote Address.

9:15-10:00. Urban Forests for All: Thinking Beyond Tree Planting.

Dr. Cynnamon Dobbs, University of Connecticut.

Currently there are lots of initiatives covering the increase of canopy cover through tree planting, some of those examples involve planting million or thousands of trees. These initiatives are frequently related to improving how the canopy cover is distributed and focus on heat mitigation. However, ensuring benefits for all in the long term requires more than planting trees. Aspects related to the quality of urban forests, culturally respectful management and planning of urban forests, acknowledgement of disservices, and incorporating aspects related to the maintenance of the planting can serve to better support the future of urban forests for all. Furthermore raising capacity building from urban forest project further from just aspects of tree planting can open new opportunities for vulnerable communities by training on assessments and monitoring, technological support to urban forests or on planning for and with urban forests.

Dr. Cynnamon Doobs is Assistant Professor in Urban and Community Forestry in the Department of Natural Resources and the Environment at the University of Connecticut. Dr. Dobbs is an ecologist and urban forester whose work specializes in socio-ecological systems. Her research focuses on how urban forests can contribute to human societies and attempts to identify urban issues that can be addressed through natural solutions. Dobbs holds a Ph.D. in ecology from the University of Melbourne. Before coming to UConn, Dobbs worked as an associate professor of urban forestry and ecology at the Universidad Mayor, and an associate professor of green infrastructure at Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile.



Session Moderator: Heather Dionne.

Break and visit with Exhibitors (listed in alphabetical order)

10:00-10:45 and during lunch 12:00-1:15

Amherst Nurseries

Presenter: John Kinchla, President, Amherst Nurseries

Amherst Nurseries is focused on growing your Urban Forest! We offer a wide variety of shade and flowering trees grown in Grow Bags, B&B, and bare root, providing numerous options for your tree planting program. In addition, we can supply tree stakes, watering bags, and tying materials to support your planting efforts. Amherst Nurseries also offers Tree Planting services and winter Pruning/Training programs for young trees in your inventory. Please get in touch so that we can discuss how Amherst Nurseries can help your urban forest thrive!



Bartlett Consulting

Presenters: Allan Fenner, Casey Tresp, Tim Armstrong

Tim Armstrong and Casey Tresp will be displaying the capabilities of the ArborSonic (Tomograph), and the PD 400 Resistograph used in conjunction with advanced risk assessment, and information regarding other services available from the Consulting Division. We will also exhibit our inventory platform, ArborScope® and other informational brochures.



The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES)

Presenter: Dr. Susanna Keriö, Assistant Scientist

This exhibit showcases ongoing CAES research related to urban trees. The exhibit presents research studying the impact of site factors on street tree health, and information of a study exploring the impact of mycorrhizal inoculation on the health of newly planted trees. Information brochures are available on pathogens that affect tree health, and the services that CAES provides.



Connecticut Land Conservation Council (CLCC)

Presenter: Ricky Bentley, Climate Smart Stewardship Coordinator, CLCC.

CLCC is the only statewide service provider and voice for all Connecticut land trusts. CLCC is a leader in advocacy and policy, education and training, and technical assistance to empower Connecticut's 120+ land trusts and ensure the long-term viability of land conservation efforts in the state. We aim to help create a future where every Connecticut community is supported and sustained by a diverse mix of conserved land, and land conservation is embraced as an essential community value.



The Connecticut Tree Protective Association (CTPA)

Presenter: Cathy Dvorsky, Executive Secretary, CTPA.

CTPA is an educational association dedicated to advancing the care of Connecticut's trees. Currently, we have over 780 members, of whom approximately three-quarters are licensed arborists. About two-thirds of the licensed arborists in Connecticut are CTPA members.



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Connecticut Urban Forest Council (CUFC)

Presenter: Isabelle Zaffetti, Grant Administrator, CUFC.

The Connecticut Urban Forest Council (CUFC) aims to increase the number and quality of urban and community forestry programs in Connecticut cities and towns. To do so, it aims to inform community decision makers, legislators, and the public about the essential benefits derived from urban and community forestry. We provide education resources to all those in the green industry and help develop policies to promote progressive and appropriate urban and community forestry programs and practices throughout the state.



Davey Resource Group, Inc.

Presenter: Cali Fox

With operations throughout North America, our branches have expanded, but our commitment to scientifically-based horticultural and environmental services and outstanding client service has never wavered.



DEEP Forestry, Private & Municipal Lands

Presenter: Beth Bernard, Frank Cervo

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) is charged with conserving, improving and protecting the natural resources and the environment of the state of Connecticut as well as making cheaper, cleaner and more reliable energy available for the people and businesses of the state. Within DEEP, the Forestry Division's mission is to advance the health, use, conservation, and appreciation of Connecticut's forest resource.



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Friends of Riverside Cemetery

Presenter: Martin Begnal

Riverside Cemetery, a National Historic site and 36-acre urban forest in Waterbury, is a museum of art, history and nature set in a beautiful landscape. Friends of Riverside works to raise funds to help care for the cemetery and raises community awareness through events and outreach. Our exhibit will include for guests to thumb through a Tree Inventory and Management Plan prepared for Riverside by Davey Resource Group; a land use plan for the cemetery by Martha Lyon Landscape Architects; business cards and stickers to hand out; and if electricity is available, a powerpoint slide show of photos of Riverside. I will be available to answer questions about Riverside.



GoGreen Tree Care Products

Presenter: Glenn Johnson

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Planters Choice Nursery, LLC.

Presenter: Darryl Newman, Principal, Planters Choice Nursery.

Planters' Choice is the most diverse nursery grower in Connecticut, and the only one that is still producing wholesale quantities of in ground trees, planting over 15,000 trees and shrubs a year. We also produce over 100,000 containerized trees and shrubs and over 200,000 perennials, grasses and ferns annually. We have been growing natives since the 1980s and continue to do so, working on more local seed sourcing all the time. Those items are supplemented by carefully sourced material from some of the country's very best suppliers.



SavATree

Presenter: Jon Borysiewicz

SavATree is one of the leading and fastest-growing tree, shrub, and lawn service companies in the country. We are trusted by over 150,000 residential and commercial customers across the US to care for their properties. Our licensed and accredited team of professionals offer a comprehensive range of services that includes tree care, shrub care, plant health care, professional lawn services, tick solutions, consulting, and more.



SiteOne Landscape Supply

Presenter: Chris Goodwin and Karen Pierson

SiteOne Landscape Supply is the largest wholesale supplier to the green industry in the US and Canada. With 19 locations across Connecticut, we are your one stop shop for growing and maintaining your urban tree canopy. SiteOne has 4 nursery locations in the area, which means we can source all the trees to meet your planting needs. In addition, we carry a wide assortment of fertilizers, hand tools, even electric power equipment to keep your existing trees healthy.



The Tree Wardens' Association of Connecticut:

Presenter: Roy Cavanaugh

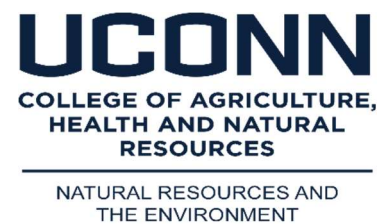
The Tree Wardens' Association of Connecticut, Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to educating tree wardens and others about tree wardens roles and responsibilities (in the proper care and control of ornamental trees, shade trees, and shrubs for the purpose of assuring their continued preservation and natural beauty) through education, professional development, and advocacy.



University of Connecticut Forestry

Presenters: Thomas Worthley, Mayra Rodriguez-Gonzalez, Cynnamon Dobbs

The exhibit highlights UConn Forestry activities and projects. We also include information on the Urban and Community Forestry Certificate at RHSA.



First Panel discussion: Planning for Success in Urban Forestry

10:45-12:00

Chris Hayes is the newly appointed Director of Public Works for the City of Hartford. Prior to this role, Chris spent 18 years at Riverfront Recapture, a private non-profit that manages over 250 acres of parks and flood plain forests along the Connecticut River. He was most recently the Director of Operations there. While at Riverfront, Chris was the Chair of the Park and Recreation Advisory Commission as well as a commissioner of the Tree Advisory Commission both for the City of Hartford. He is also a licensed arborist in Connecticut.

Kelly Kerrigan is the Environmental Conservation Superintendent for the Town of Stratford. In this capacity, she serves as the Deputy Tree Warden, Inland Wetlands Agent, and manages a variety of environmental programs for the municipality. She has an extensive background in Brownfields redevelopment and wetland science, as a certified soil scientist. She holds a BS in Natural Resources & the Environment from University of Connecticut, Connecticut arborist license, and Advanced Tree Warden Certification; and is a Coverts Cooperator and a Master Woodland Manager. She also serves on the board for the Tree Wardens Association of Connecticut.

Sue Mayne is a professional graphic designer and creative entrepreneur. She is the chair of the Suffield Tree Committee and in 2023 became the town's Tree Warden. Sue brings a wide variety of skills and ideas to solving the challenges posed by a rapidly declining tree canopy. She has been spearheading a campaign to bring name recognition and donations to the committee's Trees for Suffield Initiative, launched in 2022.

Zev Reuter is the Area Manager in New York City for the Davey Resource Group, with 16 years of expertise in forest inventory and analysis, urban forest planning and management, geospatial technologies, and partnership development. He is a specialist in developing long-term partnerships to support resource managers in planning for and responding to challenges in forest and ecosystem management. He has professional experience worked across a range of industries, including municipal urban forestry, commercial forestry and arboriculture, utility vegetation management, and environmental consulting.

Mayra Rodriguez Gonzalez - Dr. Mayra Rodríguez is a faculty member at the University of Connecticut's Department of Extension. As an Extension faculty, her work focuses on supporting CT municipalities and community members in the development and implementation of equitable urban forestry strategies. Dr. Rodríguez will share her expertise in two areas: (1) how to leverage public databases and geospatial data to perform neighborhood prioritization for tree planting, and (2) how to engage underserved populations through strategic partnerships, community sensemaking and multicultural and multigenerational approaches.

Session Moderator: Dr. Danica Doroski is the Urban Forestry Coordinator at Connecticut's Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. A forest ecologist by training, Danica brings experience in horticulture, community engagement, and education from her time at the Morris Arboretum, the New York Restoration Project and the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation. In all these roles her favorite part of urban forestry continues to be learning from local land managers and community groups about the urban forests in their neighborhoods. Danica holds a BA from Bates College and both an MFS and PhD from the Yale School of the Environment.

Second Panel Discussion: Implementing Success in Urban Forestry

1:15-2:30

Jillian Bell is the Community Conservation Manager at Audubon CT-NY. She coordinates the Urban Oases and Schoolyard Habitat Program, helping to create and enhance native plant communities in urban and suburban areas. She grew up in the suburbs of Birmingham, Alabama, and has been fascinated with the natural world since she was a child and noticed flowers growing through the cracks of a sidewalk. Although she initially studied theater and criminal justice in college, she later returned to school for a master's program in environmental studies with a concentration in environmental education.

Susan Fiedler has been a Landscape Architect for the CT Department of Transportation for almost 20 years. She is a member of the Complete Streets and Scenic Roads Committees, and provides support to engineers throughout the Department, as well as consultants and communities. She develops and implements tree protection and planting specifications for transportation projects to improve environmental quality and walkability.

Greg Foran is the Parks Superintendent and Tree Warden for the Town of Glastonbury. He is a Past President of the Tree Wardens Association of CT and is on the Board of the CT Tree Protective Association. Greg works closely with non-profit groups in Glastonbury and has found partners in a variety of areas from Scout groups to Garden Clubs and Glastonbury Partners in Planting, as well as the Land Heritage Coalition, Rotary Club, Pollinator Pathways, Church groups and youth sports groups. The Town and Greg are proud to have earned the Silver Award in the Sustainable CT program.

Darryl Newman is co-owner of Planters' Choice Nursery alongside his father Chuck. He has over 30 years of experience in the Horticulture Industry and has given numerous statewide and regional lectures on topics including plant selection, running a profitable Green Industry operation, proper planting/maintenance practices, and ANSI Z60.1 nursery standards and is often called upon as an expert in nursery production by various trade organizations and state agencies.

Sean Redding is the Director of Vegetation Management at Eversource and has been in the utility arboriculture industry for over 25 years. Sean has a Bachelor of Science in Resource Management from SUNY Environmental Science & Forestry school and is an ISA certified Arborist. In his current role as Director, Sean oversees the +\$200M investment in tree work Eversource implements for the safe and reliable delivery of power to our customers. Sean is a strong supporter of the "Right Tree, Right Place" approach for planting for long term sustainability.

Session Moderator: Heather Dionne, Chair of the Urban Forest Council.

Final talk: Example of a Successful Urban Forestry Program

2:30-3:00

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Martin Begnal graduated from University of Connecticut with bachelor's degree in English ('87) and spent his career in journalism, working at newspapers in Connecticut, Pennsylvania and Michigan. He returned home in 2006 to work at the Republican-American where he is the assistant managing editor. Martin is also the executive director of the Friends of Riverside Cemetery and is working to preserve the 36-acre urban forest and National Historic Place. He lives in Cheshire with his partner Melissa Mendez and their two children.

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3:00 – Final comments and CEUs. **Heather Dionne.**

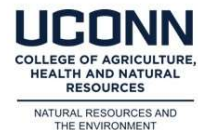
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- **Adam Boone** is a Transportation Landscape Designer III for the CT Department of Transportation where he has been employed for more than 25 years. In the Bureau of Highway Operations, he provides technical support for vegetation management operations along state roads and highways. Adam is a CT-licensed arborist, CT-certified tree warden, CT DEEP-certified “rights of way” supervisory pesticide applicator, member of the Scenic Road Advisory Committee, and a member of several boards and committees including the CT Urban Forest Council, Tree Warden’s Association, Connecticut Tree Protective Association, and the CT Invasive Plant Working Group.
- **Dr. Richard Cowles** has worked at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station for the past 30 years. Although hired as an entomologist, he also conducts experiments in plant pathology and plant nutrition. Due to his experience working with systemic products in trees, he has partnered with others to try to advance our understanding of whether and how well various materials work for managing the nematodes that cause beech leaf disease.
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- **Jim Govoni** retired from the Town of Windsor in 2021 as their former Municipal Forester-Tree Warden and former Town Councilman. During his career he established a Maple Sugar Tree grove as well as many roadside tree plantings, open space and public properties. Being Former President of the Tree Wardens Association of CT, former member of the State Vegetative Management Task Force, member of the CT Urban Forest Council, Connecticut Tree Protective Association and current Co-President of the Windsor Garden Club he has had the honor to collaborate with DEEP Urban Forestry and CAES to manage CT's Urban Forest and vegetation.
- **Emily Guertin** ASLA, PLA, is a senior landscape architect at Gregory Lombardi Design. She has been practicing throughout New England for nearly 20 years with a concentration in the private sector. Her passion for plants and knowledge of regional ecosystems influence her problem-solving approach to design by creating solutions that equally demand beauty, permanence and sustainability. Emily is a licensed landscape architect in Connecticut and Vermont, a board member of Connecticut Urban Forest Council and a member of American Society of Landscape Architects.
- **Dr. Susanna Keriö** is an Assistant Scientist at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES). Susanna has her background in forest pathology and forest ecology (D.Sc., University of Helsinki, Finland). At CAES, Susanna studies how tree stress signatures can be applied in tree health management to improve tree health. Ongoing research in the Keriö lab includes detecting stress in mature urban maples, and quantifying the impacts of mycorrhizal inoculation on transplant shock in newly planted trees. Susanna is the Secretary of the Connecticut Urban Forest Council, and the Ex Officio Forester and Secretary on the Connecticut Tree Protection Examining Board.
- **Annie Mixsell** is the Tree System Coordinator and Tree Warden for the City of New Haven. She manages the 28,000+ street trees and 2,200 acres of forested parkland and oversees urban forestry operations. As a lifelong tree lover, Annie advocates for tree equity by ensuring fair access to the benefits of trees, while balancing the risks that trees can pose; providing timely, safe and efficient arboricultural services; combating climate change; educating the public about trees; and promoting policies that sustain a healthy and diverse urban forest. Annie graduated from the University of New Hampshire with a B.S.F. in Forest Management. She is a CT Licensed Arborist, Chair of the Tree Examining Board, and the Treasurer for the Connecticut Urban Forest Council.
- **Bruce Villwock** (Middlefield, CT) retired from the Connecticut Department of Transportation where he worked as a Transportation Landscape Designer III / Arborist for more than 20 years participating in vegetation control operations along 11,400 shoulder miles. Bruce has served as the Tree Warden for the Town of Middlefield for 17 years and as Deputy Tree Warden for 11 years. Bruce holds an Associate's Degree in Forestry from Paul Smith's College, is a Connecticut Licensed Arborist, Advanced Certified Tree Warden, and has been a Board Member on the Connecticut Urban Forest Council for 21 years. In Middlefield, Bruce has also served as a volunteer firefighter for 51 years and as a Boy Scout leader for more than 31 years.
- **Isabelle Zaffetti** is a graduate student at the University of Connecticut. Her thesis research focused on finding planting locations in Hartford, CT based on adequate soil volume, location depth, and proximity to powerlines. She worked for Bartlett Tree Experts as a Plant Health Care Technician before leaving for a career in consulting with TreeFoil Arborist Consultants. She is a CT Licensed Arborist and the Grants Administrator for the Connecticut Urban Forestry Council.

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The Organizing Committee of the CUFC Conference 2024 wants to hear from you!

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1. Your affiliation

Arborist	Forester	Non-profit representative	Municipal representative	Tree Warden	Landscape Architect	Student	Other:
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2. How did you hear about the event?

Email	Facebook	Twitter	CUFC Website	Attended previously	Other:
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3. Conference arrangements worked well.

Component	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Indifferent	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree
Flyers and emails were clear					
Registration website easy to navigate					
Sign-in went smoothly					
Conference agenda was clear					
Event was well-organized					

4. The venue, location and food at Aqua Turf Plantsville was a good choice.

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Venue suitable for the event					
Location was convenient					
Food was good					

5. The content of the talks was informative and useful.

Session	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Indifferent/ Did not attend	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree
Keynote					
Exhibitors					
Panel 1: Planning					
Panel 2: Implementation					
Final presentation					

6. The format of the sessions was engaging and interactive.

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7. What topics would you like to have addressed at future Connecticut Forest Forums?

8. Any other feedback:

Please return survey sheets to the registration desk.

**Thank you for attending the CUFC Conference 2024 &
 for participating in the survey!**



Continuing Education Attendance/Credits Form CUFC “Demystifying Success in Urban Forestry” February 29, 2024 at 8:00 AM – 3:15 PM

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3. Sign and date where indicated
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	Exhibitor Signature/Initials
Exhibit 1	
Exhibit 2	
Exhibit 3	
Exhibit 4	
Exhibit 5	

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