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VERMONT URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY COUNCIL

Council Annual Field Trip

Wednesday, June 11th, 2025

Rutland City

[PLEASE RSVP HERE](#)

AGENDA

- 9:00 AM Rutland City Hall, 1 Strongs Avenue, Rutland**
A brief UCF Council business meeting will be held in the Board of Alderman Chambers on the 2nd floor of Rutland City Hall. Staff will update Council on our funding situation and our updated strategic plan. Subcommittees should be prepared to report to the group on winter/spring activity (5 min. or less). Downtown parking options: <https://downtownrutland.com/parking>; we will be downtown for roughly 4 hours.
- 10:00 AM Walking Tour of Downtown Rutland**
Rutland City Forester and Arborist Tim Smith, Rutland City Assistant Forester and Arborist Joseph Epler, and Rutland City Engineer Ted Gillen will guide us on a downtown walking tour. We will visit several sites that will be dramatically altered soon with the infusion of two large grants to remove concrete and install suspended pavement systems (Silva Cells) and street trees. We'll also see trees planted over the years from the city's tree nursery, public art and murals, and Tim and Joe will demonstrate injection of systemic insecticide on one of the ~120 public ash trees treated biannually.
- 12:00 PM Lunch Downtown, on your own**
Tim and Joe will provide recommendations for lunch at one of the many local restaurants and we'll reconvene at Pine Hill Park.
- 1:00 PM Pine Hill Park Tour**
Shelley Lutz, volunteer with the Pine Hill Partnership ([read about Shelley here!](#)) will meet us at [Pine Hill Park](#) on the outskirts of the city. The park is managed by volunteers and the City cooperatively and there has been great focus here on creating more recreational opportunities in Rutland. The Pine Hill Partnership is working to both increase sustainability of the trail system and expand access to the benefits of public green space.
- 1:45 PM** Caravan to Wheelerville Road in Mendon, parking at a pull-off on the road.
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2:00PM

Rutland City Forest Tour

Tim and Joe will take us on a hike in the Rutland City Forest and Watershed in Mendon. Mendon Brook is the city's primary source of water and we'll learn about the deep history of this protected forest. Recently, Tim has overseen red pine harvests within the forest, which we will see on our hike, and we'll also learn about how the local tech center has been engaged in forest management here.

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Adjourn, Safe Travels!

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Vermont Urban & Community Forestry Council Working Agreement

Meeting Management

- Start and end on time
- Share meeting dates in all minutes and all agendas, and once a year reminder
- Provide written program update – save minutes for discussion

Membership Management

- Welcome packet for all new members, and send updates to current members –post online

Agendas

- Focus agendas to support Program
- Clear objectives and outcomes for agenda items
- Agendas out at least 1 week before

Members are accountable

- Stay on topic
- Be on time
- Complete tasks
- Be brief – share air time
- Come to the meeting prepared and ready to work
- Let group know your attendance plans
- Be respectful

Keep it positive and acknowledge contributions

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