

Call for Workshops: Vermont Arbor Day Conference 2019

The Vermont Urban & Community Forestry Program welcomes workshop proposals for 2019 Vermont Arbor Day Conference.

Conference goals

The Vermont Arbor Day Conference welcomes the stewards of Vermont's urban trees and community forests to enhance their technical skills, discuss hot topics in urban forestry, and network with professionals and volunteers engaged in urban and community tree care.

Audience

The conference is open to all. In particular, the conference supports tree care professionals, municipal staff, tree wardens, tree board members, citizens, and all tree enthusiasts.

Conference tracks

Please select one of the following four tracks for your presentation.

- **Forest health:** general forest health issues and restoration efforts, open to all.
- **Municipal staff:** workshops intended for planners, town managers, parks/public works department staff.
- **Volunteers:** workshops intended for tree wardens, tree boards, conservation commission and planning commission members.
- **Technical tree care:** technical skills for seasoned volunteers, arborists, foresters, landscapers.

Possible workshop topics

Proposals for a presentation on any aspect of urban and community forestry (local, statewide, or national issues) are welcome. This is an opportunity for presenters to share case studies, successful management techniques, initiatives or models related to:

- Urban forestry planning and management
- Technical tree care skills
- Technology
- Community forestry
- Forest health issues
- Invasive species management, namely emerald ash borer
- Volunteer involvement and opportunities
- Wood utilization
- Effective partnerships
- Other!

Deadline for Proposals

Friday, January 18, 2019, please submit via online form available at vtcommunityforestry.org.

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Presentation Options

- 90 minute session
- 45 minute session
- 10 minute lightning round presentation

Considerations to keep in mind

- All submitted proposals will be reviewed by members of Vermont Urban & Community Forestry Program and Advisory Council.
- Proposals for 90 and 45 minute sessions should include at least one component of participant interaction: using a skill, participating in an activity, group discussion, etc. **Lightning round presentations do not need interactive component.*
- If you are planning a proposal for a longer workshop (90 minutes), consider identifying a co-presenter.
- We will not consider proposals focused on a commercial product endorsement.

Review Criteria

1. Relevance of the proposal to the conference goals and selected track.
2. Demonstration of participant interaction within presentation (for 45 and 90 minute sessions only).

A complete proposal should be submitted via an online submission form, available at vtcommunityforestry.org

Questions

Questions or comments can be submitted to Gwen Kozlowski at gwen.kozlowski@uvm.edu or 802-651-8343, ext 506.

Expect an e-mail response to your proposal by approximately January 31, 2019.
