

Vermont Arbor Day Conference

Celebrating 25 years of making Vermont a shade better



Friday, May 6, 2016
 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM
 Vermont College of Fine Arts, Montpelier
 Registration cost: \$40

8:30 AM	Registration and Refreshments		
9:00 AM	Welcome and Arbor Day Proclamation		
9:15 AM	Tree Stories with Willem Lange		
TRACKS	A	B	C
10:15 AM	Tree Warden Panel: Community Stories	Green Infrastructure: How you can bring GREEN into your community!	Tree Health Assessment and Risk Tree Management*
11:15 AM	Tree Board Panel: Community Stories	Managing the People in Town Forests: Tips, Tricks, and Tools for Recreation Planning	*This a 3 - hour session, limited to 30 participants
12:00 PM	Lunch, provided		
1:00 PM	A Walk with an Arborist	Hot Topics	Tree Health Assessment and Risk Tree Management, continued
	Tree Planting with the Montpelier Tree Board		
2:15 PM	Awards Ceremony		
3:30 PM	Ice Cream Social		

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Who should attend?

The conference is open to all and intended to support urban tree care professionals, municipal staff, Tree Wardens, tree boards, citizens, and anyone else caring for canopy at the local level.

Tracks

A

Volunteers: Tree Wardens, and tree boards, conservation commission, and planning commission members

B

Municipal Staff: planners, town managers, parks or public works department, and roads crews

C

Tree Care Professionals: Arborist, foresters, and landscapers

Detailed Agenda

9:00 AM Welcome and Arbor Day Proclamation

We will kick off this tree day by officially designating Friday, May 6, 2016 as Arbor Day in Vermont.

9:15 AM Tree Stories with Willem Lange

Vermont's own master storyteller, Willem Lange, will set the tone for the day and as he takes us on a journey of trees, people and communities.

10:00 AM Workshop Session 1

Tree Warden Panel: Community Stories

Brad Goedkoop, Hartford Tree Warden

Lee Krohn, former Manchester Tree Warden, Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission

Gary Salmon, Shrewsbury Tree Warden and retired VT Forests, Parks, & Recreation Forester

Moderator: Danielle Fitzko, Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation

In most Vermont communities, decisions about trees on public property fall to the volunteer Tree Warden. While Vermont statutes define some of the roles and responsibilities, Tree Wardens often engage in a variety of activities from determining hazardous trees or writing a local tree ordinance to developing a tree planting plan. Come learn about the role of Tree Wardens and hear from a panel of practiced individuals who will share their experiences working with the public and municipal entities. We're sure you'll walk away with a few tips for success in your town!

Green Infrastructure: How you can bring GREEN into your community!

John Adams, Planning Coordinator, Agency of Commerce and Community Development

Richard Amore, Planning Coordinator, Agency of Commerce and Community Development

Becky Tharp, Program Manager, Green Infrastructure Collaborative

Learn what it takes to plan and implement projects that coordinate municipal planning, green stormwater infrastructure and economic development to create vibrant communities. The presenters will give an overview of the Vermont Planning Manual, discuss green infrastructure considerations from a variety of scales, and share how local communities are incorporating sound planning that integrates green infrastructure that sparks downtown revitalization. Join us and be inspired by the environmental, social, and economic impacts of green infrastructure in Vermont downtowns and villages.

Tree Health Assessment and Risk Tree Management

Mark Duntemann, ISA Board Certified Master Arborist, Natural Path Urban Forestry Consultants

This workshop will provide education and training in the fundamentals of tree health assessment and management of risk trees. Mark founded Natural Path Urban Forestry Consultants in 1988; the firm's area of expertise is arboricultural maintenance and management policy development, with an emphasis on tree risk assessments and tree risk management. Through this specialization, Mark has been an expert witness in dozens of tree-related injury and fatality cases. This experience informs his understanding of tree risk issues. Mark will lead a combination of in-class instruction and hands-on, outdoor tree assessment and discussion of workshop topics. ***This 3 hour session is targeted at tree care professionals and is limited to 30 participants. By signing up for this workshop, you will not sign up for any of the other sessions.*** 3 - ISA continuing education credits are available.

11:00 AM **Workshop Session 2**

Tree Board Panel: Community Stories

Julie Lang, Peacham Tree Board member

John Snell, Montpelier Tree Board member

Nick Myers, Essex Junction Tree Advisory Committee member

Sarah Albert, Plainfield Conservation Commission member

Moderator: Tad Nunez, Director of Parks and Recreation – Hartford

Who stewards the trees in your community? Citizen-powered boards are an invaluable resource to Vermont cities and towns for the cultivation and management of a healthy public tree population, as well as for raising citizen awareness about trees and their community benefits. Learn from a panel of tree board and committee members (experienced and new) on how to become an effective board, work with the public, and engage with municipal leaders and departments. Network with fellow tree board members and walk away with tips to make effective change in your community!

Managing the People in Town Forests: Tips, Tricks and Tools for Recreation Planning

Jessica Savage, Recreation Coordinator, VT Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation

Vermont town forests are seeing a surge in demand for recreation. This session will provide an overview of considerations for communities interested in planning for increased recreation pressure and appeal. Jessica will share tips for engaging your community in recreation planning. She will also showcase new tools and financial resources available to assist towns in the planning process. Jessica will be joined by community representatives who will show how they are approaching recreation planning on public lands. Bring your questions and be ready to share how your community is managing demand for use of public lands.

12:00 PM **Lunch, provided**

1:00 PM **Workshop Session 3**

Walk with an Arborist

Dave Schneider, City Forester, Rutland

V.J. Comai, Arborist Representative, Bartlett Tree Experts

Ever walk by a tree that seems to be less vigorous than its neighbor and wonder why? Was it planted too deep, was it planted at an inappropriate site, or does it have stem-girdling roots? Take a walk with an arborist and see trees through their eyes. Participants will learn the basics of tree health, including signs and symptoms of common biotic and abiotic issues, learn proper pruning techniques, and brush up on their tree ID. *1 - ISA Credit.*

Lightning Round: Hot Topics

Presenters will give the audience a 10 minute overview of hot topics in the field of urban and community forestry, and the remainder of the session will be open to audience questions. *1 - ISA Credit.*

Emilie Inoue, State Pest Surveyor Coordinator, Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets

Vermont invasive forest pest update

Elizabeth Spinney, Invasive Plant Coordinator, Vermont Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation

New watch list of terrestrial plant species

Mike Fallis, Arborist/Owner, Limbwalker Tree Service, Inc.

Trees, soils, and compaction

Steve Sinclair, Vermont State Forester, Vermont Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation

Legislative update on forest fragmentation

Tree Planting with the Montpelier Tree Board

Looking to get your hands dirty? Take a short walk to St. Paul Street (approximately 10 minutes) with the Montpelier Tree Board for an Arbor Day tree planting workshop! Learn considerations for planting and help celebrate Arbor Day by planting trees in a local neighborhood. *1 - ISA Credit.*

2:15 PM Awards Ceremony

Join the Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Council as we recognized Vermont's 2016 Tree Stewards and the recipients of national Arbor Day Awards for Tree City, Line and Campus USA.

Tree City USA

- Burlington
- Essex Junction
- Hartford
- Montpelier
- Rutland
- South Burlington

Tree Campus USA

- Middlebury College
- University of Vermont

Tree Line USA

- Vermont Electric Power Company

3:30 PM Ice Cream Social

Finish the day of learning, networking and celebrating trees and the people that care for them with ice cream generously donated from Ben and Jerry's.

Registration Deadline: Monday, May 2
Cost \$40

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Questions? Contact Gwen at gwen.kozlowski@uvm.edu

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