

Urban Forest Management for Tree Wardens
Wednesday, April 19, 2023
Canal Dock Boathouse, New Haven, CT
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Agenda

8:30a – 8:50a Registration, breakfast and coffee, CEU sign-ins, visit with exhibitors and sponsors

8:50a – 9:00a Introductions and welcome to the space

9:00a – 9:30a Innovative Funding Opportunities – Christina Smith

Christina will speak about recent funding that Groundwork Bridgeport has received and ways that Tree Wardens can tap into these potential funding sources for tree care and tree planting, as well as some solutions to the challenges that Tree Wardens face in urban forest management.

9:30a – 9:45a Upcoming Grant Opportunities and DEEP Update– Danica Doroski

Unprecedented amounts of grant money will soon be available for urban forestry! In this session, Danica will provide an update on the status of IRA funds and upcoming grant opportunities through CT DEEP.

9:45a – 10:00a Break

10:00- 10:50a Planning for Beyond Increasing Tree Cover- Cynnamon Dobbs, University of Connecticut

Cynnamon will discuss the main challenges currently needed to be addressed in urban forestry and how this can be embedded in planning for urban forests for the future. We will cover the components of the plan that are relevant to include to respond to institutional and community needs.

10:50a – 11:20a Plant Trees, Then Plant Stories – Doug Still, This Old Tree Consulting

Storytelling is a great way for tree managers to engage people with trees and the urban forest. We respond more readily to stories than data and facts because emotions are powerful motivators. Structuring basic narratives is a skill to be learned, and this talk covers the basics. Knowing when and how to utilize storytelling can expand your influence, whether with homeowners, the media, or your City bosses.

11:20p – 12:00p Tree Warden Roundtable – Heather Dionne, Kelly Kerrigan, and Annie Mixsell

Panel discussion with local tree wardens on challenges they face and recent accomplishments. Topics include tree planting and diversity, recent and upcoming grant projects, Town Codes and replacement policies, and goals.

12:00p – 1:00p Lunch – Eat, network, and get some fresh air!

1:00p – 2:00p Tree Ordinances and Policies: Where to Begin and Why – Alana Tucker, Arbor Day Foundation (virtual)

It's a well-known fact that you need a tree ordinance to earn Tree City USA recognition each year. And maybe your city has one or maybe it doesn't. Either way, embarking on tree code is not for the faint of heart! It involves months, and sometimes years, of effort, engagement, and coalition-building. Alana will share all you need to know to get started on developing or updating your city's policies on trees. She will share some recent examples from the Tree City USA network and resources to guide you through the journey.

2:00p – 3:00p Urban Tree Canopy Assessment and Tree Inventories – Russel Clark, PlanIt GEO

Tree Inventory vs. Tree Canopy Assessment - What's the difference? Both are tools for collecting comprehensive information about an urban forest, however, the insights they offer are very different. Join us to explore how both have a part to play in a comprehensive Urban Forestry Management Plan

3:00p – 3:15p Closing remarks, Adjournment and CEUs