



THE NEW JERSEY SHADE TREE FEDERATION

presents their

99th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OCT 17-18, 2024 | HARRAH'S RESORT ATLANTIC CITY, NJ



NJ Shade Tree Federation 99th Annual Conference Preliminary Program as of July 2024. For the latest registration information and event updates please visit: <https://njstf.org/upcoming-conference.php>

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2024

8:00 AM Registration & Exhibits Open

8:30 AM 99th Annual Conference Opening Program

***8:30 AM – NJUCF CORE Training Introduction & Check-in**

9:00 AM General Education Session

- “Native Plants: Facts, Fabrications and Foibles” – *Carol Reese*

10:00 AM Coffee Break with Exhibitors

10:30 AM General Education Session

- “Planting Resilient Trees to Mitigate Climate Change” – *Andrew Bunting*

11:30 AM NJ Shade Tree Federation Awards Presentation

11:45 AM Lunch

1:00 PM Breakout Sessions

- **Municipal Track:** “The PHS Tree Tenders Program: Community Engagement in Urban Forestry”- *Mia Fox*
- **LTE/LTCO Track:** “Don’t Put Your Trees on the Highway to Hell” – *Dr. Allyson Salisbury*

2:00 PM Coffee Break with Exhibitors

2:30 PM Breakout Sessions

- **Municipal Track:** “From Forest to Urban Forest” – *Mary Charlotte Gitlin*
- **LTE/LTCO Track:** “Biological Control in Residential Landscapes” – *Jeremy Slone*

3:30 PM Breakout Sessions

- **Municipal Track:** “Sex in the Garden” – *Carol Reese*
- **LTE/LTCO Track:** “Beech Leaf Disease & Experimental Treatment Options” – *Jean Epiphan*

4:30 PM Meet & Greet Networking Event

***Attention NJUCF CORE Trainees:** this full day training course runs concurrently to the NJSTF Annual Conference General Education & Breakout Sessions. You must report to the NJUCF CORE Training classroom at 8:30 AM. See page (12) for the CORE Training Schedule and NJUCF Program information



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2024

8:00 AM Registration & Exhibits Open

8:30 AM 99th Annual Conference Opening Program

9:00 AM General Education Session

- “So, What’s the Point... Just Because it is Alive does not make it Valuable” – *Dr. Jason Grabosky*

10:00 AM Coffee Break with Exhibitors

10:30 AM General Education Session

- “DEP Model Ordinance, What Does it Have to do with Storm Water?” - *Gary Lovallo*

11:30 AM NJ Forest Service Awards Presentation

11:45 AM Lunch

1:00 PM Breakout Sessions

- **Municipal Track:** “Street Trees and Infrastructure – The Path to Co-existence” – *John Linson*
- **LTE/LTCO Track:** “Trees, Storms and What the Arborist Can Influence” – *Dr. Jason Grabosky*

2:00 PM Coffee Break with Exhibitors

2:30 PM Breakout Sessions

- **Municipal Track:** “Tree Inventory & Analysis: NJUCF Grantees Panel” – *Multi-Speaker Session*
- **LTE/LTCO Track:** “Environmental Extremes, Plant Health, and Insects” – *Jeremy Slone*

3:30 PM Breakout Sessions

- **Municipal Track:** “Local Shade Tree Programs & New Jersey Law” – *Multi-Speaker Session*
- **LTE/LTCO Track:** “Future Forests: Invasive Pests, Global Research, Mitigation and the Sentinel Garden Program” – *Paul Kurtz*



CONFERENCE PROGRAM THURSDAY, OCT 17TH

NATIVE PLANTS: FACTS, FABRICATIONS AND FOIBLES – Carol Reese

9:00-10:00am | General Education Session | Thursday, Oct 17

Are native plants really more likely to succeed? Are they always the better choice for supporting insects? Carol's program separates fact from fiction, and champions all well behaved plants that provide exceptional sustenance for insects and other wildlife. She suggests that dismissing a plant on the basis of its origin rather than its ecological merits has potential to result in more harm than good to our already damaged planet. This thought-provoking program will question the entire concept of "native" - and if trying to freeze the available plant selections to a particular moment in time is beneficial - or even possible. Hold onto your hats while Carol humorously uses Frankenstein, Sitting Bull, mastodons, space travel and kitchen blenders to build her case on the importance of not limiting the plant palette, and invites unification over the hugely important goal of providing for the "little things that run the world". (Phrase coined by the late great E.O. Wilson)

Carol Reese feels that formal credentials can be boring (or even discrediting!) but admits to being a retired Extension Horticulture Specialist with the University of Tennessee for 27 years. Yes, she has degrees in Horticulture from Mississippi State, and could have even added a Ph.D if she "had ever written that damn dissertation". While there, she taught classes in Plant Materials, and co-taught Landscape Design for non-LA majors alongside a "real" landscape architect, her dear friend Ginny Fletcher - to classes who must have been confused by being taught by one woman with a British accent and another woman who was a fifth generation Mississippian. These academic experiences were valuable but Carol will say that her most valuable insights can be attributed to being raised on a farm by generations of plant nuts, including a grandfather who dynamited his garden spot each spring to "break up his hard pan". Likewise, her very personal appreciation of natural lore is at least partially a result of her observations during near daily rambles through wild areas near her home with her motley collection of mutts, also known as the strong-willed breed of "Amalgamations." Carol has been a newspaper garden columnist, the Q&A columnist for Horticulture magazine "back in the day", and the horticulture editor for Tennessee Gardening, co-authored the UT Extension Master Gardener Handbook, writes freelance for other magazines, and lectures around the nation. She is working on a book she hopes will help her figure out how she saved enough brain cells from her party years to cobble together a rewarding career that eventually enabled her to build a secluded haven for homeless dogs and their human friend.

PLANTING RESILIENT TREES TO MITIGATE CLIMATE CHANGE – Andrew Bunting, The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society

10:30-11:30am | General Education Session | Thursday, Oct 17

Join PHS's VP of Horticulture, Andrew Bunting, as he explores The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's tree programs and the variety of climate-resilient tree species that can help mitigate the effects of climate change. Andrew will provide recommended tree species and cultivars that provide ecological



NJ Shade Tree Federation 99th Annual Conference Preliminary Program as of July 2024. For the latest registration information and event updates please visit: <https://njstf.org/upcoming-conference.php>

functions and are resilient to a variety of challenging conditions including urban settings, heat and humidity, poor drainage, varying temperatures, and diseases such as bacterial leaf scorch, Beech leaf disease, and the effects of the Emerald Ash Borer. This presentation will also cover predictive approaches and why these tools are critical to mitigating climate change and ensuring a thriving future for the urban forest and street trees.

Adrew Bunting is Vice President of Horticulture and leads the utilization of planting and design to promote environmentally sound gardening practices at PHS. Andrew has elevated each of the departments he oversees and has increased the brand and visibility of PHS through their respective work. Andrew received his B.S. in Plant and Soil Science from Southern Illinois University. Prior to arriving at PHS, Andrew worked at the Chicago Botanic Garden, Chanticleer Garden, and the Scott Arboretum for a tenure of 27 years. He has received the American Public Gardens Association's Professional Citation, Chanticleer Scholarship in Professional Development, and the Certificate of Merit from the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. He also serves on the Board of Magnolia Society International. Andrew published his first book in 2015, "The Plant Lover's Guide to Magnolias." Andrew enjoys bird watching, travel and, of course, gardening.

THE PHS TREE TENDERS PROGRAM: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN URBAN FORESTRY – Mia Fox, The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society

1:00-2:00pm | Municipal Track | Thursday, Oct 17

Championed by initiatives like the PHS Tree Tenders program, innovative efforts to support urban tree canopy increasingly equip residents with comprehensive training in tree care and maintenance. Delve into the pivotal role urban trees play in enhancing the ecological, social, and economic fabric of our cities via the The PHS Tree Tenders program. The program hosts bi-annual tree planting efforts in the city of Philadelphia and surrounding counties, accounting for 3,000 trees planted each year. Due to the program's community led approach trees see a high survival rate. PHS's Trees Specialist, Mia Fox will discuss the history of the Tree Tenders program and the benefits of training residents on how to maintain their urban trees, as well as give insight into strategies and tools for planting trees to ensure longevity and health.

Mia Fox spearheads tree planting efforts and volunteer training in the Philadelphia metro area through the PHS Tree Tenders Program. Her primary service area includes Bucks, Chester, Montgomery, and Delaware Counties. Mia holds an M.S. in Environmental Studies from The University of Pennsylvania and bachelor's degrees in Biology and English from Kenyon College. Prior to arriving at PHS, Mia led education and land management with numerous Ohio-based green centers and public programming at The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University. In her free time, Mia is an avid hunter and angler. She also enjoys birding, baking, and reality TV!



DON'T PUT YOUR TREES ON THE HIGHWAY TO HELL

– Dr. Allyson Salisbury, Rutgers University

1:00-2:00pm | LTE/LTCO Track | Thursday, Oct 17

The roadside landscape can be a challenging environment for growing trees. This session will review key considerations for roadside tree planting projects, including landscape design, species selection, site preparation, and post-planting care. It will also discuss strategies for using roadside trees for particular purposes such as decreasing air pollution.

Allyson Salisbury, Ph.D. is a teaching professor of urban forestry at Rutgers University-New Brunswick in the Department of Ecology, Evolution, and Natural Resources. In addition to teaching, she studies how to help trees and other plants thrive in towns and cities. Prior to joining the Rutgers faculty, Allyson worked as a remote researcher for the University of Florida and Temple University, and as a post-doc at The Morton Arboretum in Lisle, IL and in the Holzapfel Lab at Rutgers-Newark. She completed her M.S. and Ph.D. at Rutgers-New Brunswick and her B.S. at Susquehanna University. When she's not science-ing, you can probably find her cooking, knitting, gardening, playing board games and DND, hanging out with her nephews, or wandering in the woods.

FROM FOREST TO URBAN FOREST

– Mary Charlotte Gitlin, NYC Parks Staten Island Forestry

2:30-3:30pm | Municipal Track | Thursday, Oct 17

Trees are an invaluable asset to urban areas, yet the urban environment poses significant challenges to their growth and survival. This talk will explore the fundamental differences between natural forests and urban settings, focusing on how these environments impact each part of a tree—from roots to canopy. We will explore the biotic and abiotic stressors affecting urban trees, including altered water availability and the distinct composition of urban forest communities compared to natural forests. We will cover innovative site modification techniques and best practices for creating urban landscapes that better support tree health and longevity. By understanding and addressing these challenges, community forest managers can enhance the integration of trees into city infrastructure, promoting a greener, more resilient future.

Mary Charlotte Gitlin works as a Forester with NYC Parks Department in Staten Island Forestry. She is a New Jersey Licensed Tree Expert, ISA Certified Arborist, and ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualified. With an ecological education from Rutgers University, Mary Charlotte firmly believes that effectively integrating trees into urban infrastructure is crucial for mitigating the local effects of climate change. Her dedication to urban forestry management highlights her commitment to fostering a sustainable and resilient future.



BIOLOGICAL CONTROL IN RESIDENTIAL LANDSCAPES

– Jeremy Slone, Entomologist, Bartlett Tree Research Lab

2:30-3:30pm | LTE/LTCO Track | Thursday, Oct 17

Biological control is an underutilized component of IPM in most residential landscapes. There are challenges such as knowing which landscapes are good candidates for releases, identifying the appropriate beneficial insect for the target pest, and determining the most appropriate method for deployment of these living products. We'll discuss these barriers to adoption, possible solutions to improve efficacy and logistics, and consider ways of best implementing this management tactic in our industry.

Jeremy Slone completed his graduate degrees at NC State studying barriers to IPM adoption as well as the integration of pest and pollinator management practices for crop production. He spent several years identifying pests and pathogens of landscape plants in the Bartlett Diagnostic clinic before moving into an Entomological research and support role in 2022.

SEX IN THE GARDEN – Carol Reese

3:30-4:30pm | Municipal Track | Thursday, Oct 17

Your outdoor walks will never be the same. Carol's talk indelibly reminds you that flowers are sex organs, and illuminates some of the stranger versions, such as flowers that choose to be male or female depending on the circumstances! It also informs when gender discrimination is advisable before choosing landscape plants. Beyond the blooms, Carol moves on to stirring and sometimes bizarre details of the sex lives of frogs, dragonflies, and other garden critters. This fun, fastmoving talk is entertaining, but also a celebration of the intimate interactions just outside the window. Relax, the only frontal nudity is of flower parts and possibly garden statuary!

Read Reese's bio on page (4_)

BEECH LEAF DISEASE & EXPERIMENTAL TREATMENT OPTIONS

– Jean Epiphan, Rutgers Agriculture & Natural Resource Agent

3:30-4:30pm | LTE/LTCO Track | Thursday, Oct 17

This presentation covers pathogenesis of beech leaf disease, threats it poses to NJ landscapes, experimental treatment options, best practices as well as beech loss mitigation options

Jean Epiphan is an extension agent in Morris County focusing on environmental sustainability in ornamental horticulture. She is also a Coordinator for Region 1 (Northern NJ) for the Rutgers Environmental Steward program. Her background is in forestry, ecology, and landscape restoration as



NJ Shade Tree Federation 99th Annual Conference Preliminary Program as of July 2024. For the latest registration information and event updates please visit: <https://njstf.org/upcoming-conference.php>

well as garden design, landscape management, tree care, and land stewardship. Jean provides a connecting bridge between horticulture and natural resources as she promotes nature-based techniques to improve ecological functioning, to solve landscape maintenance problems and to improve plant and tree health sustainability. Jean holds a Master of Science degree in Ecology from Rutgers University, a Bachelor of Science in Forestry from the University of Vermont with a concentration in Geomorphology and a minor in Studio Art. Jean is an International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Certified Arborist and a New Jersey Licensed Tree Expert. She has earned Rutgers University Extension certifications in Wetland Delineation, Ecological Restoration, and Wetland Construction.

WE'LL SEE YOU AT THE

Meet & Greet

A Networking Hour with Exhibitors and Speakers

When: 4:30-6:00pm, Thursday October 17th

Where: Exhibit Hall

Who: EVERYBODY!

How Much: \$0 - FREE ENTRY FOR REGISTRANTS!!!

All Thursday conference registrants are welcome to participate in the Meet & Greet Networking Hour, there is no additional entry fee. Stick around after the Thursday Education Sessions end and make meaningful connections with fellow attendees, speakers, and exhibitors in this fun, unstructured gathering. We'll snack, sip and chat before parting ways at 6:00pm. Plan to make your own Thursday dinner arrangements.

Thank you to Meet & Greet Sponsor: DAVEY RESOURCE GROUP!



NJ Shade Tree Federation 99th Annual Conference Preliminary Program as of July 2024. For the latest registration information and event updates please visit: <https://njstf.org/upcoming-conference.php>

CONFERENCE PROGRAM FRIDAY, OCT 18TH

SO, WHAT'S THE POINT... JUST BECAUSE IT IS ALIVE DOES NOT MAKE IT VALUABLE

– Dr. Jason Grabosky, Rutgers University

9:00-10:00am | General Education Session | Friday, Oct 18

So there is a difference between a successful planting event and a successful design. When we look to our communities, or toward a client's property, the point is to develop a plan to ensure success based on the values of the ownership, the willingness to pay for that level of value, and finally translating our actions into a part of a larger functioning plant community on (and often beyond) the site in question. As we begin adopting into the new Community Forestry Management Plan guidelines, what does this mean for the management planning of function within the values of the community or the individual owner? Indeed with required tree ordinances, we need to be sure that language does not force less than helpful choices with respect to the values and the functions of the community or its environment.

Dr. Jason Grabosky is a professor within the Ecology, Evolution and Natural Resources program at Rutgers School of Environmental and Biological Sciences // NJ Agricultural Experiment Station. He serves as the John and Eleanor Kuser Endowed Faculty Scholar in Urban and Community Forestry and has been with Rutgers since 2002. He was previously faculty at University of Florida and at Cornell University, where he also did his graduate work. Prior to all of that, he worked in the landscape and nursery industry going back to the very early 1980s. Having maintained those older industry connections, there are still people who knew Dr Grabosky when he still had hair, with only a few in this room who knew Jason in the late 80s, early 1990s after his great follicle exodus. He teaches classes and maintains research efforts broadly defined as within tree biology, tree care, soil management, and forestry-wildlife within developed spaces...excepting when it is about something else.

DEP MODEL ORDINANCE, WHAT DOES IT HAVE TO DO WITH STORM WATER?

- Gary Lovallo, Chestnut Arboricultural & Forestry Services LLC.

10:30-11:30am | General Education Session | Avalon Ballrooms

Every municipality that is regulated under the stormwater MS4 Tier A permit renewals are required to adopt a version of the DEP model Tree Removal & Replacement ordinance to comply by May 1st 2024. The sole purpose of which is to offset the effects of deforestation in the state to enhance stormwater capture and reduce flooding we have seen throughout the state. The model requires that all trees removed from all lands, private and public, residential and commercial, and rights-of-ways, be replaced with tree(s) based on diameter size. This session will explain the intent, the implementation, enforcement and tracking possibilities of the ordinance each town will need to create, monitor, and enforce. Failure to comply with the ordinance puts towns in violation of their MS4 permit.

Gary Lovallo LTE, CF, CA, CTSP, NJAF is Principle of Chestnut Arboricultural & Forestry Services LLC., located in Old Bridge, NJ and has been in the tree care industry since 1982. He has a B.S. in Natural



NJ Shade Tree Federation 99th Annual Conference Preliminary Program as of July 2024. For the latest registration information and event updates please visit: <https://njstf.org/upcoming-conference.php>

Resource Management from Rutgers University, a NJ Licensed Tree Expert and State Approved Forester, SAF Certified Forester, ISA Certified Arborist, & Certified Tree Safety Professional. Past president of the NJ Society of Certified Tree Experts, and NJ Chapter of ISA, and the international Representative and sits as vice-chair on the NJ Board of Tree Experts and is a co-founder and Director of Training for the Committee for the Advancement of Arboriculture. Has written Community Forestry Management Plans, drafted tree removal ordinances upheld by the NJ Supreme court and served on the NJ Task force for model ordinance development and an advisor to the NJ Board of Public Utilities Vegetation Management Standards. Published in TCIA magazine and has testified in court and legislative proceedings and written various reports related to appraisals, tree hazards and tree related fatalities.

STREET TREES AND INFRASTRUCTURE- THE PATH TO CO-EXISTENCE

- John Linson, The Shade Tree Department

1:00-2:00pm | Municipal Track | Friday, Oct 18

Street trees and infrastructure are often framed as having a mutually destructive relationship. This talk by NJ Licensed Tree Expert John Linson starts by covering major road reconstruction projects before focusing on individual tree preservation techniques and tree replacement. Linson walks us on a path to discovering that with tree-minded planning and proper selection and planting, street trees and infrastructure truly can co-exist.

John Linson served as Millburn Township Forester for 25 years. Subsequent to his retirement, he has provided urban forestry consultation to over 40 municipalities and three counties. He is a past President of the NJ Shade Tree Federation. He is passionate about trees, fishing, hunting, and classic vehicles. NJ Licensed Tree Expert #198.

TREES, STORMS AND WHAT THE ARBORIST CAN INFLUENCE

- Dr. Jason Grabosky, Rutgers University

1:00-2:00pm | LTE/LTCO Track | Friday, Oct 18

This session will focus on the mechanical tree and the ways in which the tree care professional can address (or at least inform) the client on the interplay of the tree and the predictions of more dramatic weather in the future. So we'll talk quickly on the weather and how trees have always grown to their site. We can then turn toward how tree species and the arborist might respond to the interplay of the tree, the site, the weather and the age of the system they are inspecting. We'll discuss pruning, stabilization and "fitness" from a management perspective.

Read Grabosky's bio on page (9).

TREE INVENTORY & ANALYSIS: NJUCF GRANTEES PANEL – Multi-Speaker Session

2:30-3:30pm | Municipal Track | Friday, Oct 18

In this multi-speaker panel led by NJ Forest Service, Urban & Community Forest Program we'll hear from municipal shade tree program representatives on how their hometowns utilize tree inventories.



Past grantees discuss the leveraging of grant funds, keeping data up-to-date, and how their tree inventories aid them in analyzing their community forest structure and composition to help their towns make informed management and planting decisions.

ENVIRONMENTAL EXTREMES, PLANT HEALTH, AND INSECTS – Jeremy Slone

2:30-3:30pm | LTE/LTCO Track | Friday, Oct 18

Changing environmental conditions are impacting pest life cycles, distribution, and habitat suitability as well as host susceptibility. We'll discuss how these changes will impact insect attack dynamics and how management approaches will need to adapt to these extreme abiotic stressors.

Read Slone's bio on page (7)

LOCAL SHADE TREE PROGRAMS & NEW JERSEY LAW – Multi-Speaker Session

3:30-4:30pm | Municipal Track | Friday, Oct 18

This multi-speaker panel brings local shade tree programs and the legal industry together as we discuss municipal tree management and volunteers working in shade tree programs. These interpretations of our state's unique New Jersey Shade Tree and Community Forestry Assistance Act (N.J.S.A. 13: 1L-17.1 et. Seq.) fuel the decades long debate of whether there is a single, correct way to administer the stewardship of trees and forest ecosystems on the municipal level.

FUTURE FORESTS: INVASIVE PESTS, GLOBAL RESEARCH, MITIGATION, AND THE SENTINEL GARDEN PROGRAM – Paul Kurtz, NJ Department of Agriculture

3:30-4:30pm | LTE/LTCO Track | Friday, Oct 18

What are future trees and forests and going to look like and how will we be able to mitigate and treat pests and diseases as world trade grows? The increasing rise global commerce is paralleled by the introduction of plant pests and diseases historically. This is a global reality and a negative impact on natural resources and food crops. Why are these pests getting by our safety nets and what role do other countries play in researching potential pest threats? What is the sentinel garden program and what has it shown us so far?

Paul J. Kurtz has been working for the NJDA for over 27 years as an entomologist. He has supervised large programs such as the NJ Asian Longhorned Beetle, NJ Forest Pest Outreach and Survey, and Plum Pox Virus Programs. Recently, he has focused his attention to the Emerald Ash Borer and Spotted Lanternfly programs. Additionally, he has taken over seed inspection and regulatory duties for the Division. Mr. Kurtz also writes and executes various federal surveys throughout the state for non-native pests in forest and crop environments. In 1997-98, Mr. Kurtz worked for The Philip E. Marucci Center for Blueberry and Cranberry Research and Extension as a research technician in blueberry and cranberry crop pests. He has a BS in Biology from Stockton University, BA from Drew University in Sustainable Development and post graduate education Northeastern/Yale School of Forestry in Sustainable Development and Tropical Biology based in Costa Rica. To date has backpacked to 93 countries worldwide



Attention Conference Attendees: NJUCF CORE Training is a full-day course that runs concurrently to the NJSTF Annual Conference General Education & Breakout Sessions. The “CORE classroom” runs on its own schedule and is reserved seating only. Read more about NJUCF CORE Training on page 13. To reserve a seat for NJUCF CORE Training check the “NJUCF CORE” box on your Conference Registration Form and report to the NJUCF CORE classroom at 8:30 AM Thursday October 17th.

NJUCF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE (CORE) TRAINING SCHEDULE THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2024

- 8:30-8:45** **Introduction & Check-In**
NJ Forest Service
- 8:45-9:15** **NJ Urban & Community Forestry Program: What is it and how does it Work?**
NJ Forest Service
- 9:15-9:30** **Using Social Media to Promote Your Program**
Roslyn Dvorin, Outreach Coordinator, Rutgers Urban Forestry Program
- 9:30-10:15** **Trees 101: Structure, Function, Identification & Jargon**
Pam Zipse, Executive Director, NJ Tree Foundation, NJ LTE #426
- 10:15-10:30** **Coffee Break with Exhibitors**
- 10:30-11:30** **Legal Issues in Urban & Community Forestry: Shade Tree Commissions & The Law**
John H. Anlian, Attorney-At-Law
- 11:30-1:00** **Lunch**
- 1:00-2:00** **Municipal Inventory: How, What and Why**
Dr. Jason Grabosky, Director, Rutgers Urban Forestry Program
- 2:00-2:30** **Coffee Break with Exhibitors**
- 2:30-3:30** **Tree Planting & Maintenance: From Planning to Practice**
Lisa Simms, Director of Green Streets, NJ Tree Foundation
- 3:30-4:30** **Elements of a Successful Urban & Community Forestry Program: Management**
NJ Forest Service

Core training provided through a USDA Forest Service grant in partnership with



USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.



**NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DIVISION OF STATE PARKS, FORESTS & HISTORIC SITES
URBAN & COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM
NJUCF ACCREDITATION: TRAINING & EDUCATION**

at the

NJ SHADE TREE FEDERATION 99th ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

Completion of the NJDEP Urban & Community Forestry (NJUCF) Program's education and training requirements is one step toward attaining or maintaining NJUCF Annual Accreditation. NJUCF Accredited communities have access to grant funding for the implementation of their NJUCF approved Community Forestry Management Plan (CFMP), and a basis to reduce or eliminate liability associated with local tree care programs and shade tree commissions in accordance with the [New Jersey Shade Tree and Community Forestry Assistance Act \(N.J.S.A. 13: 1L-17.1 et. seq.\)](#). For more details on the NJUCF program, accreditation, and development of a Community Forestry Management Plan go to www.communityforestry.nj.gov.

If you are unsure of whether to attend **CEU Sessions**, and/or **NJUCF Community Representative (CORE) Training**, please reach out to your municipal or county shade tree representative to ask about your community's needs for attaining/maintaining NJUCF Annual Accreditation.

NJ Urban & Community Forestry Program Continuing Education Units (CEUs)

- NJUCF CEUs provide a permanent record for the state and local governments regarding the education and training of the volunteers and employees engaged in urban and community forestry. NJUCF CEUs build a community's urban forestry knowledge bank and provide more advanced learning opportunities to inform and guide the practice of urban and community forestry throughout the state.
- **NJUCF Accreditation** requires a minimum of eight (8) CEUs between at least two (2) individuals per municipality or county be earned annually. Any individual, whether they have attended CORE training or not, can earn CEUs on behalf their municipality/county

NJUCF CEU Sessions at the SHADE TREE FEDERATION CONFERENCE:

- Attendance at the general and concurrent sessions provide maximum ten **(10) CEUs for two days, or five (5) CEUs per day**, per person.
- You must list **the Municipality or County*** you intend to support on your conference registration form. ***NJUCF CEUs may not be applied to multiple municipal records**
- Attendees must stay for the entire session, complete any and all required paperwork, and scan into/out of the room in accordance with conference host/usher instructions to receive CEUs for each session (**no exceptions**).

NJ Urban & Community Forestry Program Community Representative (CORE) Training

- NJUCF Community Representative (CORE) Training is an introduction to urban and community forestry in New Jersey covering the basics from science, the law, management, and funding of trees and community forest programs throughout the state. This Training is for individuals interested and engaged in the stewardship of their urban and community forest and the trees that populate it; Shade Tree Commissioners, board or committee members, municipal or county employees, and anyone with an interest in trees, forestry, environment/ecology, and community sustainability.



NJ Shade Tree Federation 99th Annual Conference Preliminary Program as of July 2024. For the latest registration information and event updates please visit: <https://njstf.org/upcoming-conference.php>

- **NJUCF Accreditation** requires annual retention of at least two (2) NJUCF CORE Trained Community Representatives per municipality/county.
 - One (1) person must be a municipal/county employee, and one (1) person must be a shade tree commission member, board member, or volunteer from the municipality/county working with the tree resource.
 - An elected official may be substituted in either the CORE trained employee or volunteer role.

NJUCF Community Representative (CORE) Training at the SHADE TREE FEDERATION CONFERENCE: FULL-DAY SESSION HELD CONCURRENTLY ON CONFERENCE DAY 1, THURSDAY OCTOBER 17, 2024

- Certificate of Completion provided to those who: register, stay the entire day, complete all required paperwork, and scan into/out of the room in accordance with conference host/usher instructions (**no exceptions**)

******There are NO CEUs provided for NJUCF (CORE) Training******

