

Society of Municipal Arborists

52nd Annual Conference
& Trade Show

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
NOVEMBER 14 -15, 2016



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2016

Pre-Conference Workshop: *(separate registration/fee required)*

Learn about management and planning of urban forests in Indianapolis and Carmel through a tour of the area including stops in Central Park and West Park.

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2016

- Noon – 7:00 pm Registration Open
- 12:45 – 4:00 pm Pre-Conference Workshop
- 5:00 – 6:00 pm Fun Run, Walk, or Watch to support the Urban Forest Foundation
- 6:00 – 7:00 pm MFI Reunion: 4th Annual Gumby Gathering, Location TBD

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2016

- 7:00 am – 4:00 pm Registration Open
- 7:00 – 8:00 am Breakfast with Exhibitors

- 7:00 – 8:00 am **First-Time Attendees Breakfast with Organization Leaders**
- 8:00 – 8:10 am **Welcome & Opening Comments**
Jeremy Barrick, President, Society of Municipal Arborists
- 8:10 – 8:55 am **Putting Indianapolis's Inventory to Work**
Bill Kincius, Urban Forestry Manager, City of Indianapolis
- Learn how a small pilot program to inventory public trees morphed into a large scale assessment of urban forest resources and improved analytical and management capabilities of our host city's urban forestry program.*
- 8:55 – 9:35 am **Establishing Municipal Risk Thresholds**
Mark Duntemann, President, Natural Path Urban Forestry
- The session will 1) discuss how municipalities can develop defensible tree risk management programs 2) address the "logical fallacies" that negatively impact the ability of cities to provide reasonable care 3) review the existing tools to analyze risk exposure and 4) demonstrate how to gain control of the tree risk management narrative in your city.*
- 9:35 – 9:40am **Intern Host City Experience**
- 9:40 – 10:10am **Break with Exhibitors**
- 10:10 – 10:15am **Intern Host City Experience**

10:15 – 11:05

The State of Science: Using Urban Trees for Stormwater Management
Peter MacDonagh, Director of Design Science, Kestrel Design Group

Presenter will 1) review the mechanisms through which tree/soil systems provide stormwater control 2) share cutting edge policy developments that encourage their use 3) share latest research quantifying benefits of trees for stormwater control and 4) demonstrate how to integrate these systems into landscapes for maximum ecologic benefit

11:05 – 11:40 am

What Arborists Need to Know About Stormwater Management
Steve Shurtz, Urban Forestry & Landscape Manager, City of Baton Rouge, LA

This talk will provide practicing arborists with concrete examples of how to integrate trees into stormwater management design.

11:40 -1:10 pm

Awards Luncheon

1:10 – 1:15 pm

Intern Host City Experience

1:15 – 1:55 pm

Tools For Managing Emerald Ash Borer in Urban Areas
Clifford Sadof, Professor, Purdue University

Presenter will share research on ash mortality and discuss how it could help municipalities use surveys of ash health with the Emerald Ash Borer Cost Calculator and the Purdue Tree Doctor app to create an effective response plan.

1:55 – 2:35 pm

Urban Forestry – A Story You Need To Tell
Beth Corrigan, Community Trees Program Specialist, The Morton Arboretum

Participants will learn new strategies to increase awareness of and involvement in urban and community forestry. Talk will focus on the evaluation of current municipal outreach resources and practical techniques to implement in every program. Attendees will learn to identify opportunities and resources then maximize impact of outreach efforts.

2:35 - 3:05 pm

Break with Exhibitors

3:05 - 3:10 pm

Host City Experience, Intern, City

3:10 – 3:50pm

Costs & Considerations: Planting Trees Grown Using Differing Production Systems
Rick Harper, Ext. Assistant Professor, University of Massachusetts

A two-part talk where attendees could learn about both the practical successes and research-based approaches to enhancing tree survival in the built environment.

3:50 – 4:30 pm

Why Should I Have an Urban Forest Master Plan?

Joseph Gregory, Assistant Manager of Natural Resource Consulting, Davey Resource Group

This presentation will help attendees recognize a variety of valid approaches to urban forest "master planning." Cleveland, OH and Pittsburgh, PA will serve as case studies to demonstrate differences in plan goals and outcomes. Planning methods and tools cities use to benchmark a municipal forestry program will be discussed. Attendees will be able to relate their program to these examples and evaluate the usefulness of urban forest master planning for their community.

4:30 – 5:00 pm

Urban Forestry 2020

Susan Day, Associate Professor, Virginia Tech

Urban forests and green spaces are rapidly becoming essential elements of sustainable cities around the world. But very few students are preparing for careers in urban forestry and much of the public and even professional colleagues are unaware of the expertise needed to manage urban forests. Urban Forestry has rapidly developed as a body of knowledge, a research field, a profession, an advocacy mission, a public relations tool, a public health initiative, and more. Yet the jobs pipeline is tenuous, scientific knowledge is fragmented, networking and knowledge sharing can be inefficient. How do students perceive a career in urban forestry, what do urban forestry employers expect, how do allied

professionals perceive urban foresters, and how do urban foresters network and organize? How might we support the developing disciplines that are emerging to meet these new challenges? Dr. Day will bring perspectives from her role as project lead for Urban Forestry 2020, an initiative to examine the status and prospects of the urban forestry profession within the U.S. to challenge us to make urban forestry an inclusive, rigorous, and dynamic force in the 21st century.

5:00 – 6:00 pm

SMA Annual Business Meeting

5:00 – 8:00

Certified Arborist & Municipal Specialist Exams. *Pre-registration to sit for exam required. Contact ISA to pre-register.*

6:00 – 7:30

Reception with Exhibitors and Other Partner Groups Silent Auction (*Bids support Urban Forest Programs*)