

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

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A Message of Optimism: Thirty-First Annual New York ReLeaf Conference

VISION

...that every New York State community recognize the value of trees and maximize their use to improve quality of life.

MISSION

...to engage in public, private, and volunteer partnerships doing planting, management, and education leading to robust urban and community forests throughout New York State.

WHO WE ARE

The New York State Urban Forestry Council (NYSUFC) is the largest urban forestry advocacy group in the State. It was formed to advise, support, and collaborate with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) Urban and Community Forestry program. The NYSUFC came together informally in 1992, became formally organized in 1999, and received its 501(c)3 non-profit designation in early 2000.

The Council has a 19-member statewide board of directors and a 7-member executive committee. Council members include natural resource professionals, city foresters, nonprofit staff, elected officials, municipal and corporate employees, students, and dedicated community volunteers.

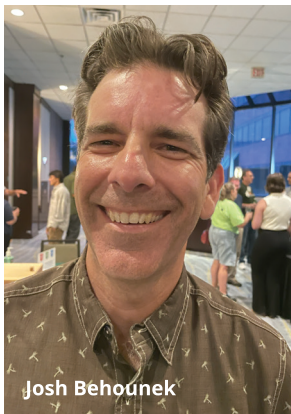
The 2024 Annual New York ReLeaf Conference provided education, conversation and opportunities for bonding over the topic of urban trees. Between July 24-26th, participants from a wide range of backgrounds and experience gathered at the Albany Hilton for cutting-edge presentations and crucial information.

Sessions began with opening remarks by NYSUFC President Phil Healey and City of Albany Mayor Kathy Sheehan. Sean Mahar, NYSDEC Interim Commissioner, said, “This conference is so important to everything that we want to achieve collectively.” State Forester and DEC Division of Lands and Forests Director Fiona Watt also welcomed attendees: “This is an incredible time to be around urban forestry,” she said, “no matter your profession.”

Leslie Berckes, Executive Director of the Urban and Community Forestry Society, gave the keynote, “Urban Foresters: Stories From the Front Lines.” She profiled “tree heroes from municipalities around the country” and their “novel solutions and innovative solutions.”



Deb Hilbert, Assistant Professor at ESF, summarized cutting-edge research on urban tree mortality and growth. Davey Resource Group’s Josh Behounek gave a crash course on securing grant funding. “It’s a necessary evil,” he said, “to learn how to find money.” He shared insights about “the art of story writing, pitfalls and tips.”



TREE TALK GOES TO NEW YORK RELEAF 2024

Tree Talk attended the 31st Annual New York ReLeaf Conference (July 24-26, 2024) and asked attendees: *What draws you to this ReLeaf Conference?* Here are some of their responses.



“I would like to explore how other people plant trees and also the techniques they use if they do something differently than we do in Schenectady.”

— Abraham Watkins



“This is my first one. I’m doing an urban forestry apprenticeship so I’m coming here to further the knowledge that I’ve gained so far.”

— Ariel Ratner

Another expert, Eliot Nagele of the Nature Conservancy, described how the composition of New York Botanical Garden’s old-growth Thain Forest has evolved in the past century. And NYSUFC board member Jay Lavigne, City of Albany Arborist, delivered crucial information about DEC UCF’s grant programs.



Environmental Justice represented a powerful theme over the course of the Conference.

“Lessons Learned Planting Trees in Environmental Justice Neighborhood” featured representatives from Newburgh’s Environmental Justice Fellowship and the Onondaga Earth Corps. Presenters shared stories from the EJ frontlines, exploring initiatives that have proved successful. Xavier McDonald of Community Fathers, Inc. commented that people are afraid of trees. “That little bit of bad they see means that people don’t see the good.” He added, “All of us get caught up in our own ideas about where we live. When you show people you care it makes them want to do it themselves.”



Kenneth Brooks from Community Fathers. Brooks, a barber and owner of a landscaping service, said, “Our mission is to rebuild the community, one father at a time. A passion of mine is occupation rather than incarceration.” Community Fathers teaches not only tree planting but blacksmithing and sailing and how to make baked goods from scratch, which they sell at a local farmers’ market.

Gabby Miranda-Diaz of Onondaga Earth Corps said that the youth of Onondaga had been planting trees for twenty years, and in that time had planted 10,000 trees. “We’re bringing beauty back to the South Side of Syracuse,” she said. Onondaga “offers experience in the field, trying to get young people as hireable as possible so that they can go and take on the world, hopefully in the environmental field.”

Diaz added, in what could be the Conference’s greatest takeaway: “Environmental knowledge is the key to sovereignty and freedom.”

Field trips are a highlight of any tree conference, and Albany ReLeaf was no exception. Some guests toured the Radix Center’s urban agroforestry plots of 175 food-producing street trees. The Radix Center promotes “ecological literacy and just sustainability” in Albany’s South End, and many on the walking tour came away with new ideas to assist in their own neighborhoods.



Others visited Washington Park, an important gathering space for city residents and home to innumerable venerable specimens.

Some attendees were treated to an immersive experience at the Albany Pine Bush Preserve. Fire Manager Tyler Briggs and Conservation Director Neil Gifford offered an inside look at this home for a unique variety of rare plants and animals.



They include the endangered Karner blue butterfly, originally identified by author and lepidopterist Vladimir Nabokov in 1944. The Preserve’s annual Karner metapopulation has exceeded the 3,000-butterfly federal minimum for 11 years, and the 7,000 butterfly target for a decade.



The group’s foray along 2.7 miles of well-maintained hiking trails through the Preserve’s wide open sandy precincts and grassy woodland passages was splendid. The tour offered both magnificent vistas and insights into the value of prescribed fires. A high-quality pitch pine-scrub oak barrens, they learned, is termed a “grassy-shrubby-savanna.”



“I am eager to support the advancement of environmental justice through existing in and democratizing the urban forest. ReLeaf is a critical venue to advance this dialogue and practice.”

— Emily Nobel Maxwell



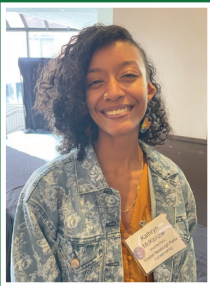
“Seeing people I haven’t seen in a long time.”

— George Profous



“I coordinate the state-wide reforestation plan to establish 1.7 million acres of new forest by 2040. In all the work I do for my job I don’t get the chance often to interface with people who will actually benefit from the trees we put in the ground.”

— JJ Kathe



“I love my community.”

— Kathryn McKenzie



“It’s an excellent opportunity to learn from others and to absorb new ideas, and be inspired to go in new directions.”

— Kristin Griffiths



“Meeting incredible people who are doing amazing things in their municipalities. I learn something new every year.”

— Leanna Nugent

Allison Malatesta



The program focused on how to achieve healthy forests in the urban context. Allison Malatesta, a recent graduate of Union College, presented analysis from her senior thesis research about tree diversity in Schenectady redlining districts.

he said. “I want your grandma making a priority decision.”

Later, NYSCA board member and Cornell Cooperative Extension educator Leanna Nugent spoke about how municipalities might achieve the status of the Arbor Day Foundation’s Tree City USA by utilizing CCE Onondaga’s Tree City USA field manual. New York State boasts 185 Tree Cities, including 8 new communities.



Howard University Associate Professor Lemir Teron related a thought-provoking history of the “Impacts of Environmental Racism in Syracuse.”

Dr. Teron told of how cities “all around the country are feeling the impact of environmental racism,” he said.

He also shared cause for optimism today, posing the question, “How can we galvanize the communities to move forward?” Every person has to be involved,

Lemir Teron



Friday’s closing session featured a panel of seasoned urban foresters leaned in on the subject of “Women in Urban Forestry: Today and Tomorrow.”

USDA Forest Service Northeast Program Manager Danielle Gift shared her view that hers is “one of the greatest jobs on the planet.” City of Ithaca City Forester Jeanne Grace offered her perspective that the most exciting trend of the future is “the environmental aspect, and the knowledge that showing up someplace with a truckload of trees isn’t enough.”

Fiona Watt of DEC added her enthusiasm about “coalition building, and loosening of the silos between urban and traditional forestry. We’re crossing boundaries that have existed for years. I’m really excited to see people all on the same page.” Lori Brockelbank, an area manager with Davey Resource Group, offered that she looks forward to what we don’t know today that we can find out tomorrow. Bringing people together that haven’t been brought together before. People coming together for once.”

Asked what advice they’d give to women just starting in urban forestry, Gift said, “Find your niche, the thing that is your jam. And follow that. Ladies, sit



at the actual table, not the chairs that are lined up against the wall. You deserve to be there just as much as anyone else.” She commented, “The more diversity we have in this field, the better we can be at getting trees in the ground and taking care of them.”

Brockelbank said, “Don’t ever give up. Mom said, ‘Girls aren’t foresters.’ I said, ‘Watch me.’”

These four leaders offered a message of optimism that seemed to resonate with the packed audience at ReLeaf in Albany.



“For the love of trees.”
— Matthew Case



“Getting to see a whole bunch of people who do what we do. We have the chance to get feedback on trees and build on that feedback.”
— Nasir Wright

“Communication — good to see that other people care as well. Other people might struggle with what we find easy, and vice versa.”
— Travon Morris



“The people.”
— Rebecca Hargrave



“The friendly people.”
— Russell Clark



“Recently moved back to the East Coast from California and just trying to learn more about arboriculture here.”
— Sarah Lilley



“New information. To see a credentialed speaker either confirm or disprove what we’ve been seeing of suspecting in the field.”
— Tony Beane

FINANCIALS

Funding for the NYSUFC in 2024 came from:

- A direct grant from the USDA Forest Service at the request of the NYSDEC Urban and Community Forestry program
- Membership dues
- Unrestricted donations from Council members and supporters
- Proceeds from the annual conference and regional workshops
- Sponsorships

The U.S. Forest Service Grant monies provided funding for:

\$48,000		Administration/Executive Secretary	\$10,000
\$3,500	\$2,000	Council website management Office expenses	
\$8,000		2024 ReLeaf Conference	\$9,100
\$4,000	\$5,000	Scholarships Tree City USA Reward Grants	
			\$6,500
			Tree City/Tree Line/Tree Campus USA recognition ceremony and other support of ReLeafCommittee activities



OUR GRANTS

COUNCIL QUICK START GRANTS

In 2024, through U.S. Forest Service funding, NYSUFC was able to offer its ninth year of Quick Start grants of up to \$1,000 each to small communities or nonprofits. These were intended for inaugural Arbor Day celebrations and the formation of shade tree committees within municipalities — activities meant to kick-start a community forestry program. In 2024, three communities received awards.

COUNCIL TREE CITY USA REWARD GRANTS

For the fourth year, NYSUFC issued Tree City USA Reward grants to communities that had been a Tree City USA for at least five years. Awards of up to \$1000 each were awarded to ten municipalities to plant large specimen trees or a grove of trees in a prominent location within the community. The intent of this grant is to encourage municipalities to sustain their community forestry program and maintain their status as a Tree City USA community through a celebratory tree planting. The grants were made possible by a combination of USDA Forest Service grant funds and unrestricted NYSUFC funds

COUNCIL TREE CAMPUS K-12 GRANT

In a new, pilot program, NYSUFC issued tree planting materials and supplies with an in-kind grant of up to \$500 to K-12 schools located in disadvantaged school districts, intended to establish a campus-based tree program, and to hold a tree planting event in the spring of 2024 celebrating Arbor Day. In addition, each TREE TEAM school was assigned a tree industry or urban forestry professional to assist in all elements of developing the program. The intent of this grant is to assist schools in connecting students with trees, and to move the school toward becoming recognized as an Arbor Day Foundation Tree Campus K-12. Nine schools received grants for the 2024 planting season.

NYSUFC-DEC PARTNERSHIP

The Council is an integral partner with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation’s Urban and Community Forestry Program.

The Council-DEC UCF partnership enables New York’s ReLeaf Program to hold regional workshops and other educational events and offer its Annual Conference. Regional ReLeaf committees held eight workshops in 2024 for more than 450 attendees.

Some highlights included: Electrical Hazard Awareness and First Aid; Proper Planting Techniques for Bareroot, Balled and Burlapped, and Containerized Trees; Storm Response for Safely Handling Downed/Damaged Trees; Caring for Urban Trees to Ensure Long-term Success.

State urban forestry programs include Arbor Day Foundation programs at the state and local level, featuring Tree City USA and Tree Campus USA. The Council administers multiple grants that encourage participation in these programs. New York State has 191 Tree City USA communities, 11 of which were new in 2024; 20 Tree Campus USA-Higher Education colleges and universities, 2 of which were new; 2 Tree Campus USA-Healthcare facilities; 3 Tree Cities of the World; and 5 Tree Line USA utilities.

The Council supports and promotes all DEC UCF activities, including grants. Regular rounds of UCF grants are usually funded by the State Environmental Protection Fund (EPF). More DEC grants were announced and awarded than any time in the program’s history.

- Round 16 planting and maintenance grants funded by the NYS Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) totaled \$2 million for 32 projects.
- The UCF program awarded 23 grants totaling \$12.5 million for Community Forest Management Plan Implementation and Ash Tree Management, which was funded by the Federal Inflation Reduction Act.
- Round 1 of Community Reforestation (CoRe) grants offering \$15 million was announced in December 2024. These grants will directly support Governor Hochul’s 25 Million Trees by 2033 initiative.

Village of Tuxedo Park Tree Planting

The Village of Tuxedo Park received a Tree City USA Grant from NYSUFC toward its fall 2024 community tree planting project.



Tuxedo Park Planting Celebration



Special guests included New York State Senator James Skoufis and Tuxedo Park Tree Advisory Board members.



Senator James Skoufis With Members of the Adult Planting Crew



The planting ceremony took place on October 26, 2024 at Wee Wah Beach Park, a community recreational facility.

Village residents and their children planted five native trees: pin oak, sugar maple, white dogwood, redbud and pussy willow.



A Baby Tree Lover and Future Member of the Tuxedo Park Tree Advisory Board

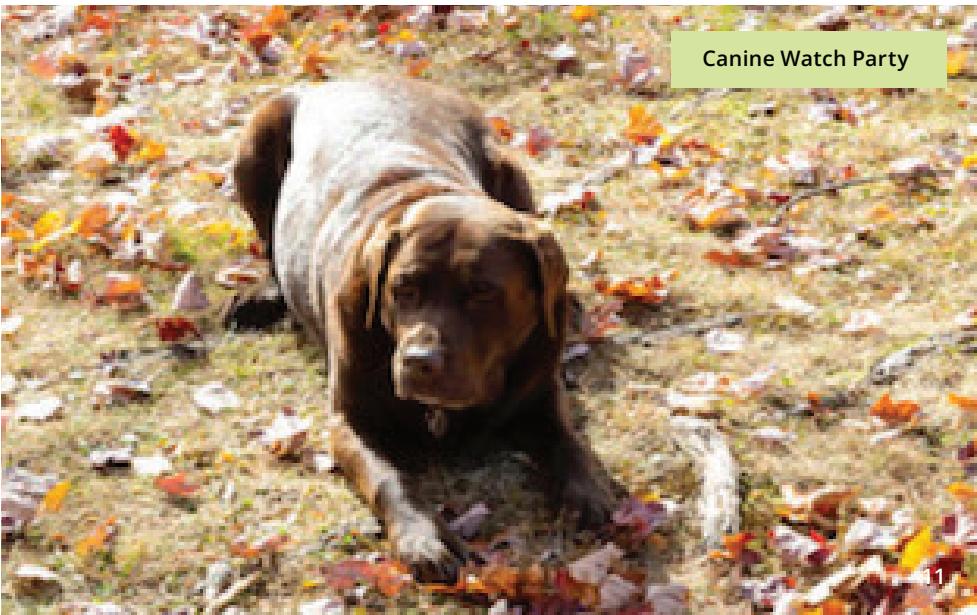
The planting ceremony was announced at the October Village Board of Trustees meeting.

It was included as the feature story in the Tree Advisory Board’s Winter newsletter, sent by email to all Tuxedo Park residents and including a message about the importance of trees.

Watering bags were installed for all five trees.



Planted at the same time were one red twig dogwood, two witch hazel and two inkberry to establish an understory among some existing trees for both pedagogical and aesthetic reasons.



Canine Watch Party

Let's Celebrate!

In 2024 the NYSUFC Grant Committee created the TREE TEAM grant program to help students in disadvantaged school districts understand the value of trees and learn about how to select a tree and plant it properly. TREE TEAM K-12 was premised on the idea that if folks came to know and love trees early on in life, they would most likely go on to value them as adults. Schools that qualify receive not only trees and planting materials but a seasoned and knowledgeable mentor to advise them. A further goal is to encourage schools to establish a campus-based tree program and to hold a tree planting event to celebrate Arbor Day as a way of moving the school toward becoming an Arbor Day Foundation Tree Campus K-12.

To judge applications, we relied upon the Arbor Day Foundation's requirements for Tree Campus K-12 status. We looked for these components:

- Maintaining a tree campus team
- Conducting activities that connect students with trees and their benefits
- Engaging students in a project that brings the school's spirit to the community
- Holding a celebration of trees within the school or community, such as an annual Arbor Day event

Here are four of the winning schools for 2024.

Mount Markham Central School District

Jessica Pyrda, District Forester for the Oneida Soil & Water Conservation District, served as a mentor along with school TREE TEAM teachers Eric Bugbee and Angela Martin and NYSUFC board member Terry Hawkrige to advise Mount Markham on extending the hedgerow acting as a windbreak between their land lab and athletic fields while increasing their sugar bush. Pyrda wrote about the experience for Taking Root.

"The school was able to purchase two 2" caliper ball-and-burlap sugar maple trees with the money from the grant. These trees were picked up by Terry Hawkrige and ended up measuring 3 1/4" — he got a great deal!"

Mount Markham's tree planting ceremony was held on Arbor Day, Friday April 26, 2024. As it was a half day of school, most of the prep work for the planting was completed on Thursday, April 25.

Members of the West Winfield Garden Club came to the ceremony and helped mulch the trees. DEC Forester Dan Welc also arrived to celebrate the day, and handed out Arbor Day posters and postcards to the students.

"The school's FFA students along with the Natural Resource, Environmental classes and Envirothon team were involved in every step of the process. A mini excavator was donated for the planting. The students used it to dig the holes. The kids built a new wall with the stones that they excavated!"

"It was a beautiful day and a great experience for the school and for the TREE TEAM mentors."



Liverpool Middle School

Liverpool Middle School 8th graders Lillian Jackson and Saturn Rothblatt, members of the Liverpool Middle Green Warriors Environmental Club, wrote about the TREE TEAM experience for NYSUFC's Taking Root. NYSUFC board members Leanna Nugent and Justin Kinney, the LCSD Arborist, served as mentors.

"Everyone grabbed a shovel and we were shown how to do it by Leanna Nugent. First, we measured to make sure the hole wasn't too far down. Next we had one person hold the tree as the rest of us shoveled dirt around the roots. We had to be careful not to bury all of the tree and to leave the very top of the root sticking out. All of us worked on the first tree together, and some of the younger kids who showed up with their parents even tried to help. As we planted, we needed to keep stepping on the soil to make sure that there were no air pockets."



North Rockland High School

The North Rockland High School Arbor Day planting of their Inclusion Tree was spearheaded by UAccessLife, a club created to advocate for accessibility for everyone in the school's community. Serving as mentor was NYSUFC board member Jean Zimmerman. The ceremony commemorated the planting of an ivory silk lilac sapling gifted through the school's Tree Campus K-12 Grant. UAccess LifePresident Ashley Ely, Class of 2024, described the experience in Taking Root.

"First, the school's orchestra, conducted by Mr. John Björkman, presented a beautiful piece titled Lord of the Dance. The performance represented multiple students collaborating as musicians. Music is very important as it helps connect our community, and it set the tone for the program that followed."

"This tree planting is beneficial as it will provide a space for students to connect through nature therapy and also to enjoy the scenery overall. Placing the lilac tree next to the main entrance of the building allows for easy accessibility for anyone to view the tree and its future blossoming flowers. The tree planting event also provided educational opportunities to the many science classes offered at North Rockland."

"The tree planting was led by Holly Sten (Class of 2026). She thanked all members of the community for their contributions to North Rockland, including Mrs. DaPonte, UAccessLife members, North Rockland's Best Buddies club, and AccessNR. Members from each group were invited to grab a shovel and dig some dirt into the tree in order to symbolize how North Rockland can join together as a community to take care of our environment and each other."

"The ceremony highlighted the importance of the incorporation of nature in the lives of students and faculty here at North Rockland. As we enter the warmer weather, the addition of this tree provides a sense of scenery and is a way to welcome students who enter North Rockland High School. Placed right in front of the school, it allows people to easily have access to nature and further allows them to enjoy the beauty of nature here at North Rockland."



Solvay High School

The Solvay High School TREE TEAM planted an American elm and a chinkapin on their campus, assisted by mentor Leanna Nugent, NYSUFC board member and Community Forestry & Natural Resources Educator with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Onondaga County.

Pictured left: Tree planting crew members Travis Hall, Bri Anzellotti, Lynne McCawley, Renee Melfi, Jenna Rogala, NyZier Patton, Josh Morales, Noah Hardy, Meghan Morral pose behind a newly planted American elm tree on the Solvay campus.

A Successful Western New York ReLeaf Workshop on Storm Response

ReLeaf Regions 4 and 5 sponsored a rewarding workshop at Draves Arboretum in Darien Center on June 13. Attendees received a broad overview of preparation and response activities for before, during and after storms. The focus was on safety and how to properly handle downed and damaged trees. The agenda included an in-depth look at the important aspects of storm response: physical and mental safety, the physics of damaged trees, a live demonstration of the removal of a hazardous tree, and more.

Participants watched a crane remove a big silver maple in less than an hour by Tom Draves’ crew.



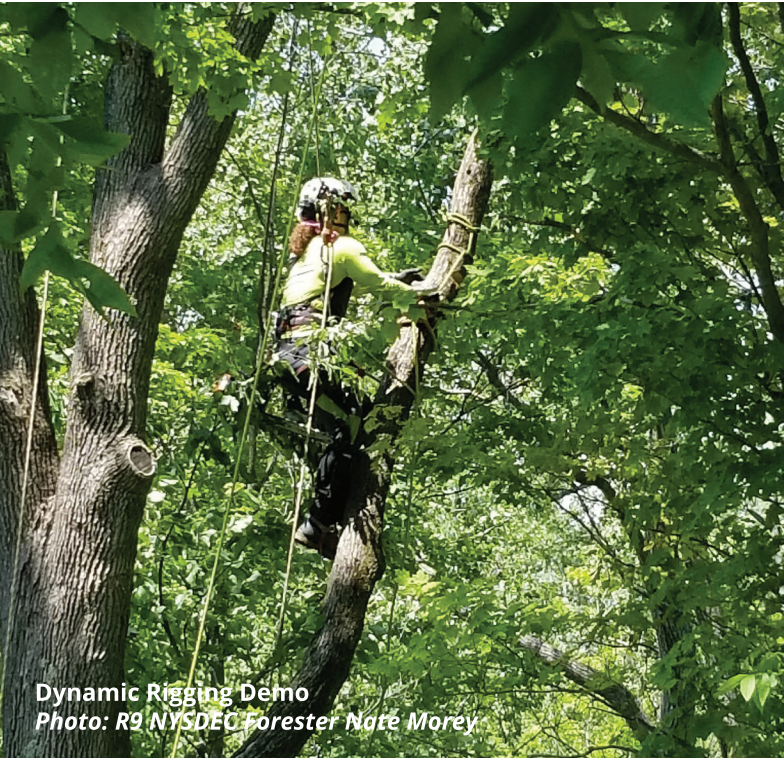
“Stop the Bleed” training was offered by Strictly Business Safety Solutions.



Mike Sawyer from Olmsted Parks Conservancy gave a comprehensive and lively summary of how and why to use best management practices in arboriculture, from planting to removal, in order to reduce future risk and failure.



Mike Sawyer, Olsted Parks Conservancy



Dynamic Rigging Demo
Photo: R9 NYSDEC Forester Nate Morey



Urban Wood Utilization

A rep from Altec brought a spider lift to demonstrate its use.



Altec Spider Lift Demo

The Western ReLeaf committee presented an award of appreciation to Tom Draves, who goes above and beyond to support ReLeaf Regions 8 and 9, the Olmsted Parks Conservancy, and the larger arboriculture industry.



Award Presented to Tom Draves

Storm response is a challenge for communities across New York State. Larger storms fueled by a changing climate mean more damaged and downed trees. Municipal responders may include staff who do not regularly work with trees and tree-related equipment. Storm response often includes long hours, late nights, and dangerous conditions.



Tom Draves Explaining the Crane Removal

Participants came away with new knowledge of important information.

Each presenter was enormously engaging and the weather and lunch were also great!

Photos: Amy Mackenzie



Watching Crane Removal

Trees, Please!



Yellow Birch-A Real Live ENT!
Photo: Steve Harris



Stoneleigh, Villanova
Photo: John Tweddle

Taking Root: Showcasing Expertise, Inclusion and Bold New Ideas

In 2024, NYSUFC featured the knowledge and enthusiasm of numerous guest contributors in its weekly blog/monthly newsletter *Taking Root*. Writers hailed not only from New York State but all over the country and the world! Here is a sampling.

Associate Professor at SUNY Morrisville
Rebecca Hargrave: An incisive series based on a study of NY State municipal urban forest management programs conducted by UMass Amherst, NYSDEC Urban and Community Forestry Program and NYSUFC.

Georgia Silvera Seamans, Founder, Local Nature Lab, a nature education nonprofit based in NYC: “Mostly Mulberry: A Natural History” “Winter Tree ID: Bark, Buds and Needle Leaves” and “Tree Flowers of Sprummer.”



Tulip Tree Flowers
Photo: Georgia Silvera Seamans



Black and White Warbler Feasting on Ant,
Prospect Park, Brooklyn
Photo: Emily Nobel Maxwell

Matthew López-Jensen, Bronx-based Environmental Artist and Educator: “Declaring a Street Tree Emergency.”

Emily Nobel Maxwell, Senior Advisor, City Parks Foundation: A two-part examination of current urban forestry issues in New York City in “Every Neighborhood Leafy.”



Founders, Alliance for Community Trees
Photo: Trees Atlanta

Environmental Education Consultant Nancy Wolf: The April 2024 Atlanta reunion of the Alliance for Community Trees.

Aelwen Johnstone, Millennium Kids, an environmental youth organization based in Australia: “Young People Who Want to Change the World.”



Aelwen Johnstone, Green Lab Planning, 2020

Nick May, Senior Project Manager, Ecosulis, UK: “Planting Trees in Riparian Areas.”

Rick Magder, Founding executive director of Groundwork Hudson Valley and Groundwork USA: “Reviving the American chestnut at Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge.

Doug Still, Consulting Arborist and Host, This Old Tree podcast “When Neighbors Need Arbor Mediation.”

Nathan Davila, Senior Associate Consultant, Davey Resource Group: “Where Science Meets Soul: Professional Arboriculture and the Art of Connecting With Trees.”

STAYING CONNECTED IN 2024



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LinkedIn followers



911

Instagram followers



822

Facebook followers



441

X followers



55,075

views of the NYSUFC blog



727

average monthly readers for our e-newsletter *Taking Root*



199

YouTube channel video views

2024 MEMBERSHIP

In 2024, there were 207 memberships representing 474 total members:



151

Individuals



12

Non-Profits



8

Small Businesses (6 members each)



64

Corporate (12 members each)



31

Government Agencies (12 members each)

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