

The New Jersey Shade Tree Federation

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 16-17, 2025 | HARRAH'S RESORT ATLANTIC CITY, NJ

The New Jersey Shade Tree Federation 100th Annual Conference

Dates: Thursday Oct 16 & Friday Oct 17, 2025

Location: Harrah's Resort Atlantic City
777 Harrah's Blvd
Atlantic City, NJ 08401

Hotel Reservations Deadline: Monday, September 15, 2025

Group Name: NJ Shade Tree Federation

Group Code: SH10ST5

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Conference Registration Deadline: Monday, September 15, 2025



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<https://njstf.org/annual-conference>

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- Use the link above to register your person(s) online
- On the payment page, select pay by "Check/Purchase Order"
- Receive your invoice via email.
- Authorized Purchase Orders/Vouchers must be received by the Federation Office via mail or email no later than **Monday, September 15, 2025.**

Questions: TREES@NJSTF.ORG or (732) 246-3210

CONTINUING EDUCATION INFORMATION

This year the NJ Shade Tree Federation has modified the Annual Conference daily schedule to accommodate additional continuing education session time. Pending approvals, the 2025 schedule would allow an individual to accumulate 1 CEU/session for a maximum of **6 CEUs/ day** of conference sessions. A Complete (2-day) Thursday & Friday conference attendee could earn up to **12 CEUs**. Pre-approval requests as follows; official approvals may deviate from requests.

Check our website www.NJSTF.ORG for updates on official CEU pre-approvals

NJ Urban & Community Forestry Program:

Oct 16, 2025	1 NJUCF CEU/session	6 NJUCF CEUs/day
Oct 17, 2025	1 NJUCF CEU/session	6 NJUCF CEUs/day
<i>NJUCF Community Representative (CORE) Training Course Excluded</i>		

NJ Board of Tree Experts LTE/LTCO:

Oct 16, 2025	1 CEU/session	6 CEUs/day
Oct 17, 2025	1 CEU/session	6 CEUs/day

NJ International Society of Arboriculture (ISA):

Oct 16, 2025	1 CEU/session	6 CEUs/day
Oct 17, 2025	1 CEU/session	6 CEUs/day

Society of American Foresters (SAF):

Oct 16, 2025	6 Category 1 CFEs per day
Oct 17, 2025	6 Category 1 CFEs per day

NJ Certified Public Works Manager (CPWM)

Category assignments pending:

Oct 16, 2025	1 Credit/session	6 Credits/day
Oct 17, 2025	1 Credit/session	6 Credit/day

NJ DEP Pesticide Re-certification credits

Credit & Category assignments pending afternoon LTE/LCTO Breakout Sessions:

Oct 16, 2025	4:00- 5:00PM	Neil Hendrickson - History of Pesticides & The 'Greenin-
Oct 17, 2025	2:30-3:30PM	Mark Ware – Beech Leaf Disease Update & Treatment-
	4:00-5:00PM	Richard Buckley – 2025 Dead Tree Review: The View fr-

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October 16 & 17, 2025

A letter from the President of the New Jersey Shade Tree Federation....

This year, 2025, we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the NJ Shade Tree Federation. Over the decades since the urban and community forestry movement has existed, the benefits of urban trees have been increasingly well researched and documented. Yet their importance, and our need for knowledge about them, continues to expand.

It is for this reason that the New Jersey Shade Tree Federation exists: to help connect, educate, and assist municipalities, organizations, and individuals in their work with their urban trees. Our annual conference is the key event for the latest information towards this end. The dates for this year's conference are October 16th and 17th, once again at Harrah's in Atlantic City.

The 100th anniversary conference will, as always, bring outstanding speakers. This year, we'll look at some history of our organization, and of tree care , as well as provide presentations of compelling current interest, with the aim of advancing our knowledge of trees, and promoting informed decisions about their planting and maintenance.

As always, there will be opportunities to network with both old and new friends, colleagues, other professionals, and exhibitors. A broad spectrum of vendors, including non-profit groups, will be looking forward to helping attendees find the information, plant material, and equipment that they have been searching for.

We look forward to celebrating the occasion with you!

Neil Hendrickson, PhD
NJ Shade Tree Federation President 2024-2025

IMPORTANT CONFERENCE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Conference Registration Pricing, Deadline Monday, September 15, 2025

Complete, Thursday Oct 16 & Friday Oct 17 \$ 475

Single-Day, Thursday *OR* Friday \$ 275

Member Discount Codes:

- Discount codes for 20% off Conference Registration were distributed to members of the NJ Shade Tree Federation who paid membership dues for 2025.
- Discount codes expire Monday, September 15, 2025.
- If you forgot to pay 2025 membership dues, contact our office, TREES@NJSTF.ORG (732) 246-3210 to get back into good standing. A late renewal can still add up to significant savings for individuals, groups, and companies.

Registration balances must be paid by Monday, September 15, 2025.

- Your registration is not considered “complete” until a check is received, a credit card payment is processed, or an authorized purchase order/voucher is received.
- Registrations with outstanding balances after Monday September 15, 2025 are subject to Late/Walk-In registration rates.
- *The NJ Shade Tree Federation reserves the right to deny entry to registrants with unpaid balances.*
- **Authorized Purchase order/ vouchers must be received by September 15, 2025.**
 - Blank or unauthorized copies of purchase orders are not acceptable forms of payment.
 - Departmental requisition orders are not acceptable forms of payment.
 - By checking the pay by check/purchase order option you accept the responsibility of ensuring that a check or an authorized purchase order/ voucher is received by the Federation Office no later than September 15, 2025.
 - Email: TREES@NJSTF.ORG
 - Mail: NJ SHADE TREE FEDERATION
 - Blake Hall, Cook College
 - 93 Lipman Drive
 - New Brunswick, NJ 08901

IMPORTANT CONFERENCE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Late/Walk-In Registration Pricing Effective After Monday, September 15, 2025

Complete, Thursday Oct 16 & Friday Oct 17	\$ 550
Single-Day, Thursday <i>OR</i> Friday	\$ 350

Late/Walk-In Registration: After Monday, September 15, 2025, all registrations will be held to Late/ Walk-In Registration Rates.

- An additional \$75 fee applies (per registrant)
- Late/ Walk-In Registrants are ineligible for discounts regardless of their membership status.
- Registrations with outstanding balances after Monday, September 15, 2025 are subject to the \$75 late/walk-in fee.

Conference Registration Refund, Cancellation, and Substitution Policy:

- All cancellations and requests for refunds must be made in writing and received by the Federation office (TREES@NJSTF.ORG) by September 15, 2025.
- A cancellation fee of \$75 per registrant applies.
- All requests for substitutions must be made in writing and received by the Federation office (TREES@NJSTF.ORG) by September 15, 2025.
- No refunds will be provided after September 15, 2025.
- No refunds will be provided for conference no-shows.

Event Admission:

- Registration is required for admission to the NJ Shade Tree Federation 100th Annual Conference. No exceptions.
- Registration check-in starts 7:30 AM on Thursday October 16 at the conference registration desk. A badge and lanyard will be provided.
- Badges must be worn visibly at all times during the conference.
- Persons not wearing a registration badge will not be permitted to participate in the conference educational events and/or its food & beverage services.

NJ Urban & Community Forestry Program's Community Representative (CORE) Training is held concurrently on Conference Day 1, Thursday Oct 16, 2025

(See page 10) **There are **NO CEUS** (zero) provided for NJUCF CORE Training**

- NJUCF CORE Training is reserved seating only.
- To reserve a seat you must register to attend the NJ Shade Tree Federation 100th Annual Conference and select a conference registration option which includes the NJUCF CORE Training.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 16, 2025

7:30 AM Registration & Exhibits Open

8:30 AM 100th Annual Conference Opening Program

8:30 AM NJUCF CORE Training Check -In full-day, concurrent (see page 10)

9:00 AM General Education Session

- “The 3+30+300 Principle for Greener and Healthier Cities – Experiences from the First 5 Years” – *Dr. Cecil Konijnendijk*

10:00 AM Coffee Break with Exhibitors

10:30 AM General Education Session

- “Striving to Meet the Demand for Tough Trees in Tough Sites While Fostering Biodiversity” – *Dr. Robert (Bob) F. Polomski*

11:30 AM Luncheon & Lecture

- “A brief historical review: NJ Shade Tree Federation at the 100th annual meeting” – *Dr. Jason Grabosky*

1:30 PM Breakout Sessions

- **Municipal Track:** “Timelines to Market” – *Nancy Buley*
- **LTE/LTCO Track:** “A Proper Look at Keeping Your Tree Happy” – *Bruce Crawford*

2:30 PM Breakout Sessions

- **Municipal Track:** “Panel: New Approaches to Community Tree Plantings” – *Multi-Speaker Session*
- **LTE/LTCO Track:** “Tree-Focused Organizations, Associates, Certifications, and Licenses in NJ” – *Joe Griep*

3:30 PM Coffee Break with Exhibitors

4:00 PM Breakout Sessions

- **Municipal Track:** “Utility Vegetation Management” – *Jay Kaplan & Joe Griebau*
- **LTE/LTCO Track:** “History of Pesticides & The ‘Greening’ of Arboriculture” – *Neil Hendrickson, PhD*

5:00 PM Networking Event

7:30 AM Registration & Exhibits

9:00 AM General Education Session

- “Show Me the Science: Share Evidence-Based Practices to Win Public Support of a Diverse, Well-Maintained Urban Forest” – *Dr. Robert (Bob) F. Polomski*

9:00 AM Municipal Tree Inventory Workshop & Field Trip 2-hour, concurrent

10:00 AM Coffee Break with Exhibitors

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- “Municipal and Community Forestry: A Global Perspective of Growing People and Tree Relationships” – *Dr. Cecil Konijnendijk*

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- **LTE/LTCO Track:** “Fifty Shades of Shade – The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly of Urban/ Community Forestry and Landscape Management” – *Jeffrey A. Tandul*

2:30 PM Breakout Sessions

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NJ SHADE TREE FEDERATION 100th 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 twelve **(12) CEUs for two days**, or **six (6) 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.
- **NJUCF Accreditation** requires annual retention of at least two (2) NJUCF CORE Trained Community Representatives per municipality/county. An individual's CORE training status does not expire.
 - One (1) person must be a municipal/county employee, and one (1) person must be a 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 16, 2025

- 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******



NJUCF Community Representative (CORE) Training

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2025

- 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
- 11:30-1:30** **Lunch**
- 1:30-2:30** **Tree Planting & Maintenance: From Planning to Practice**
Lisa Simms, Director of Green Streets, NJ Tree Foundation
Municipal Inventory: How, What and Why
- 2:30-3:30** **Dr. Jason Grabosky, Director, Rutgers Urban Forestry Program**
- 3:30-4:00** **Coffee Break with Exhibitors**
- 4:00-5:00** **Elements of a Successful Urban & Community Forestry Program: Management**
NJ Forest Service

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“The 3+30+300 principle for greener and healthier cities – experiences from the first 5 years” - Cecil Konijnendijk, Director with the Nature Based Solutions Institute - The 3+30+300 principle is an evidence-based guideline that aims to bring provide the climate, health, and other benefits of trees and green space to everybody. The principle, developed in early 2021 by the presenter, calls for at least 3 mature trees visible from every home, workplace, school, or place of care. It also sets a minimum of 30% canopy cover at the neighbourhood level. Moreover, we should all have a high-quality, publicly accessible green space within a 300-metres walk (i.e. just over 300 yards). At the time of the conference, the principle has been around for about five years and municipalities, governments, and various organisations and businesses around the globe have started using it. This talk assesses the current state of 3+30+300 implementation, in the US and elsewhere. It discusses opportunities for using the guideline for the promotion of sound urban forestry, also in New Jersey.

“Striving to meet the demand for tough trees in tough sites while fostering biodiversity” – Robert (Bob) F. Polomski, Associate Extension Specialist—Horticulture/ Arboriculture/ Adjunct Instructor, Clemson University - While communities strive to increase and maintain their tree canopy coverage, the urban environment and changing climate conditions present an assortment of challenges that affect tree performance and longevity. Given these biotic and abiotic constraints, certain native and nonnative species and their cultivars perform well in urban environments. These high-performing taxa will be discussed along with approaches that support genotypic diversity to avoid monocultural disasters.

“A brief historical review: NJ Shade Tree Federation at the 100th annual meeting” – Dr. Jason Grabosky, Rutgers Urban Forestry Program – At this milestone for the Federation, I’ll provide some background history and context of the organization while mentioning people and issues that have animated the annual meeting for the past century. I’ll emphasize

the older material and hopefully encourage folks to continue the conversation of recent years over their dinners and after hours.

“Timelines to Market” – Nancy Buley – Timelines to Market illustrates the long and complex journey from seed to city tree. Many hands and a decade or more are needed to grow a tree from start to finish. It takes even longer to develop, select, trial, and introduce new and improved cultivars. Bringing new and improved urban tree cultivars to market is a multi-generational effort that may take 15–30 years or more, via the collaborative efforts of plant breeders, growers, urban foresters, arboreta, and academia. A changing climate adds urgency to the search for tough, resilient, adaptable urban trees. Understanding the timeline and processes of new tree introduction and the how and why of cultivar development will help us plan for choosing, growing, and planting the best trees for the future urban forest.

“A Proper Look at Keeping Your Tree Happy” – Bruce Crawford, Manager of Horticulture, Morris County Parks Commission - The challenge with woody trees and shrubs is the language barrier - we simply do not speak the ‘proper’ language! Plants try to communicate when there is a problem, but we simply fail to understand. Bruce will consider this language barrier and attempt to break down issues that may be the result of improper siting, planting techniques and pruning. We will also look at how trees can be properly used in designs to help us! Once the language barrier is overcome, we have a far better chance of enjoying a properly developed tree growing in a properly developed landscape!

“Panel: New Approaches to Community Tree Plantings” – Multi-Speaker Session - It’s the age-old issue of community tree planters around the globe including many NJ municipalities: What do we do if our ROW sidewalk “planting” strip is simply too small/ non-existent? In response to a lack of suitable tree planting sites, some of New Jersey’s shore towns have gotten creative to engage private landowners and encourage lawn-side plantings. Hear their methods and experiences administering this

unique style of community tree planting. Featuring representatives of the towns, shade tree commissions, and nursery collaborating to develop, standardize, and expand this unique style of community tree planting.

“Tree-Focused Organizations, Associations, Certifications, and Licenses in NJ.” – Joe Greipp, Arboretum Director, Meadow Lakes - New Jersey has a rich history of similarly aligned organizations, associations, and non-profits committed to the selection, planting and care of trees. Come and enjoy a walk through of each of these organizations, their leadership, and histories. Additionally, Mr. Greipp will also make sense of all the various licenses, certifications, and acronyms we see when working with professionals in the field.

“Utility Vegetation Management” – Jay Kaplan, Supervisor for Vegetation Management, PSE&G & Joe Griebau, Sr. Vegetation Management Program Manager, Atlantic City Electric - This session discusses why Utilities in NJ handle conflicts with vegetation, how those conflicts are handled, and the differences between the way the different utilities handle those conflicts.

“History of Pesticides & The ‘Greening’ of Arboriculture” – Neil Hendrickson, PhD, former Northeast Technical Researcher, Bartlett Tree, now happily retires & current President of the NJ Shade Tree Federation - The history of pesticides is almost as long as human history; cultures around the world engaged in pest suppression. Neil uses examples of innovations and lesson learned “the hard way” to shed light on how our industry’s technologies, best practices, and regulations developed. From our first attempts at IPM and pesticide regulations with spongy moth, to the post- WWII usage of DDT and the beginnings of a “greener” era and the need for our newer pesticide chemistries and cultural approaches. Neil shows us what we learned and leaves us thinking about what we will do in the future.

“Show me the science: share evidence-based practices to win public support of a diverse, well-maintained urban forest” – Robert (Bob) F. Polomski, Associate Extension Specialist—Horticulture/ Arboriculture/ Adjunct Instructor, Clemson University - Maintaining a biologically rich urban forest requires the integration of native and noninvasive, nonnative species and cultivars. Opposition to nonnative taxa is fueled by misinformation and a reluctance to part with long held beliefs, which tend to possess more value than scientific facts. Effective evidence-based practices combined with transparent communication and engagement, which includes public outreach efforts, community meetings, educational programs, and citizen science initiatives, can foster greater support for biodiversity in the urban forest.

“Municipal Tree Inventory Workshop & Field Trip” - NJ Forest Service, Davey Resource Group, Jason Grabosky - This hands on workshop will highlight all aspects of the inventory process, from data collection, inventory types, and how to effectively use an inventory. Through a classroom and outdoor session, attendees will learn what data to collect, advantages/disadvantages of inventory type and benefits of using your inventory. Now that the NJFS CFMP inventory requirement is in effect, this will be more useful than ever!

Municipal and community forestry: a global perspective of a growing people and tree relationships” – Cecil Konijnendijk, Director with the Nature Based Solutions Institute - Recent years have shown growing interest and activity in municipal and community forestry. In fact, these have now become global movements and fields, supported by a growing body of research, expertise, and involvement of numerous professional and advocacy organisations. In this talk, Cecil will discuss how municipal and community forestry have become truly global. Based on his work in 35 or so countries, he will show some of the latest, most exciting initiatives and developments. He will also shine his light on some of the next steps for municipal and community forestry, in order to enhance their role and impact even further.

“NJ Shade Tree Federation hits 150th year! A perfunctory overview of 2075” – Dr. Jason Grabosky, Rutgers Urban Forestry Program - Just another annual update on the things hitting communities and tree care professionals, but a fair amount has happened since the big 100th annual meeting back in 2025! In part 2 of this creative lecture pair, I look back on the first lunchtime lecture as though we are currently sitting at a meeting 50 years in the future. We'll explore the applications of new and coming tech and reflect back on the issues of 2025. Remember those common aspects, themes, and challenges we identified way back in 2025...Well what did do about them? Join us in a slightly skewed and fun way of exploring the future of our industry.

“Trees & Municipal Development: Lessons from a Reviewer” – Michael Zichelli, AICP/PP Borough Administrator, Glen Ridge & Blais Branchau, Township Planner, Hanover - Mike and Blais present their viewpoints of how tree protection, preservation, and new development planting designs would function in a ‘perfect’ world and share their insights to help other municipal departments handle the ‘real life’ issues. Trees are living, growing infrastructure requiring proper selection, placement, and continuous maintenance to minimize conflicts and increase odds of success. Reflecting on a combined 50+ years’ experience Blais and Mike give us ideas on how to encourage sustainable tree installation, preservation, and landscape design in our communities.

“Fifty Shades of Shade – The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly of Urban/Community Forestry and Landscape Management” – Jeffrey A. Tandul, LLA, ASLA, M.Arch. - Review of site plans is often limited and considered an afterthought by many Planning Boards, Zoning Boards and Land Use Boards. Often if plans are reviewed, they are done so by those with limited or no qualifications regarding landscapes and trees. Green professionals need to be more involved in the review process for development and other plans. Through some case studies and examples, this session will assist those submitting and/or reviewing landscape and reforestation plans become more familiar with the current standards of

care. Discussion of protection of health, safety and welfare regarding landscape and reforestation plans will be presented utilizing real world examples of Community & Urban Forest and Landscape management. Including: issues related to Right of Way Management, best practices for selection, planting, and care of trees. Navigating “Political realities” and alternative funding options for planting and maintenance, liability reduction. A discussion of the limitations and opportunities of trees for storm water management shall also be provided. The session will address the potential legal issues facing professionals, volunteers and commissioners in regard ordinance creation and tree/landscape evaluations. A brief introduction shall be provided regarding risks and rewards in providing expert witness services and planting/reforestation plan review services. Other topics will include best practices for specifications and post planting review. Communication best practices regarding dealing with the public, clients and governing/jurisdictional bodies will be examined. Interaction, coordination and cooperation between utilities and tree managers will be examined.

“Shovel Ready: NJ Community Forestry Projects” – *Multi-Speaker Session, NJ Forest Service* - The New Jersey Forest Service has a strong commitment to Urban and community Forestry and has provided millions of dollars in grants to participating municipalities. In this panel discussion, we will hear from several municipalities sharing their thoughts, difficulties, successes, and lessons learned in implementing their local tree programs, from implementing an inventory, pruning, removals, and scheduling. These short presentations followed by time for Q&A will provide attendees with valuable insight on how to enhance their local community forestry programs.

“Beech Leaf Disease Management Update” – *Mark Ware, Arborologist, Rainbow Ecoscience* - As Beech Leaf Disease continues to ravage our beloved Beech population, the research and efforts to manage the damage caused by the microscopic nematodes behind the disease continues at a feverish pace. We will be focusing on the current management options as well as reviewing any new research.

“Future Voices: Lightning Round” – Multi-Speaker Session, Rutgers University - Welcome to the next generation of our profession. As tree planters we all know that our work is not designed to end. Each generation of community tree stewards inherits a forest reflecting the ideas, challenges, and management priorities of those who came before them. The young professionals featured in this lightning round session will share an overview of their ideas, projects, and research. Giving us glimpse into what our industry may look like in the decades to come. These short, rapid succession presentations will provide attendees with the key findings, expectations, and motivations of the people inheriting our NJ community tree resources.

2025 Dead Tree Review: The View from the Rutgers Plant Diagnostics Lab” – Dr. Richard Buckley, Rutgers Plant Diagnostic Lab- This one-hour lecture will focus on new and unusual, or otherwise really cool, diseases and insect pests that pose a threat to New Jersey’s urban forest. Updates on current invasions and problems coming our way will be included. Each insect or disease will be profiled to include pathogen or pest biology and ecology, symptom diagnosis, scouting and monitoring techniques, and current concepts in integrated control that includes all cultural, biological, and chemical management strategies.

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For the latest event information visit WWW.NJSTF.ORG



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No paper registration form?

Not this year, we've gone 100% digital for the 100th!
You can register online:

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Scan this QR code:



Or type this url into your browser:
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I just registered and that was way easier than I thought it was going to be. Thanks!!

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You're welcome Just let me know if you have any questions:
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