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# Trees in a Changing Connecticut What You Need to Know

Climate Change · New Pests & Diseases  
· Selection · Equity

## Topics

- Climate Change in CT ·
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- CT Urban Forest Council/Funding Sources ·
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- State Legislation ·
- 'We All Live In The Woods' ·

Friday, May 12, 2023

8.00 AM - 1.00 PM

1:00 PM Optional Lunch



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## LOCATION:

Middlesex Community College  
Chapman Hall Multi-Purpose Rooms  
100 Training Hill Rd  
Middletown, CT 06457

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## THE SPEAKER LINEUP



**Katie Dykes**

Commissioner  
CT DEEP



**Andrea Urbano**

Supervisor of Private & Municipal  
Lands Program, Division of Forestry,  
Bureau of Natural Resources  
CT DEEP



**Frank Cervo**

Eastern District Service Forester  
CT DEEP



**Heather Dionne**

City Forester  
City of Hartford



**Mark Brand**

Professor of Horticulture  
UCONN



**Mayra Rodriguez  
Gonzalez**

Asst. Ext. Educator  
Urban and Community Forestry  
UCONN



**Eric Hammerling**

Executive Director  
CT Forest & Park Association



**Tom Worthley**

Ext. Educator Forest Sustainability  
UCONN

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## Join us as we take a look at the effect of climate change on Connecticut Trees

Trees in Connecticut, whether in a forest or urban setting, are being affected by climate change. We are experiencing different weather patterns, storm intensity, and average and extreme temperatures and precipitation. This is affecting which species do well in Connecticut along with the incidence of various diseases and pests.

We will explore what species do well or may do well in the future; how to care for existing trees; what funding is available to help mitigate the challenges to trees; how the Hartford Tree Canopy Action Plan guides tree planting; pending legislation related to urban and forest trees; and how the lens of equity and environmental justice affects what and where to plant.

Finally, Tom Worthley, UCONN Extension Educator will tie everything together as he discusses the fact that we all live in the woods.

**Who should attend:** Land use planners, tree wardens, arborists, public works officials, environmental planners, landscape architects, land trusts, conservation commissions, horticulturalists, environmental groups & societies, and all concerned with tree selection for a sustainable future.

Registration: \$45

Optional Lunch: \$15

See full program below.

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CT Tree Warden CEU 4.25 credits

CT Arborist CEU 3.75 credits "3D of the Commercial Pesticide Applicator Certification"

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## Symposium Program

- 8:00 – 8:30 **Registration and Continental Breakfast**
- 8:30 – 8:35 **Welcome** – Tony Marino, Executive Director, The Rockfall Foundation
- 8:35 – 8:55 **Keynote Speaker** – Katie Dykes, Commissioner, CT DEEP
- 8:55 – 9:25 **Climate Change in CT** – Andrea Urbano, Supervisor of Private & Municipal Lands Program, Division of Forestry, Bureau of Natural Resources, CT DEEP
- What do climate models predict for weather patterns, storm intensity, and average and extreme temperatures and precipitation? How do these changes specifically stress trees?
- 9:25 – 9:55 **Pests and CT Tree Diseases** – Frank Cervo, Eastern District Service Forester, CT DEEP
- What important insects & diseases (pathogens) will (or could) significantly affect the state's trees. How does climate change affect the spread of pests/diseases in CT?
- 9:55 – 10:25 **CT Urban Forest Council / Funding Sources** – Heather Dionne, City Forester, City of Hartford
- How does Hartford's Tree Canopy Action Plan guide tree planting and other landscape activities? Are there funding sources that municipal land managers and tree wardens should be aware of for projects to mitigate current challenges?
- 10:25 – 10:45 Break
- 10:45 – 11:15 **Resilient Tree Species / Varieties** – Mark Brand, Professor of Horticulture, UCONN
- What tree selections (species, genotypes or cultivars) are struggling or better-suited given current and projected climate in CT? Which might prove resilient against climate change and pathogens?
- 11:15 – 11:45 **Equity/ Environmental Justice & Greenspaces** – Mayra Rodriguez Gonzalez, Asst. Ext. Educator, Urban and Community Forestry, UCONN
- What tools and funding can land managers and planners use to equitably implement maintenance & plantings when addressing current challenges? What are the legal requirements, especially for publicly funded actions? Tree Equity Scorecard demonstration.
- 11:45 – 12:00 **State Legislation** – Eric Hammerling, Executive Director, CT Forest & Park Association
- 12:00 – 12:30 **'We All Live In The Woods'** – Wrap Up by Tom Worthley, Extension Educator Forest Sustainability, UCONN
- 12:30 – 1:00 **Panel Question & Answer Session**
- 1:00 **Optional Lunch** with an opportunity to chat informally with colleagues and our featured speakers.