

**NAASF Urban Committee Annual Meeting**  
**May 10-12, 2011**  
Garden City Hotel – Garden City, L.I. and NYC, New York

**“The Forest in the City”**

**Overall Outcomes:**

- *Participants will recommend policy to influence Program direction and decision processes at the state, regional and national level.*
- *Participants will become articulate in a range of core issues, projects, and products to cost effectively deliver and support federal and state programs and initiatives.*
- *Participants will strengthen the regional network and voice of UCF Program leaders.*

**Tuesday, May 10** \_\_\_\_\_

1:00 PM

**Welcome to New York!**

*Mary Kramarchyk, NY Urban and Community Forestry Program Coordinator  
Gloria VanDuyne and Carol Pawelek – Co-facilitators  
Danielle Fitzko, VT Urban and Community Forestry Program Coordinator  
Bruce Williamson, Bureau Chief  
Phil Healey, Region 1 ReLeaf*

1:30 PM

**NYS Urban and Community Forestry Council: *The Capacity to Succeed***

*President, Christian Mercurio, Department of Economic Development, City of Rome  
Past President, Pat Tobin, Fayetteville Tree Commission  
Board Member at Large, Stephanie Mallozzi, Cornell Cooperative Extension  
Board Member, Andy Hillman, Former Ithaca City Forester, currently with Davey Resource Group*

***Outcome:*** *Participants understand how another state’s UCF Council engages external partners in leading urban forest resource management.*

2:30 PM

**Break**

2:45PM

**Sub-Committee and Liaison Sharing and Work Time**

- State Council Collaboration, Mike D’Errico, NJ
- State Program Communications, Kevin Sayers, MI
- Urban Tree Canopy, Danielle Fitzko, VT
- Forest Health Liaison, Eric Seaborn, MA
- SARS, Chris Donnelly, CT

***Outcome:*** *Participants will develop policy and procedures on priority issues that will strengthen state and regional program direction and initiatives.*

5:00 PM

**State Information Exchange – Report on Replicable Projects**

*Gift Exchange by Order of Number (Part 1)*

5:30 PM

**Dinner on your own, *but hopefully with some friends!***

## Wednesday, May 11

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8:30 AM

### **Strategic Activities and Opportunities**

- NASF, NAASF Committee Liaison – *Monica Lear, DC Forester*
- NAASF Executive Director - *Ian MacFarlane, NAASF Executive Director*
- USFS – *Phillip Rodbell, USFS Northeastern Area UCF Program*
- Western Region – *Paul Ries, Oregon Department of Forestry*
- Southern Region - *Barbara White, Virginia Department of Forestry*

**Outcome:** *Participants will gain insight on NASF and NAASF activities and direction, federal budget and policy planning and performance guidelines, and Western and Southern Group activities in order to provide recommendations on plans, goals, and direction.*

10:15 AM

### **Break**

10:30 AM

### **USDA Forest Service Research - NY Urban Field Station**

*Michael Rains, Erika Svendsen, Lindsay Campbell*

**Outcome:** *Participants will understand the current and future direction of Research in urban natural resources and its value to the states, including details on the NY Urban Field Station priorities and state of the Vibrant Cities initiative.*

11:15 AM

### **State Information Exchange & Report on Replicable Projects**

*Gift Exchange by Order of Number (Part 2)*

11:30 AM

### **Welcome to the State of New York**

Robert Davies, State Forester

11:45 PM

### **Travel to the Big Apple Via Bus**

12:45 PM

Lunch at Central Park Rooftop Garden Weather Permitting  
And Presentations on 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Gallery

### **Meet the New York City Partners**

**Central Forestry – Arsenal Building, Central Park**

Adriane Benepe, Commissioner

Amy Freitag, New York Restoration Project (NYRP)

Tim Wenskus, Deputy Director

Adrianna Jacykewycz, Director, Greenstreets Project

### **Ground Zero Tree Planting Sites and Memorial Grove**

**Outcome:** *Participants will meet the leaders of NYC's urban forestry program, witness the largest memorial grove and view innovative green infrastructure storm water management retrofits.*

5:00 PM

### **Dinner Out on the Town**

Bus Will Bring Attendees to Lower Manhattan for Dinner on Your Own  
Little Italy and Chinatown area – Guides will be available

9:00 PM

### **Return to Hotel**

Reconvene at designated location or travel back on your own!

Directions will be provided - or - go online to [www.hopstop.com/](http://www.hopstop.com/)

## Thursday, May 12

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8:30 AM (8:30 – 9:15) Members Only

**NAASF-UCF Business Meeting:** Updates, Resolutions, Work Planning, Leadership change

**Outcome:** *Participants will develop the NAASF UCF committee's annual work plan and budget, determine policy resolutions to be submitted to NAASF and discuss issues and opportunities that may resonate with colleagues across the Area.*

12:00 PM **Lunch provided**

1:00 PM **Meeting Adjourned**