

**Storms and the Urban Forest:
Preparedness and Response for Community Trees**
Westchester County Center – 198 Central Avenue, White Plains, NY 10606
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- 8:00 AM Registration and Coffee**
- 8:45 AM Welcome/Introductions**
Mary Kramarchyk, Urban Forestry Program Coordinator, NYS DEC
- 9:00 AM Introduction to Disaster Preparedness and Response**
Learn your community's role in the disaster planning and recovery cycle: mitigation, planning, response, and recovery. Also, better understand how to work with State and Federal Emergency Management.
Jennifer Wacha, Director, Westchester County Office of Emergency Management
- 9:30 AM Planning for the Storm and the Urban Forest**
Being prepared for a storm beforehand is the key to quick and effective response. Learn what steps you can take now to ensure that you are best prepared in the event of a natural disaster in your urban forest.
John Parry and Dave Bloniarz, Ph.D., US Forest Service
- 9:50 AM Break**
- 10:00 AM Mitigation: Managing the Urban Forest to Minimize Damage**
Often times damage to trees during storms is predictable and preventable. Gain ideas on how to manage urban trees now, to minimize a storm's impact on your resource. This covers tree species selection, proper planting, risk tree assessment, good maintenance and protection.
Mark Chisholm, Certified Arborist & International Tree Climbing Champion, Aspen Tree Experts
Rick Harper, Extension Educator & Certified Arborist, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Westchester County
- 11:30 AM Response: During the Storm**
Lines are down. Roads are blocked. Gain perspectives on the aspects of dealing with immediate concerns after a storm: clearing roads, hazards, good organization and communication.
Bud Nicoletti, Commissioner of Public Works, White Plains, NY.
- 12:15 - 1:00 PM Lunch**

1:00 PM

Recovery of the Urban Forest

Once initial clean-up is completed and immediate hazards addressed, you are left with a backlog of work. Communities must address tree removal and maintenance, wood waste handling and utilization, and replanting. They may be eligible for reimbursement from state and federal emergency management agencies. Learn about techniques to assess and correct damage to trees, and how to best work towards recovery.

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1:15 PM

Assessing Tree Damage

Sample Storm Damage Assessment (i-Tree Storms) - Provides a quick, simple, reliable method to estimate the amount of storm damage immediately after a disaster (or prior to a disaster) for reporting and planning purposes.

Dave Bloniarz, Ph.D., US Forest Service

Complete Storm Damage Assessment (Strike Assessment) - Demonstrates a method to assess damage to each tree during the recovery phase. Provides detailed documentation for work crews and agencies on trees to remove and prune for hazards. Will include risk tree assessment process. *John Parry, US Forest Service*

3:15 PM

Overview of Other Resources, Questions – Wrap Up

Registration Information:

\$45.00 Due by: Wednesday October 6, 2010

Refunds will not be issued, however substitutions may be made.

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