



FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2020

Session Presentation Full-length Descriptions

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Registration Desk Open for Check-in and Continental Breakfast

Breakout Session Option # 1 - Expanding Known Tree Benefits

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Expanding Diversity with Certified Wildlife Habitat

- Rose Bechard-Butman, NatureScape Program Coordinator – Broward County

NatureScape Broward has long supported the creation of wildlife habitat through its works with the National Wildlife Federation and local partners, including its 24 certified and registered municipal Community Wildlife Habitats, to create and restore diverse habitats that support native and migrating wildlife.

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Healing Through Nature: Creating Nature-Rich Spaces for Children in Hospital Settings

- Annie Hermansen-Baez, Science Delivery Program Coordinator - US Forest Service
 - Amy Wegner, Child Life Director – UF Health Shands Children’s Hospital

Development of a Nature Explore healing garden to create a nature play area at a healthcare facility with physicians and staff who will actively promote positive health benefits of spending time in nature.

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Pinellas County Green Infrastructure Siting and Assessment Tool

- Carolyn Cheatham Rhodes, Environmental Program Manager II/Urban Forester - Pinellas County Public Works Urban Forestry and Landscape Services
 - Mike Hardin, PhD, PE(FL), CFM, Senior Water Resources Engineer – Geosyntec Consultants

Pinellas County has a desire to target small footprint, green infrastructure strategies to meet pollutant load reduction needs. To identify locations conducive to implementing green infrastructure, the County developed a GIS based screening tool whereby these sites can be easily identified and assessed with new ICPR model functionality.

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. • Break with Exhibitors

10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. ... Community Tree Recovery Program: Hurricane Michael

- Will Liner, Urban Forestry Program Coordinator – Florida Forest Service

With help from the Arbor Day Foundation (ADF) and corporate sponsorships, the Florida Forest Service has worked with communities impacted by Hurricane Michael to plant and distribute over 12,000 trees. This ADF program has been utilized in 18 states following canopy altering events.

11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. ... Planting Street Trees to Improve Safety on Urban Roadways

- Darryl Richard, District Landscape Architect, Florida Department of Transportation District 1

Overview of how street tree plantings are being incorporated into projects to improve roadway safety as part of FDOT’s Complete Streets initiative.

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Breakout Session Option #2 -

Expanding the Canopy with Utility-Appropriate Trees

8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Power of Trees – An Utility Forester’s Point-of-View

- [Joe Anderson, Utility Forester - JEA](#)

How the power of Jacksonville can be found in the canopy of trees--this is an entertaining and educational example of how a utility forester combines and presents the concepts of reliable utility services and the benefits of expanding the urban tree canopy to Jacksonville audiences and communities.

9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Wrong Tree, Wrong Place

- [David Walford, Vegetation Management Specialist – SECO Energy](#)

Alternative methods on how our utility rights-of-way and our urban forest can co-exist.

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. • Break with Exhibitors

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. ... Vegetation Management and Remote Sensing

- [Greg Polidora, Senior Vegetation Specialist – Florida Power and Light \(FPL\)](#)

How to increase contractor efficiencies with remote sensing.

11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. ... Verbal Tai Chi – Verbal P.P.E. for the Utility Arborist

- [Joe Anderson, Utility Forester - JEA](#)

An expanding urban canopy will require special tools and techniques to buffer the hazards and conflicts between trees and utilities. Verbal Tai Chi provides the utility arborist the Personal Protection Expressions (P.P.E.) and a verbal self-defense often needed to de-escalate and ease vocal confrontations and customer conflicts that sometimes occur under an urban canopy.

11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Energized Solutions (Panel Discussion)

- [Joe Anderson, David Walford, Greg Polidora and Erin Givens](#)

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch with Exhibitors

Dine among the market's top products and people

1:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. FUFC Annual Report

- [Joe Anderson, FUFC President](#)

Afternoon General Session

1:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Competing for Space: How Much Soil is Enough and How Do You Integrate Competing Needs for the Client?

- [Jason Grabosky, Ph.D., Professor in Urban Forestry, Rutgers University](#)

Figuring soil volume targets for both tree protection in construction and in design of tree planting locations.

2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. FS 163.045 – “Property Rights” or Wrong

- [John Harris, President – Earth Advisors, Inc.](#)

- [Michael Owens, Senior Assistant County Attorney – Broward County](#)

- [Joe Anderson, Utility Forester – JEA](#)

- [Emily O’Mahoney, FASLA, PLA, LEED*AP, BD&C – Gentile, Glas, Holloway, O’Mahoney & Associates, Inc](#)

- [Mark Torok, Senior Forester – Florida Forest Service](#)

Closing Panel Discussion to discuss the current status of and experiences working with FS 163.045 (2019 Statute allowing residential property owners to remove a tree without getting local permit or replacing the tree, if tree is determined as danger to persons or property in documentation from a Certified Arborist or Landscape Architect).

2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Wrap Up and Urban Forestry Institute Ends

- [Steve Edgar and John Harris, 2020 UFI Co-Chairs](#)

