



TREES FOR ALL:

Chesapeake Regional Environmental Justice Workshop

AGENDA

Location

National Wildlife Visitor Center
10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop
Laurel, MD 20708

Cell Phone/Wi-Fi

There is no Wi-Fi in the building and cell service is spotty.

Credits

0.75 International Society of Arboriculture CEU's per Panel
6 Maryland Licensed Tree Expert CEU's

Tuesday, August 8th from 12:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Time	Activity	Location
12:30 PM - 1:00 PM	Registration	Lobby
1:00 PM - 1:15 PM	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sarah Anderson - CEO, Lillie Leaf Solutions Don VanHassent - Director/State Forester, Maryland Department of Natural Resources/Forest Service Adam Ortiz - Director, Prince George's County Department of Environment 	Auditorium
1:15 PM - 2:00 PM	Urban Forestry & Environmental Justice Research Panel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Sacoby Wilson - Associate Professor, University of Maryland School of Public Health Dr. Dexter Locke - Long-Term Ecological Research (LTER) Postdoctoral Research Fellow, USDA Forest Service's Baltimore Urban Field Station Q&A <p>Description: Urban forests give us more than aesthetic and environmental benefits; they give us context about the planning, zoning, and development activities over the course of a city's settlement. Who lives in what neighborhood and residents' quality of life is directly linked to tree canopy coverage. This session will examine the context linking today's environmental injustices to lack of adequate and healthy tree canopy, and how by addressing the issue at its root, we can also provide better public health benefits to those in challenged communities.</p>	Auditorium
2:00 PM - 2:10 PM	Break <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refreshments Available 	Room ABC
2:10 PM - 3:00 PM	Exercise - Starting Where We Are: Framing the Context of our Work	Auditorium &



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Sacoby Wilson - Associate Professor, University of Maryland School of Public Health • Sarah Anderson - CEO, Lillie Leaf Solutions <p>Description: Planning and zoning practices, development trends, and cultural history all help to inform how tree canopy fits into the community narrative. In this exercise, we will explore the place that community trees currently hold in the story of your community, discuss the data that tree practitioners use to inform this story, and uncover potential opportunities to shift the narrative.</p>	Room ABC
3:00 PM - 3:10 PM	<p>Break</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refreshments Available 	Room ABC
3:10 PM - 3:55 PM	<p>National Perspectives Panel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Kevin Jefferson III - Director of Research, Urban ReLeaf • Lisa Simms Executive Director, NJ Tree Foundation • Gloria Anita - Park Naturalist, Miami Parks and Recreation • Q&A <p>Description: Neighborhoods that are highly invested in their canopies usually have the time and resources to prioritize volunteering to plant and care for trees. Nonprofits and forestry agencies across the country are meeting city residents who may not have the time or availability to participate in neighborhood tree activities where they are. In Oakland, California, Miami, Florida, and Camden, New Jersey, tree groups are leading community-based and justice-driven programs to engage residents in tree planting and stewardship, specifically focusing on areas that will be hardest hit by climate change.</p>	Auditorium
3:55 PM - 4:00 PM	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah Anderson - CEO, Lillie Leaf Solutions 	Auditorium
4:00 PM	Building Closing Time	



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Wednesday, August 9th from 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Time	Activity	Location
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Registration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refreshments available 	Lobby Room ABC
10:00 AM - 10:10 AM	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earl Eutsler - Associate Director/State Forester, District of Columbia Urban Forestry Administration/ District Department of Transportation 	Auditorium
10:10 AM - 11:00 AM	Regional Perspectives: Tree Baltimore Panel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charlie Murphy - Head of Operations, Tree Baltimore Partnership Valerie Rupp - Director of Community Grants Programs, Parks & People Foundation Eric Sargent - Planting Coordinator, Baltimore Orchard Project Q&A <p>Description: Baltimore, MD is one of many American cities decimated by the decline of industry in the post WWII era, and the exiting of much of its population steadily thereafter. Today, as the city emerges to care for its aging infrastructure, it has also prioritized caring for its people through aggressively restoring the tree canopy. The Tree Baltimore Partnership, made up of the City of Baltimore and many other partner organizations, has served as the initiative's guide, with the goal of reaching 40% canopy coverage by 2037. This session will explore how this partnership formed, its challenges and successes, and the unbridled enthusiasm for tree planting and care it has fostered at the neighborhood level.</p>	Auditorium
11:00 AM - 11:15 AM	Break <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refreshments available 	Room ABC
11:15 AM - 12:00 PM	Exercise - Overcoming Barriers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valerie Rupp - Director of Community Grants Programs, Parks & People Foundation <p>Description: Sometimes, community forestry practitioners can face cultural barriers to engaging community members in tree planting and care</p>	Auditorium & Room ABC



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	activities. In this exercise, we will discuss how to identify, assess solutions for, and ultimately overcome barriers to establishing community support and capacity for tree planting and care.	
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch	Room ABC
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	<p>Exercise - Modeling Success at Home</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Kevin Jefferson III - Director of Research, Urban ReLeaf • Sarah Anderson - CEO, Lillie Leaf Solutions <p>Description: Successful execution of a community tree program looks different everywhere. How do we know when our community tree programs are successfully aligned with and in service of the goals of the communities we serve? This exercise will chronicle the success that Urban ReLeaf has had in fostering a culture for trees in Oakland, California, and help participants illuminate methods of measuring success for their own communities.</p>	Room ABC
2:30 PM - 2:40 PM	<p>Break</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refreshments available 	Room ABC
2:40 PM - 3:30 PM	<p>Presentation/Discussion - "What is Next?"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah Anderson - CEO, Lillie Leaf Solutions 	Auditorium
3:30 PM - 3:45 PM	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Julie Mawhorter - Mid-Atlantic Urban & Community Forestry Coordinator, US Forest Service • Sarah Anderson - CEO, Lillie Leaf Solutions 	Auditorium
3:45 PM - 4:00 PM	<p>Networking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refreshments available 	Room ABC
4:00 PM	Building Closing Time	



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