

Urban Forestry and Green Infrastructure Conference

August 20 & 21, 2015

Gulfport Marriott, 1600 Hwy 90, Gulfport, MS



The 28th annual urban and community forestry conference will include a variety of timely topics chosen specifically for Mississippi. The topics will assist communities, land and homeowners to learn more about the latest information in urban and community forestry. Continuing education credits for elected officials, city employees, foresters, landscape architects and others are available.

AGENDA

Thursday, August 20, 2015

- 9 – 9:30 a.m. Registration and Welcome
Mayor City of Gulfport
- 9:30-10:15 a.m. Urban Forestry Programs and Grants In Mississippi -
Todd Matthews, Liz Barber, Mississippi Forestry Commission
- 10:15 - 11:00 a.m. Invasives in Urban Environments- *Robert Smith, Wildlife Mississippi*
- 11:00 - 12:30 p.m. Celebration of Trees Awards and Tree City USA Luncheon
- 1:00 - 1:45 p.m. Green Infrastructure, Storm Water Management and Water Quality- *Dudley Hartel, U.S. Forest Service*
- 1:45 - 3:00 p.m. Urban Forest Pharmacy: Nature for Healthy Communities- *Kathy Wolfe, University of Washington*
- 3:00 - 3:30 p.m. Networking Break – Display Introductions
- 3:30 - 4:15 p.m. Urban Forest Canopy Assessments, i-Tree eco inventories- *Dudley Hartel, Urban Forestry South*
- 4:15 - 5:00 p.m. Emerald Ash Borer- *Dr. John Riggins, Forest Entomologist, MS State University*
- 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Bonfire on the Beach - On beach across Hwy 90 from Marriott –Hotdogs, BYOB

Friday, August 21, 2015

- 8:30 - 9 a.m. Creating Bird-Friendly Communities-
Mark LaSalle, Pascagoula River Audubon Center
- 9:00- 9:35 a.m. Green Infrastructure and Community Resilience- *Donna Yowell, Mississippi Urban Forest Council*
- 9:35 - 10:15 a.m. Urban Forest Management and Sustainability Audits- *Ed Macie, Forest Service*
- 10:15 -11:15 a.m. Right Tree for Storm Mitigation and Preparedness – *Glenn Hughes, MS State University*
- 11:15 -12:00 p.m. Environmental Initiatives on the Mississippi Gulf Coast – *MS Department of Marine Resources*



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These events are sponsored in part by an urban forestry grant administered by the Mississippi Forestry Commission and from the U.S. Forest Service. Partners include the Wildlife Mississippi, Pascagoula River Audubon Center and the Mississippi State Extension Service and Gaining Ground Institute of Mississippi.

Registration Form



Name _____

Affiliation/Organization _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Please check appropriate fee option(s):

Conference Registration (August 20 & 21, 2015)

\$95.00 _____ (Includes Awards Luncheon)

MS Urban Forest Council Membership (optional)

\$25.00 _____

Celebration of Trees Awards, Tree City USA

\$25.00 _____ (Awards Luncheon Only)

Exhibits - Only 12 spaces available

\$75.00 _____

Total: _____

Mail this form with a check or email P.O. number to: Mississippi Urban Forest Council, 164 Trace Cove Drive, Madison, Mississippi 39110. You may also request billing or pay at the door. Please register by August 15, 2015 or call/text to reserve your seat (601) 672-0755.

Continuing Education Hours Available:

CMO's for elected officials, planners, foresters, arborist, parks & recreation, engineers, Master Gardeners, landscape architects, Urban Forest Masters and others. You must apply for credits through your professional association.

Scholarships: A scholarship is available for 10 city officials, 10 college students, and 10 county supervisors. First come basis, request now. Scholarship does not include the \$25 awards lunch. Please contact us for approval.

Host Hotel: Gulfport Marriott – (228) 864-4310

\$109.00 Rate in block Book before July 31, 2015. 1600 East Beach Boulevard (HWY 90), Gulfport, MS 39501. Group code is "urban forestry."

Celebration of Trees Awards

Invitation to Nominate for Awards:

Each year the Mississippi Urban Forest Council, in partnership with the Mississippi Forestry Commission and the USDA Forest Service recognizes and honors cities, businesses, civic groups, schools and others that have demonstrated success with community forestry and green infrastructure. We invite you to submit a nomination for the upcoming 2015 awards ceremony. This is a great way to promote locally driven work in your community. **Nomination deadline is August 1, 2015.**

Award Categories:

Local Government:

Tree City, USA

Youth Group

Civic Organization

Dedicated Communication

Life Time Achievement

A. < 20,000 pop.

Individual

Reforestation Award

Certified Urban Forests

Partnership Award

Commercial Development

B. > 20,000 pop.

Urban Forest Master

Scenic Community of MS

"Green" Mayor Award

Professional Urban Forester

Seedling Youth Award

How to Nominate:

Submit a one page summary with local press or photos supporting the work involved. Include all contact information. Submit to Donna Yowell at dyowell@aol.com or mail to 164 Trace Cove Drive, Madison, MS 39110. For more information call Donna at (601)672-0755