



CONFERENCE AGENDA AT-A-GLANCE

**2024 INDIANA ARBORIST ASSOCIATION
77TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

INDIANAPOLIS MARRIOTT EAST
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Tuesday, January 23

Urban Forestry Program

7:30 a m	Registration Open (Liberty Hall)
8:30 am – 8:45 am	Welcome and Introductions <i>Lindsey Purcell, Director, Andrew Mertz, President</i>
8:45 am – 9:45 am	Cornering A Unicorn: Forging a Scalable Urban Wood Marketplace <i>Jeff Carroll, CEO, Urban Wood Economy</i>
9:45 am – 10:30 am	Planting Fact vs. Fiction: What Does Science Say About Planting Trees? <i>Kyle Daniel, Purdue University</i>
10:30 am– 11:00 am	Break for Networking
11:00 am– Noon	Community & Urban Forestry in Indiana - Jacob Roos, IDNR, CUF Program Coordinator IAA Annual Awards Program, Richard Karber, Awards Chairperson
Noon – 1:00 p m	Lunch
1:00– 2:00 p m	Keynote Address: Increasing Your Personal and Professional Impact and Influence <i>Dr. Paul Ries, Oregon State University</i>
2:00 – 3:00 p m	The Urban Green Infrastructure Resilience Cohort <i>Sarah Mincey, Associate Clinical Professor, O’Neill School, Indiana University</i>
3:00 – 3:30 p m	Break for Networking
3:30 p m – 4:30 p m	CommuniTree: A Model for Partnerships and Community Development <i>Drew Hart, US Forest Service and Leopold Sawyers, Student Conservation Association</i>
4:30 p m - 5:00 p m	IAA Business Meeting; open to all members- TBD
5:00 p m – 7:00 p m	Hospitality Event on Tradeshow Floor

8:30 am – 12:30 pm: Advanced Arboriculture Course- Wood Decay and Testing—**Separate Registration Required**

WEDNESDAY, January 24

7:00 am – 4:00 pm	Registration Open (Liberty Hall)		
7:00 am – 8:00 am	Breakfast on Trade Show Floor (Liberty Hall)		
<i>Track Selection</i>	Program Topics <i>Salon 3</i>	Program Topics <i>Salon 5</i>	Program Topics <i>Salon 6</i>
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Improving the Biology of Soils and the Resiliency of Trees with Biochar @ <i>Mark Mann, PGMS</i>	Choosing the Right Gear for Your Style <i>Travis Vickerson, Vertical Supply Group</i>	Spotted Lanternfly in Indiana <i>Bob Bruner, Purdue University @</i>
9:00 am - 10:00 am	Bats of the Midwest: Challenges and Opportunities @ <i>Stephen Beard, Duke Energy</i>	Aerial Rescue : The Three A's <i>Travis Vickerson, Vertical Supply Group</i>	The Future of Beech: Beech Leaf Disease and Beyond @ <i>Beth Brantley, Bartlett Tree Experts</i>
10:00 am – 11:00 am	Break with Exhibitors Liberty Hall		
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Railroad Tracks and Utility Wires— Nothing to Get Tangled With.@ <i>Fred Whitford, Purdue University</i>	Arboriculture Rigging Concepts <i>Jim Tough, SavATree</i>	Sucking and Boring Insects: The Price of Climate Chaos @ <i>Cliff Sadof, Purdue University</i>
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Indiana Arborist Association Luncheon: New President Welcome and Past President Recognition Liberty Hall		
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	Identifying Common and Important Wood Decay Fungi @ <i>Chris Luley, Urban Forest Diagnostics</i>		
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Break with Exhibitors Liberty Hall		
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Climate Smart and Soil Health: A Tree-Based Practice Assessment <i>Hans Schmitz, Purdue University</i>		
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Office of the Indiana State Chemist: What Happened in 2023 @ <i>Aaron Kreider, OISC</i>		
6:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Social Activity <i>See Registration Desk for Tickets and Details</i>		

THURSDAY, January 25

7:30 am – 12:00 pm	Registration Open (Liberty Hall)		
7:30 am – 8:30 am	Breakfast on Trade Show Floor (Liberty Hall)		
Track Selection	Utility Vegetation Management Salon 3	Arboricultural Practices Salon 5	Commercial / Contractor Salon 6
8:00 am – 9:00 am	You, Me and the Z: Consensus Industry Standards <i>Mike Tilford, SavATree</i>	Planting for the Future: Woody Plants and Climate Change <i>Chad Rigsby, Bartlett Tree</i>	Hire, Retain, and Lead an Elite Team <i>Mason Brandenberger, Brandenberger TCP</i>
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Ensuring the Future of Reliability <i>Jeremy Gilbert, EDKO Vegetation Managers</i>	Modern Approaches to Urban Tree Nutrition @ <i>Zach Shier, Joseph Tree Service</i>	Workers Compensation Jeopardy <i>Jim Bryant, Arborisk</i>
10:00 am – 11:00 am	Break with Exhibitors		
11:00 am – 12:00 am	Overview of ROW Maintenance Equipment <i>Hal Acree, Progress Rail</i>	How to Get What You Want; Pruning Prescriptions <i>Lindsey Purcell, Lp Consulting Group</i>	Trees and the Law <i>Kent Frandsen, Parr Law Attorneys</i>
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Indiana Arborist Association Luncheon Raffle & Silent Auction Wrap-Up, Final Break with Exhibitors Liberty Hall		
1:00 – 2:00 pm	ROW and Site Assessment for Chemical Vegetation Control @ <i>Greg Schweizer, Envu</i>	Vascular Streak Dieback @ <i>John Bonkowski and Janna Beckerman, Purdue University</i>	Cranes Operations & Ground Crew Safety <i>Hans Tielmann, NJ Crane Expert</i>
2:00 – 3:00 pm	ANSI A300 Updates <i>Andrew Mertz, Duke Energy</i>	A Really Bad Case of the Crab(apples)@ <i>Janna Beckerman, Purdue University</i>	Key Factors for Safe Grapplesaw Use <i>Hans Tielmann, NJ Crane Expert</i>
Travel safely!	Conference Closed; Thank you for attending!		

Professional credentialing note: Every session qualifies as an ISA continuing education unit. Sessions denoted with @ qualifies for an Indiana Pesticide CCH.