

2025 Vermont Urban & Community Forestry Conference *Call for Workshop Proposals*

Thursday, May 29, 2025

8:30am - 3:30pm

Vermont State University, Randolph Campus

The Vermont Urban & Community Forestry Program (VT UCF) is a collaborative effort of the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation and the University of Vermont Extension (vtcommunityforestry.org). VT UCF welcomes workshop proposals for 2025 Vermont Urban & Community Forestry Conference, an annual event that honors the hardworking professionals and stewards that care for our community trees.

Conference Goals

We gather stewards of Vermont's urban trees and community forests to enhance their technical skills, discuss hot topics in urban forestry, and network with professionals and volunteers engaged in urban and community tree care.

Conference Audience

The conference welcomes everyone, with a focus on supporting municipal staff, tree wardens, tree board members, volunteers, and passionate tree enthusiasts. Please note that while continuing education credits (ISA/SAF) for professionals were offered at previous conferences, they will not be available at the 2025 event.

Workshop Topics

Proposals for a presentation on any aspect of urban and community forestry (local, statewide, or national issues) are welcome. This is an opportunity for presenters to share case studies, successful management techniques, initiatives or models related (but not limited) to:

- Urban forestry planning and management
- Technical tree care skills
- Technology
- Community forestry
- School partnerships and programs
- Forest health
- Volunteer involvement
- Wood utilization
- Effective partnerships
- Other!

Workshop Options

- 60 minute session
- 45 minute session
- 10 minutes (will be combined with other presentations for a "lightning round" session)

Deadline for proposals: Friday, January 31, 2025

vtcommunityforestry.org/conference

Workshop Considerations

- All submitted proposals will be reviewed by members of Vermont Urban & Community Forestry Program staff and Advisory Council.
- Proposals for 60 and 45 minute sessions should include at least one component of participant interaction: using a skill, participating in an activity, group discussion, etc. **Lightning round presentations do not need interactive component.*
- Speakers will receive no monetary compensation.
- We will not consider proposals focused on a commercial product endorsement.

Review Criteria

- Relevance of the proposal to the conference goals and audience.
- Demonstration of participant interaction within presentation (for 45 and 60 minute sessions only).

Submit a Proposal

A complete proposal should be submitted via an online submission form, available at:

vtcommunityforestry.org/conference

Workshop proposals must be submitted by Friday, January 31, 2025.

Questions

Questions or comments can be submitted to Gwen Kozlowski at gwen.kozlowski@uvm.edu or 802-656-7638.

Expect an e-mail response to your proposal by approximately February 14, 2025.

