

## Welcome to the 2024 Annual Conference!

Featuring the renowned Francesco Ferrini, PhD, Full Professor at the Department Agriculture, Food, Environment and Forestry - University of Florence (Italy).



Come hear Dr. Ferrini's talk, "How Urban Green Can Help to Mitigate the Hazards and Risks of Climate Change Impacts. Future-Proof Green Cities Make Future-Proof Countries".

Don't miss this international perspective that will augment our collective efforts across the Commonwealth to become more sustainable in the face of climate change.

Dr. Ferrini was an editor of *The Routledge Handbook of Urban Forestry*. He has earned countless awards and published numerous works in the field of sustainable Arboriculture & Urban Forestry.

As always, the conference will include a broad spectrum of speakers. The schedule includes topics of interest for everyone: municipal administrators and field personnel, utility arborists, and commercial arborist.

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## 111th Annual Conference



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## 2024 Annual Conference Schedule

### Tuesday January 9, 2024

7:45-8:30	Registration and Coffee
8:30-8:45	Opening Session Annual Meeting
8:45-8:55	Massachusetts Urban and Community Forestry Update—Julie Coop
8:55-9:05	UMass Update—Dr. Richard Harper
9:05-9:55	Massachusetts Forest Health Update—Nicole Keleher
9:55-10:35	Break with Exhibitors
10:35-11:25	The Use of Logical Fallacies—Mark Duntemann
11:25-11:55	Citizen Science—Debrah Merriam
11:55-1:00	Luncheon—Banquet and Annual Meeting
1:00-2:30	KEYNOTE — How Urban Green Can Help to Mitigate the Hazards and Risks of Climate Change Impacts. Future-Proof Green Cities Make Future-Proof Countries—Dr. Francesco Ferrini
2:30-3:10	Break with Exhibitors
3:10-4:10	Beech Leaf Disease —Dr. Beth Brantley
4:10-4:30	Wrap-Up—Door Prizes
4:30-6:00	Reception in Exhibit Hall. Join us for a reception generously supported by our exhibitors.

### Wednesday, January 10, 2024

8:30-9:15	Registration and Coffee
9:15-10:15	Developing a Tree Risk Assessment Policy & Process—Mark Duntemann
10:15-10:55	Break with Exhibitors
10:55-11:55	DLS Workplace Safety & Health—Dawn Toon
11:55-12:55	Lunch
12:55-1:55	Tree Warden Panel - Sustainable Arboriculture and Urban Forestry in our Communities—Dave Hawkins (moderator)
1:55-2:45	Trees and Shrubs in the Landscape: 2023 Disease Review—Nicholas J. Brazee, PhD
2:50	Childs Fund Raffle, Door Prizes and Closing

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