

MillionTreesNYC, Green Infrastructure, and Urban Ecology: A Research Symposium

CALL FOR PAPERS
March 5th and 6th, 2010
New York City

The purpose of this symposium is to showcase research and projects that contribute to knowledge on urban landscapes, green infrastructure, and public health in cities and urban areas. We are soliciting papers on research that is either completed or substantially in progress that addresses diverse science questions in the following areas:

- Local Air Quality and Urban Heat Island
- Water Quality, Storm Water Management
- Economic Impacts and Quantifying Returns on Investment
- Urban Environmental Education, Ecological Literacy, and Curriculum Development
- Human Health and Well-Being
- Civic and Municipal Stewardship
- Green Jobs and Social Justice
- Reforestation Dynamics and Forest Health
- Biodiversity and Ecological Communities
- Green Infrastructure and Planting Designs

This symposium is a follow-up to the spring 2009 workshop *MillionTreesNYC, Green Infrastructure, and Urban Ecology: Building a Research Agenda*, which was the first step in a process of integration among disciplines, researchers and practitioners working to understand and improve New York City's environment and green infrastructure. While the workshop emphasized developing a New York City research agenda, this symposium is intended to reflect the state of knowledge in the broader research communities in the fields of natural resource management, ecology, and the social sciences as applied to large scale, urban forestry campaigns in cities across the country and globally.

MillionTreesNYC is a citywide, public-private initiative with an ambitious goal: to plant and care for one million new trees across New York City's five boroughs by 2017. MillionTreesNYC is one of many initiatives encompassed in PlaNYC, New York City's comprehensive long term sustainability plan which focuses on improving five key dimensions of the city's environment – land, air, water, energy and transportation – as well as meet the challenge of global climate change.

SUBMISSION PROCEDURES FOR ABSTRACTS

Authors of accepted abstracts will be invited to give a 15 minute oral presentation followed by a five minute question and answer period. These authors will also be invited to contribute papers for peer review and potential publication in a special issue of the online journal *Cities and the Environment (CATE)*. CATE (<http://catejournal.org>) is a peer-reviewed, online journal with a focus on urban ecology research, education and management.

The deadline for submitting an abstract for consideration has been extended to January 8th, 2010. Submissions will be reviewed and decisions given to authors by January 25th, 2010. Visit <http://www.milliontreesnyc.org/research> for meeting details and registration instructions. You may also write to symposium@milliontreesnyc.org with any questions.

Note: You must be registered for the meeting to present a paper.

Submitted abstracts must be less than 250 words, can describe results of completed urban ecology research or projects that are in progress, and should focus on one or more of the topics listed above. Studies focused on New York City, other cities, or cross-city comparisons are welcome.

Email your abstract with the subject line "ABSTRACT FOR CONTRIBUTED PAPER" to symposium@milliontreesnyc.org. Please email your abstract as a Word or PDF document with the last name of the presenting author as the file name, and include the following information: your name, affiliation, email, telephone number, and the topic area(s) addressed in your paper. Your submission will be acknowledged within a week.