



MADISON SQUARE
PARK CONSERVANCY

PLANTING THE FUTURE: URBAN TREES SYMPOSIUM

Monday, November 5, 2018
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Eatly Rooftop
200 5th Ave.
New York, NY 10010

Madison Square Park Conservancy will host a symposium, *Planting the Future: Urban Trees*, on Monday, November 5, 2018 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The program will take place at the Eatly Rooftop (Eatly, 200 5th Ave, opposite Madison Square Park), New York City, and is free and open to the public. A tour of Madison Square Park will follow, led by a Mad. Sq. Park gardener, and will shed light on the conservancy's efforts to plan for the future of the canopy.

The role of trees in urban environments has shifted to the forefront of many people's thinking in the horticulture world. As populations in cities grow, the amount of trees required to clean city air also increases. Growing trees in cities presents a myriad of issues. Only a select number of trees are adapted to tolerate the conditions and space to plant new trees is limited. Through tree succession plans, and a commitment to planting trees as well as maintaining them, parks, gardens and public projects are grappling with these issues. What can we do to share our cities with more trees? What can be done in cities to combat climate change that affects us all on local and global level? *Planting the Future: Urban Trees* will be a forum for scholars, politicians, horticulturalists, and scientists to lead a conversation that seeks to drive sustainable solutions to global issues.

- How has climate change affected the need for urban trees?
- What are the local and global impacts?
- What is the history of New York City trees?
- What is the importance of arboretums?
- Should the public have more of a say about the horticulture in their areas?
- What is the future of trees in the urban environment?
- How do we get public buy-in?

SPEAKERS

Sonja Dümpelmann, Associate Professor of Landscape Architecture, *Harvard University Graduate School of Design*

Diane Cook and Len Jenshel, Photographers, *Cook and Jenshel Photography*

Nina Bassuk, Professor and Program Leader, *Urban Horticulture Institute, Cornell University*

KEYNOTE

Sarah Charlop-Powers, Executive Director, *Natural Areas Conservancy*

PANEL

Moderated by **Stephanie Lucas**, Deputy Director of Horticulture and Operations, *Madison Square Park Conservancy*

Jennifer Greenfeld, Assistant Commissioner of Forestry, *New York City Department of Parks & Recreation*

Joseph Charap, Director of Horticulture, *The Green-Wood Cemetery*

William Hart (RLA, ASLA, LEED AP), Associate, *Mathews Nielsen Landscape Architects*