Climate Change & Northeast Ohio Urban Forests

Goal:

Improve understanding and preparedness for climate change among urban and community forestry, park, and green industry professionals in Northeast Ohio.

Specific Objectives:

Day 1:

• Increase awareness of local climate change impacts for urban forest managers in Cleveland and Northeast Ohio
• Test a process for assessing vulnerability in urban areas.
• Learn about climate adaptation concepts

Day 2:

• Understand challenges and opportunities to urban forest management created by climate change
• Identify appropriate adaptation actions
• Develop real-world examples of climate change adaptation

More information:

www.forestadaptation.org/OH-FAPP

Details

April 20-21
The Holden Arboretum

Logistics

• Location – The Holden Arboretum Visitor Center, 9550 Sperry Road, Kirtland, OH
• Registration fee - $35 for one day and $55 for two - Register
• ISA Certified Arborist Continuing Education Units available
• Lodging recommended here - http://lawnfield.com/

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This session is being organized by the Northern Institute of Applied Climate Science, US Forest Service, and Holden Arboretum.

The Climate Change Response Framework is a core forest adaptation component of the USDA Northern Forests Climate Hub.
Schedule at a Glance

Day 1: Preparing for Climate Change

8:45  Check-in
9:00  Welcome and introductions
9:20  Past Climate Change, Climate Projections - Patricia Butler, Northern Institute of Applied Climate Science
9:50  Habitat suitability for native trees, shifts in hardiness and heat zones - Louis Iverson, US Forest Service
10:30 Break
10:45  Adaptive Capacity of Urban Trees - Leslie Brandt, US Forest Service/Northern Institute of Applied Climate Science
11:15  Vulnerability Assessment Exercise Overview
11:30  Group Breakouts – Vulnerability worksheet Vulnerability
12:30  Lunch on site
  1:00  Continue working on exercise
  2:15  Group reports
  3:00  Adaptation concepts and strategies - Patricia Butler
  3:30  Adaptation project examples - Leslie Brandt
  4:00  Adjourn for day

Day 2: Forest Adaptation Planning & Practices

Come prepared with a specific project or planning process.

9:00  Adaptation Workbook Overview- Leslie Brandt and Patricia Butler
9:30  Complete Adaptation Workbook Steps 1 and 2: Current goals and objectives and project area vulnerability
10:30  Challenges/Opportunities for Meeting Management Objectives: Presentation, Breakouts and Whole Group Discussion
12:00  Lunch on site
  1:00  Forest Adaptation Strategies and Approaches: Presentation, Breakouts, and Whole Group Discussion
  3:30  Identifying Metrics for Monitoring and Evaluating Effectiveness – Presentation
  3:45  Next Steps and Wrap-up
  4:00  Adjourn

Note: Day 2 participants are asked to discuss their project ideas and complete pre-work prior to attending the workshop.