**Urban Woodland Conservation and Management Workshop**

National Conservation Training Center, Instructional East (IE)

Main Workshop Room: 111 IE; Break Out Rooms: 103, 104, and 107 IE

**11 March 2015**

**Goal**

Identify and create opportunities for greater collaboration among urban woodland managers and researchers to connect and to share data and information.

**Objectives**

1. Ascertain the environmental and ecological effects of urban land use on urban woodlands and identify gaps in our understanding

2. Establish conservation and restoration goals for urban, suburban, and exurban woodlands under climate change

3. Identify long-term data and tools needed to restore and manage urban woodland ecosystems

**8:00-8:20**  **Welcome and Introductions**

* + - **Overview** of the facilities, safety message, logistics, Peggy Sandrezsky, NPS Liaison
    - **Introduction** of Participants, Megan Nortrup (NPS), Facilitator
    - **Overview** of Goals and Objectives of the Workshop, Wayne Zipperer, Forest Service

**Session I: Research and Management**

8:20-8:40 ***Environmental and ecological effects of urban land use on urban woodlands***

Lea Johnson, University of Maryland, College Park

8:45-9:05 ***Conservation and management of urban woodlands***

Helen Forgione and Kristen King, Natural Area Conservancy, NYC Parks

9:05-9:35 **Discussion.** Identify break-out group questions

*9:35-9:50 Break*

**Session II: Data Sharing and Network Building**

9:50-10:10 ***Long-term data and management tools needed for managing and restoring urban woodlands***

Patrick Campbell and John Paul Schmit National Park Service

10:15-10:35 ***Obtaining, managing and sharing ecological data***

Myla Aronson, Rutgers University

10:35-11:05 **Discussion.** Identify and Prioritize break-out group questions

11:05-11:30 **Summary and Assignment to Break Out Groups**

11:30-12:15 ***LUNCH in Commons*** *(*Bring your own, pay by the item, or buy a ticket at the store in Commons: one entre ticket $9 or all you can eat $12*)*

**Round Tables I**

12:15-1:00 **Break-out Groups**: 111 IE, 103 IE, 104E, and 107 IE

1:05-1:55 **All Reassemble** in 111 IE; Report Back and Refine Questions and Priorities

**Round Tables II**

2:00-2:25 **Break-out Groups**: 111 IE, 103 IE, 104E, and 107 IE

*2:30-2:45 Break*

2:45-3:30 **All Reassemble.** Break-out Groups Report Out

3:30-4:00 **Summary & Next Steps**

Richard Pouyat, Forest Service