

**Thursday**  
**October 19**  
10:30 – 11:45 p.m.

# The Importance of Urban Trees as Infrastructure

## A Guide for Elected Officials & Staff

Healthy, happy, and economically vibrant communities occur through trees. This session will take you in a journey through the lens of trees and the many services they provide communities. As an infrastructure, trees do best through sound planning and policy upfront to grow trees that pay back 3 to 4 times more benefit than the cost of trees over time. Learn the biological needs of a tree, just how much space do they need to grow or how close can you really get during construction. Learn about the many benefits from storm water reduction, human health promotion, shading for energy conservation, and more. Learn some basic tree care techniques and what skill sets and credentials are best for advertising and selecting municipal forestry staff. Finally, take a break from the problems that communities face and discover how trees are a key infrastructure to solve problems.

All are welcome to attend.  
This workshop is presented as  
part of the  
**Engineering & Public Works  
Track**



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Rich received a B.S. in Urban Forestry and Botany from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, a M.S. in Tree Biology from the University of Illinois, and his Ph.D. in Urban and Community Forestry at the University of Minnesota.

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