Topic: The 100-Year Infrastructure Overhaul: How to protect your trees during large-scale construction

Agenda

9:00- 9:10 a.m.
Welcome/ Introduction (Daniella Pereira-Openlands and Matt Basile- Evanston)

9:10- 9:45 a.m.
Some Key Elements of Tree Preservation
Dave Coulter, Owner of Osage, Inc.
Why we protect trees, how we protect trees, how to improve your community’s tree protection, and the importance of collaborations

9:45- 10:00 a.m.
Fifteen minute Break
Coffee provided by CRTI, breakfast provided by Triton College culinary arts department

10:00- 10:40 a.m.
Panel discussion
This panel of forestry professionals represents a broad range of experiences working with trees during planning and execution of construction projects.

  Dave Coulter, Horticulturist and owner, Osage, Inc.
  John Finnell, Forester, Hinsdale
  Phil Graf and Steve Lane, Graf Tree Care
  Steve Ludwig, General Services Superintendent, Village of Algonquin
  Margi Schiemann, Director, Infrastructure Programs & Support, Nicor Gas
  Andy Smolen, Forester, Village of Franklin Park

10:40- 11:50 a.m.
Small teams- Construction solutions
Participants and panel members will be broken up into small teams and challenged to come up with steps for handling proposed construction issues. Small teams will have 20 minutes to review and come up with plans for their given scenario. Each group will have 10 minutes to discuss their scenario, their plan to deal with it, and take questions/ suggestions from other groups.

11:50 a.m.
Wrap up, networking time (Daniella Pereira-Openlands and Matt Basile- Evanston)