



**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)