



# 2026 SUMMER CONFERENCE



## Managing Urban Trees: Assessment, Pruning, Protection, and Stewardship

**Marriott Hotel & Conference Center - Bloomington/Normal &  
ISU Fell Arboretum**

**July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

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### Welcome to the 2026 IAA Summer Conference!

Explore best practices for assessing, pruning, protecting, and managing urban trees. Learn practical strategies to promote tree health, reduce risk, and support sustainable urban forests.

Connect with peers, learn from experts, and build hands-on skills—plus earn up to 4 ISA CEUs.





# AGENDA

Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup>

7:00am - 8:00am      Check-In & Breakfast @ The Marriott

8:00am - 8:15am      Welcome & Announcements @ The Marriott

8:30am - 11:30am      Field Program at ISU Arboretum  
 (Each group will rotate the three sessions with each session lasting 45-50 minutes)

Time	Group A	Group B	Group C
8:30am - 9:15am	Structural Pruning - Aaron Schulz	History of Fell Arboretum - Sydney Metternich	Abiotic Issues - Dr. Fredric Miller
9:20am - 10:05am	History of Fell Arboretum - Sydney Metternich	Abiotic Issues - Dr. Fredric Miller	Structural Pruning - Aaron Schulz
10:05am - 10:35am	Mid-Morning Break		
10:40am - 11:30am	Abiotic Issues - Dr. Fredric Miller	Structural Pruning - Aaron Schulz	History of Fell Arboretum - Sydney Metternich

11:30am - 12:15pm      Self-Guided Campus Walk @ The ISU Fell Arboretum



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12:15 - 1:15pm

Lunch @ The Marriott

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1:15pm - 1:45pm

Herbicide Drift: Prevention and Potential Effects on Trees - Dr. Fredric Miller @ The Marriott

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1:45pm - 2:30pm

Condensed Primer on Writing, Communicating, and Implementing Pruning Specification - Aaron Schulz @ The Marriott

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2:30pm - 3:00pm

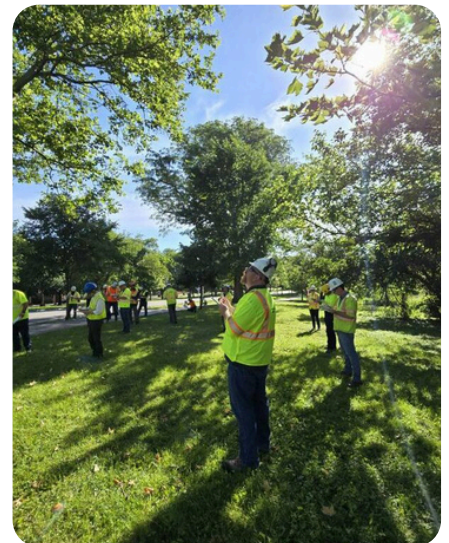
Illinois Urban Forestry Update - Mike Brunk @ The Marriott

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3:00pm - 3:15pm

Wrap-Up & Closing Remarks

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## Thank you for joining us!

We're so glad you could be part of the 2026 IAA Summer Conference.

We hope you leave with practical knowledge and new insights to help assess, protect, manage, and steward urban trees in your community.

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## Don't Forget:

- Scan the CEU QR Codes - up to 4 ISA CEUs
  - Complete our short event feedback survey (scan QR code)
  - Stay connected with IAA through upcoming trainings, certifications, and networking events
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