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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD

Room → ↓ Time	Schaghticoke	Abenaki	Oneida/Penobscot	Narragansett	Shinnecock
8:00 - 8:30 am	Registration				
Breakouts & Breakfast! Session 1 8:45 - 9:45 am	Director's Roundtable (0.1)	YPN Roundtable (0.1)	Funding Fun - Sponsorship for Municipal Recreation (0.1)	Visual Challenges in Lifeguarding: What Instructors & Supervisors Need to Know (0.1)	Roots of Resilience: Harnessing the Healing Power of Therapeutic Horticulture (0.1)
Keynote: 9:55 - 11:00 am	GET REC'D: The Recreation Road Map - Mark Honberger - Salon B (0.1)				
Session 2 11:10am-12:10pm	"Riding the Wave" How to Identify, Plan, & Implement New Programming Successfully (0.1)	Panic-Proof Planning: We Don't Wing It, We P.L.A.N. It. (0.1)	From Intent to Impact: Cost-Effective Inclusion in Recreation (0.1)	Green Space ROI: Balancing User Fees, Maintenance & Field Performance (0.1)	Autonomous Solutions for Turf Care featuring Husqvarna Robotic Mowers from MTE Equipment Solutions, Inc. (sales)
12:15 - 1:15 pm	Buffet Lunch & Annual Meeting - Salon B				
12:45 - 5:00 pm	Exhibit Hall Open - Salon C & D				
Session 3 2:50 - 3:50 pm	Revenue Generation for Parks & Recreation (0.1)	A Culture of Leadership - Empowering a Team (0.1)	Where Play Meets Discovery: Bringing STEM to Parks & Recreation (0.1)	Innovate the Outdoors: Cutting - Edge Tech for Park Maintenance Professionals (0.1)	From Vision to Village: Creating a Memory Café- Lessons Learned (0.1)
4:00 - 5:00 pm	Happy Hour in the Exhibit Hall - Salon C & D				
8:00 pm	Social - Lansdowne Irish Pub				

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH

Room → ↓ Time	Schaghticoke	Abenaki	Shinnecock/Nipmuc	Pequot/Paugusett	Nehantic
8:00 - 8:30 am	Registration				
8:30 - 10:00 am	Breakfast - Salon C / D				
8:30 am - 12:00 pm	Exhibit Hall - Salon C / D				
10:00 - 11:00 am	Crack-the-Code Exhibit Hall Team Building Challenge - Salon C / D (0.1)				
Session 1 11:10 am - 12:10 pm	Wow Factor: Unleashing Creativity in Recreation (0.1)	Tech That Works: Real Tools for Real Parks & Rec Departments (0.1)	Budget 101: Budget Basics for New Professionals (0.1)	Smarter RFPs: Crafting Clear Solicitations That Deliver Results (0.1)	
Session 2 12:20 - 1:20pm	Be Essential by Tracking Performance Measures (0.1)	Building for the Future with Intentional Focus (0.1)	Lifeguard Surveillance: Turning Research Into Practice (0.1)	Why Forest Management is Needed in Recreational Open Spaces! (0.1)	
1:30 - 3:00 pm	Awards Luncheon				

MONDAY KEYNOTE SPEAKER

"Get REC'D"
The Recreation Road Map
Mark Honberger

Nov. 23, 2026 - 9:55 - 11:00 am
Salon - B *(0.1 CEU)*

As Recreation Professionals, we intrinsically **understand the benefits of Recreation FOR our communities**, but often we struggle to get recreation TO our communities. Let's investigate the **RECREATION ROAD MAP**, with its **Five Action Steps**, for getting Recreation to our Communities. This session provides a quick **overview of the Recreation Profession, both the "Principles" and the "Practice".** We will look at the **WHY of recreation being essential**. We will take a short tour of the **history of Parks and Recreation in the United States.** We will learn the **WHAT of assessing our community needs,** to then investigate how to **align our services to best meet those community needs** by **determining our Core Services.** We will discover what our message is and learn how to **best put that message in front of our community by creating Agency Ambassadors**. To conclude, we will declare how **YOU are the VITAL INTRUMENT for your community to GET REC'D.**

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Mark Honberger has **over 30 years' experience in the Parks and Recreation Profession,** most recently as the **General Manager for the "Coalinga-Huron Recreation and Park District"** in CA. He brings a wide breadth of experience including: **Non-Profit Recreation, Commercial Recreation, Faith-Based Recreation, and of course Municipal Recreation; both with Cities & Special Districts. Mark loves giving back to the Recreation Profession** and works with **Recreation Agencies on a consulting basis through his company, REMARKABLE RECREATION SOLUTIONS.**

SESSIONS AT A GLANCE:

Use this guide to find the sessions that best suit you!

AQUATICS (AQU)
- Lifeguard Surveillance: Turning Research Into Practice
- Visual Challenges in Lifeguarding: What Instructors & Supervisors Need to Know

CAMPS/PROGRAMMING (CAMP/PRG)
- "Riding the Wave" How to Identify, Plan, & Implement New Programming Successfully
- Where Play Meets Discovery: Bringing STEM to Parks & Recreation

FINANCE (FIN)
- Budget 101: Budget Basics for New Professionals
- Funding Fun - Sponsorship for Municipal Recreation
- Revenue Generation for Parks & Recreation

MANAGEMENT (MGT)
- A Culture of Leadership-Empowering a Team
- Be Essential by Tracking Performance Measures
- Building for the Future with Intentional Focus
- Crack-the-Code Exhibit Hall Team Building Challenge
- Director's Roundtable
- GET REC'D: The Recreation Road Map
- Panic-Proof Planning: We Don't Wing It, We P.L.A.N. It
- Smarter RFPs: Crafting Clear Solutions That Deliver Results
- Wow Factor: Unleashing Creativity in Recreation
- YPN Roundtable

MARKETING /TECHNOLOGY (MKT/TECH)
- Tech That Works: Real Tools for Real Parks & Rec Departments

PARKS
- Green Space ROI: Balancing User Fees, Maintenance & Field Performance
- Innovate the Outdoors: Cutting-Edge Tech for Park Maintenance Professionals
- Smarter RFPs: Crafting Clear Solicitations That Deliver Results
- Why Forest Management is Needed in Recreational Open Spaces!

SALES *(Does not offer CEUs)*
- Autonomous Solutions for Turf Care featuring Husqvarna Robotic Mowers from MTE Equipment Solutions, Inc.

THERAPEUTIC REC (TR)
- From Intent to Impact: Cost-Effective Inclusion in Recreation
- From Vision to Village: Crafting a Memory Café-Lessons Learned
- Roots of Resilience: Harnessing the Healing Power of Therapeutic Horticulture

The 12 sessions approved by the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification (NCTRC) are indicated with a

BREAKOUT SESSIONS: Monday, November 23rd

8:45 - 9:45 am

Director's Roundtable:
Missy Mendygral-Orosz, MS., CPRP, CYSA, CCMO, *Director*, Monroe Parks & Recreation
Category: MGT ***(0.1 CEU)***

Join fellow directors for a high-level roundtable discussion on the issues impacting the future of the parks and recreation field. This session will be an opportunity to share challenges, discuss opportunities, and workshop solutions with like-minded department heads from across the state. This session will be moderated by fellow CRPA directors.

Young Professional Roundtable:
Molly Keays, *Director*, South Windsor Parks & Recreation
Category: MGT ***(0.1 CEU)***

In this session, participants will have the opportunity to network with fellow young or new professionals and discuss topics pertaining to young professionals in the parks and recreation field such as career growth, trends in recreation, tips for entering and/or transitioning within the field, and managing work-life balance. This session will also include a "catch-all" roundtable dedicated to sharing success and failure stories, current challenges, and ideas/resources to help mitigate challenges. Whether you are a student, new to the profession, young in the profession, or a seasoned professional looking to meet CT YPs and share insights... we hope you will join us and leave with new connections, new ideas, and new motivation to do good work

Funding Fun - Sponsorship for Municipal Recreation
Adam LaPointe, CPRP, SHRMCP, MPA, *Recreation Director,* Grafton Recreation
Category: FIN ***(0.1 CEU)***

Looking to boost your recreation budget without raising fees? Discover how to successfully identify, approach, and secure sponsorships that align with your community values and programs. "Funding Fun" is a practical, interactive workshop designed specifically for municipal recreation professionals. Whether you're new to sponsorships or looking to refine your approach, this session will provide the tools, templates, and confidence you need to build lasting partnerships with local businesses, organizations, and stakeholders to expand programmatic and special event reach. Leave with actionable strategies, customizable templates, and a renewed sense of possibility for funding your programs, events, and facilities - while keeping them accessible and fun for everyone.

Visual Challenges in Lifeguarding: What Instructors & Supervisors Need to Know
Lyndsey K. Lanagan-Leitzel, Ph.D, *Professor of Psychological Science, Assistant Department Chair,* Eastern Connecticut State University
Category: AQU ***(0.1 CEU)***

Surveillance is a critical component of lifeguarding, but errors can occur due to flaws in visual perception and attention. This presentation will discuss how the visual system processes distress and drowning, and how that could lead to errors and missed drowning incidents. It will also discuss the factors that affect how well lifeguards can pay attention over time, and why distress and drowning incidents could be missed. Lifeguard instructors and supervisors will gain practical tips to instruct and mentor their lifeguards to be aware of these challenges and take steps to address them.

Roots of Resilience: Harnessing the Healing Power of Therapeutic Horticulture
MaryJo Archambault, CTRS, CDP, FDRT, EdD, *Professor,* Southern Connecticut State University
Category: TR ***(0.1 CEU)***

Step into the garden and discover how the simple act of nurturing living things can transform well-being. This immersive session explores the evidence-based benefits of Therapeutic Horticulture and equips recreation professionals with the knowledge and practical tools to incorporate nature-based interventions into their programming. Participants will examine how purposeful engagement with plants - from seed starting and container gardening to sensory herb gardens - addresses physical, cognitive, emotional, and social dimensions of health. Drawing on current research and real-world program examples, this session highlights how Therapeutic Horticulture can be adapted across diverse populations and settings, from long-term care facilities and inpatient rehabilitation to community centers and schools. Whether you have access to a greenhouse or just a windowsill, you will leave with a fresh perspective and a toolkit ready to grow.

11:10 am - 12:10 pm

"Riding the Wave" How to Identify, Plan, & Implement New Programming Successfully
Rachel Arbige, CPRP, *Recreation Manager,* East Greenwich Community Services
Category: PRG ***(0.1 CEU)***

Recreation is far more than youth camps and seasonal offerings - it is a powerful tool for building community, promoting wellness, and engaging residents of all ages. Riding the Wave explores how recreation professionals can stay ahead of trends, respond to shifting community needs, and successfully launch innovative programming that resonates across generations. This session will guide participants through practical strategies for identifying gaps and opportunities within their communities, using data, feedback, and observation to shape relevant and inclusive programs. Attendees will learn how to transform ideas into action through thoughtful planning, effective partnerships, creative marketing, and flexible implementation. Through real-world examples of workshops, classes, and special events, this session will highlight programs that encourage participation from young adults, families, active older adults, and everyone in between. Participants will leave with actionable tools, inspiration, and confidence to expand their programming portfolio, adapt to change, and "ride the wave" of emerging recreation trends while strengthening community connection and engagement.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS: Monday, November 23rd

Panic-Proof Planning: We Don't Wing It, We P.L.A.N. It

Jason Chadock, *Founder/CEO, The Chadock Group, LLC*

Category: MGT ***(0.1 CEU)***

When pressure spikes, most teams default to heroics, reactivity, and guesswork. This session gives leaders a panic-proof way to plan using three simple Thought Leadership Frameworks you can put to work immediately. You'll learn The P.L.A.N. Canvas to Picture the destination, Listen & Link stakeholders, Architect the systems, and Normalize the cadence. You'll explore The Panic-Proof Pathway, which moves any initiative from Trigger → Prepare → Plan → People → Process → Pulse → Perform → Post-Game. And you'll use The Stakeholder Merge Map to unify Staff, Board, and Community input into one shared plan. Expect a fast, story-driven hour with micro exercises so you leave with a one-page plan, a clear execution rhythm, and a buy-in method your team will actually use.

From Intent to Impact: Cost-Effective Inclusion in Recreation

Adam LaPointe, CPRP, SHRM-CP, MPA, *Recreation Director*, Grafton Recreation

Category: TR ***(0.1 CEU)***

Participants will examine evidence-informed, cost-effective strategies for improving access and participation for individuals of all abilities across recreation programs, facilities, and services. Emphasis will be placed on inclusive design principles, proactive planning, staff practices, and policy considerations that reduce reliance on individual accommodations and minimize financial impact.

Green Space ROI: Balancing User Fees, Maintenance & Field Performance

Scott Vose, *Technical Advisor,* Tom Irwin Advisors

Category: PARKS ***(0.1 CEU)***

The Green Spaces in our communities are subject to increasing demand from sports groups and community events. Understanding each Green Space's anticipated usage throughout the year is the first step to creating a sustainable maintenance plan tailored to supporting activity level. The intensity of field maintenance is directly related to the type of field user and duration of activity. Establishing field use policies and user fee structures for supporting field maintenance will be discussed. Essential cultural practices for high performance fields will be reviewed as well as strategies for lower maintenance areas.

Autonomous Solutions for Turf Care featuring Husqvarna Robotic Mowers from MTE Equipment Solutions, Inc

Sean Smith, *Sales Manager,* MTE Equipment Solutions, Inc

Category: Sales

This session will provide information about how Husqvarna robotic mowers operate, the benefits they provide, and how they measure up against traditional mowing equipment. From installation and setup to ongoing service and support, the MTE Equipment Solutions, Inc. team is committed to setting your turf care operations up for success.

2:50 - 3:50 pm

Revenue Generation for Parks & Recreation

Mark Honberger, *Coach/Mentor,* Remarkable Recreation Solutions

Category: FIN ***(0.1 CEU)***

It is vital that Park and Recreation Agencies press forward in their efforts to generate additional Revenue, instead of being passive and just "hoping" that more participants register for the recreation programs. This workshop will dive into 50 to 60 ideas for generating revenue for your agency. Some of these, you will likely already be doing, but may need to think about them in new ways. Others will be new ideas that you can put into practice starting tomorrow. By increasing revenues, you will allow your agency to have more resources available for other programs, and will help your agency reach its cost recovery goals.

A Culture of Leadership – Empowering a Team

Jason Chadock, *Founder/CEO, The Chadock Group, LLC*

Category: MGT ***(0.1 CEU)***

What happens to an organization when leadership isn't just a role - but a culture? In today's rapidly shifting workplace, teams without strong leadership struggle with turnover, low morale, and stalled productivity. This session explores a real transformational journey that demonstrates how empowered leadership at every level fuels resilience and long-term success. Participants will learn practical strategies to strengthen culture, navigate adversity, and create an environment where every employee has a voice and a shared sense of purpose. Walk away with tools you can use immediately to build a workplace where people feel valued, connected, and committed to a common cause.

Where Play Meets Discovery: Bringing STEM to Parks & Recreation

Kenny Michaels CMO, *Director,* Wallingford Parks and Recreation

Category: CAMP/PRG ***(0.1 CEU)***

The Wallingford Parks and Recreation Department and CT STEM Academy are proud to share their community engagement work that supports informal STEM Education in Parks and Recreation. Since 2011, the Town of Wallingford and CT STEM Academy have been at the forefront of engaging youth populations in STEM programming in partnership with non-profit agencies and the local school district. This partnership received national recognition in 2019 through the Rec2Tech National Design Challenge and multiple NASA education grants since 2011. Most recently, our program has established a strong partnership with NASA Astro Camp and VEX IQ Robotics. Join us to hear about our journey, tips for beginning your own movement in your community, and engage in a fun hands-on STEM investigation!

Innovate the Outdoors: Cutting - Edge Tech for Park Maintenance Professionals

Greg Foran, *Parks Superintendent & Tree Warden,* Glastonbury Parks & Recreation

Category: PARKS ***(0.1 CEU)***

"Innovation" may not be a new idea but the speed at which it's reshaping our work certainly is. Across pools, playgrounds, irrigation, turf, and trees, emerging technologies are driving safer and more efficient practices which help to produce better outcomes. From sustainability initiatives such as synthetic fields to organic alternatives due to the K-8 IPM ban, the landscape of our industry is evolving in real time. This session dives into that evolution-where we've been, what's changing now, and what's coming up just around the corner. We'll explore how tools like automated systems, remote monitoring, and advanced equipment are saving time and empowering teams. We'll look at innovations already making an impact - like laser grading, weather stations, ground-penetrating radar, and autonomous mowers - and ask what role they should play in our spaces. Along the way, we'll tackle the balance between tried-and-true practices and what's new and exciting. How do we adapt? What's worth the investment? And how can we stay ahead without getting overwhelmed? Expect a fast-paced, thought-provoking session that connects big ideas to practical applications - and might just leave you rethinking what's possible. This presentation promises to not drone on and on, but you may want one when it's done.

From Vision to Village: Creating a Memory Café - Lessons Learned

MaryJo Archambault, CTRS, CDP, FDRT, EdD, *Professor,* Southern Connecticut State University

Category: TR ***(0.1 CEU)***

A Memory Cafe offers a welcoming, stigma-free space where individuals living with dementia and their care partners can connect, laugh, create, and simply be - together. But how do you build one from the ground up? This candid and practical session walks participants through the real-world journey of creating a Memory Cafe, sharing both the milestones and the missteps along the way. Presenters will address the critical planning elements - from identifying community need and securing partnerships to designing programming that honors dignity and cognitive ability. Attendees will gain insight into navigating logistical challenges, sustaining volunteer and community support, and evaluating program impact. With an emphasis on honest reflection and transferable lessons, this session provides a roadmap for recreation professionals who want to launch or strengthen a Memory Cafe in their own community.

HAPPY HOUR | Monday 4:00 - 5:00 pm | Exhibit Hall

Join us for happy hour on the exhibit hall floor! Enjoy food and refreshments while networking with the many exhibitors who can provide solutions to your department's needs.

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LATE NIGHT SOCIAL | Monday 8:00 pm

Looking for the perfect way to cap off the evening? Choose from an assortment of beers on tap, enjoy cocktails with friends at the bar, and relax in this amazing atmosphere. CRPA's late night social is the ideal place to unwind with colleagues and new acquaintances after a long day at the conference!

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2026 AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Presented at the Annual Awards Luncheon - Tuesday, November 24th

NOMINATE SOMEONE TODAY!

CRPA is now accepting nominations for the 2026 Awards & Scholarship Program. This is your chance to recognize individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the parks and recreation profession!

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Nominations must be submitted by 9/4/26

BREAKOUT SESSIONS: Tuesday, November 24th

10:00 - 11:00 am

Crack-the-Code Exhibit Hall Team Building Challenge

Dan Jaskot, *President & General Manager*, Empower Leadership
Category: MGT ***(0.1 CEU)***

Attendees will work collaboratively in small teams to solve various puzzle and riddle-style challenges that will be set-up throughout the exhibit hall. Teams must think creatively, communicate effectively, and problem-solve efficiently to complete the challenges!

11:10 am - 12:10 pm

WOW FACTOR: Unleashing Creativity in Recreation

Mark Honberger, *Coach/Mentor*, Remarkable Recreation Solutions
Category: MGT ***(0.1 CEU)***

Can we have "Wow Factor" (That ability to stand out with something unique) without sacrificing our agency's original mission? Yes. We. Can. JUST WOW: We will dig into what is Wow and also how to accomplish this Wow without straying from our mission. HOW TO WOW: We will investigate how to create an agency that values innovation and incubates creative ideas. BE A WOW FACTOR(Y): Discover how to keep churning out Wow-Ness as we explore some dozens of real -life examples for adding Wow on a budget. Then, at the end, we will practice activating our personal creativity. Come learn "How To Wow"

Tech That Works: Real Tools for Real Parks & Rec Departments

Nick Campion, CPRP, *Assistant Director,* Danvers Recreation
Category: MKT/TECH ***(0.1 CEU)***

Even small tech investments can transform how a parks & recreation department operates. This session offers practical, accessible strategies drawn from real-world experience: using AI writing assistants to accelerate communications and administrative work; leveraging design tools to elevate marketing without a dedicated staff; applying community data platforms to inform decisions and demonstrate impact; using public engagement tools to capture resident sentiment beyond the usual voices; and automating routine workflows to reclaim staff time. The session is interactive and will share examples of relevant technology - attendees will share their own tools - and everyone will leave with actionable ideas regardless of department size or budget.

Budget 101: Budget Basics for New Professionals

Tim Davis, CPRE, *Director of Recreation*, Brookline Recreation
Category: FIN ***(0.1 CEU)***

Navigating the financial landscape of municipal finances can feel overwhelming for new professionals. This introductory session provides a welcoming overview of the common financial models used in municipal recreation management. Participants will gain insight into various funding structures, such as General Fund support, Enterprise Funds, Special Revenue Funds and more. This foundational knowledge will empower new recreation professionals to make informed financial decisions and strategically support their departments.

Smarter RFPs: Crafting Clear Solicitations That Deliver Results

Jonathan Tunsky, PLA, CPSI, *Senior Project Manager,* Weston and Sampson
Category: MGT/Parks ***(0.1 CEU)***

Looking to improve your Park Capital Improvement Project RFPs and get more meaningful, accurate responses? Join Jonathan Tunsky of Weston & Sampson for an insightful session packed with practical tips and real-world guidance. Learn how overly complex or unclear RFPs can unintentionally confuse vendors, resulting in weaker responses and a more time-consuming process overall. This session will break down what works - and what doesn't - so you can approach your next solicitation with clarity and confidence. Attendees will gain actionable strategies for crafting clear, concise, and effective RFPs that drive stronger results. We'll also explore alternatives to the traditional RFP process - especially for smaller-budget projects-including how leveraging the CT DAS contract can streamline selection and save both time and resources. You'll leave equipped with the tools and confidence to create well-structured, efficient solicitations that are easier to manage and deliver better outcomes.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS: Tuesday, November 24th

12:20 pm - 1:20 pm

Be Essential by Tracking Performance Measures

Mark Honberger, *Coach/Mentor*, Remarkable Recreation Solutions
Category: MGT ***(0.1 CEU)***

By turning basic data into vital information that tells our agency's story, we can highlight our agency as an "Essential Service" to both our elected policy makers and the community. We'll investigate how to harness the power of Excel to properly track performance measures. We'll identify how to present those performance measures in a beautiful report that tells your agency story. And we'll cover unique ideas for accomplishing budget projections that are accurate and reliable.

Building for the Future with Intentional Focus

Jason Chadock, *Founder/CEO,* The Chadock Group, LLC
Category: MGT ***(0.1 CEU)***

Across the country, communities are changing faster than many agencies can adapt. Aging facilities, shifting demographics, and limited resources create pressure to "do more with less," often without a clear roadmap. This session shows how future - focused planning, intentional storytelling, and proactive operations can transform how departments serve their communities. Participants will explore practical methods for diagnosing current operations, aligning vision across stakeholders, and building strategic and capital plans that anticipate - not chase - community needs. Through real examples and guided exercises, you'll learn how to strengthen your department's narrative, identify gaps before they become failures, and build the confidence to make bold, well supported asks. Walk away with tools to plan forward, communicate clearly, and position your department for long term relevance and success.

Lifeguard Surveillance: Turning Research into Practice

Lyndsey K. Lanagan-Leitzel, Ph.D., *Professor of Psychological Science, Assistant Department Chair,* Eastern Connecticut State University
Category: AQU ***(0.1 CEU)***

How do lifeguards scan the water and recognize distress and drowning? Many researchers have studied this question in the laboratory and in the field. This presentation will review how lifeguard surveillance has been studied, what has been found, and how lifeguard instructors and supervisors can put those results into practice at their own facilities. It will also examine the future of lifeguard surveillance research and how technology can be utilized to enhance research and training.

Why Forest Management is Needed in Recreational Open Spaces!

David Irvin, *Certified Forester,* State of Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection, Forestry Division
Category: PARKS ***(0.1 CEU)***

Forests of public parks are often either seen as a place for unchanged preservation, or are otherwise "back acres" that are ignored. But forestry has an important place in our open spaces, as resilience in the face of climate change is increasingly important, and forest pests and invasive plants continue to threaten future ecosystems and habitats. Join DEEP Forester, David Irvin, as he discusses forest history, the state of our forests today, and what can be done to ensure healthier future open spaces, without sacrificing recreational opportunities of today.

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