

## APPENDIX 1: TASK FORCE MEMBER BIOS

**Kim Barbieri** is the Land Use Enforcement Officer for the City of Torrington. With a background in landscape architecture, Kim serves as the staff for the Conservation, Wetlands, and Planning & Zoning Commissions, and in this capacity she has become very familiar with regulations and ordinances that affect new development and its relationship with the built environment, existing infrastructure, and the roadside forest. Kim is on the Executive Board for the CT Association of Zoning Enforcement Officials, is a board member for the Center Cemetery Association, and is a volunteer with the Little Guild of St. Francis.

**Tim Bockus** is the Director of Public Works for the Town of East Hartford. The Department of Public Works is responsible for seven separate divisions consisting of Engineering, Fleet Services, Waste Services, Highway Services, Facilities, Park Maintenance, and Administration. The Department provides for the maintenance of over 140 miles of Town roads, 4 miles of levee flood protection system, 22 public buildings, and over 650 acres of public park space. Tim is the Town's Tree Warden and as Director, serves as a member on East Hartford's Beautification Commission, Insurance Committee, and Executive Safety Committee. He holds a Bachelors degree in Mechanical Engineering and a Masters degree in Public Policy from Trinity College.

**Theresa (Teri) Brown** is Regulatory Director for AT&T in Connecticut. She has extensive experience in working with the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) on issues involving utility infrastructure in the public right of way. In addition, she has been involved with PURA and other state agency storm response and preparedness activities.

**Ken Bullard** is the Line Clearance Arborist at The United Illuminating Company (UI). Ken is a Certified Arborist for the International Society of Arboriculture and has been a Licensed Arborist in the State of Connecticut since 1993. Since 1994, he has overseen the vegetation management of Transmission, Distribution, and Substation systems at UI.

**Chris Donnelly** is the Urban Forestry Coordinator within the Division of Forestry of the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. Chris has a CT Arborist License, is certified as a Forester by the State of Connecticut, and is also an ISA-certified Arborist. As State Urban Forestry Coordinator, Chris is responsible for outreach to all 169 cities and towns, administers a small grant program that encourages local urban forestry projects, and provides advice and assistance on urban forestry for a wide range of audiences. He is active with the CT Urban Forest Council and with the CT Tree Protective Association, and is a member of the International Society of Arboriculture and the Society of American Foresters.

**Mark Goetz**, is a Senior Information Management Specialist with Burns & McDonnell. He has worked for the Cities of Milford and Hartford as well as the Regional Planning Agencies (Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments and the Greater Bridgeport Regional Council) in a variety of Geographic Information System leadership positions. Mark has also been the Co-Chair of the Brooklyn Conservation Commission and participant in various State of Connecticut GIS initiatives. During his work with Milford and Hartford, Mark assisted on several Vegetation Management projects including Milford's Volunteer Tree Inventory Project and Hartford's Urban Forest Effects (UFORE) Project.

**David Goodson** is the Manager of Vegetation Management at Northeast Utilities and is responsible for the distribution line clearance programs at the Connecticut Light & Power Company, the Western Massachusetts Electric Company and Public Service of New Hampshire. Dave has been active in tree care industry organizations throughout his career. He is a Past President of the Connecticut Tree Protective Association and the New England Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture. As a member of the International Society of Arboriculture's Board of Directors he was Chair of the Finance Committee. Dave was one of the founding members of the Connecticut Urban Forest Council and speaker at its Meskwaka Project. He is an honorary Connecticut Tree Warden and presently represents the Utility Arborist Association on the American National Standards Institute Z133.1 Tree Care Industry Safety Committee.

**James G. Govoni** is president of the Tree Wardens Association of CT and is past Board Director of the Hartford Cooperative Education Council. Jim has been employed since 1981 by the town of Windsor and is currently their Municipal Forester and Tree Warden. Jim is a member of the CT Tree Protective Association and has participated in the Meskwaka tree programs and Coverts Project.

**Eric Hammerling** is Executive Director of the Connecticut Forest & Park Association (CFPA) and is serving as Chair of the State Vegetation Management Task Force. Since its inception in 1895, CFPA has supported the science-based, sustainable management of Connecticut's forests. Eric is the lead advocate for CFPA at the state legislature where he works primarily on forestry, recreation, education, and trail-related issues. Eric is a Board Member of both Connwood Foresters, Inc. and the Friends of CT State Parks, and also serves on the Steering Committees for the Connecticut Land Conservation Council, Connecticut State Parks Centennial Committee, and the Working Lands Alliance.

**Jane Harris** is a CT licensed arborist and chair of the Middletown Urban Forestry Commission. She is also president of the Rockfall Foundation, an environmental and educational foundation serving Middlesex County. Jane is a member of the board of the CT Chapter of the American Chestnut Foundation and is the manager of an experimental chestnut orchard. Jane is active in

the Middletown Garden Club, the Garden Club of America, and the CT Tree Protective Association, as well as serving on the board of the Middletown Old Burying Ground Association, where she helps to maintain the historic landscapes.

**Mary Hogue** is a member of the Fairfield Forestry Committee and Fairfield League of Women Voters. Mary worked with a consortium of tree conservation and League of Women Voter's groups in Fairfield County to put on a forum focused on "Power Struggle: Balancing the Needs of People, Power and Trees" held in February at the Darien Town Hall. Mary is a certified Project Management Professional as well as a graduate of the UConn Master Gardener and Meskwaka tree programs and has been involved for many years with the Connecticut Audubon Society, Mill River Wetland Committee, Fairfield PTAs and many other civic organizations.

**John Jasinski** has been at the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) since 1998 as an electrical engineer in the Electric Unit (including a year and a half period at ConnDOT in the Bureau of Policy and Planning). Previous to PURA, John worked for 21 years as an electrical engineer and analyst in several departments at The United Illuminating Company in New Haven, and worked for 4 years as an electrical engineer and researcher at Connecticut electrical manufacturing companies.

**Leslie Kane** is Director of the Audubon Center Bent of the River, a unit of Audubon CT and the National Audubon Society. Audubon's mission is to conserve and restore natural ecosystems, focusing on birds, other wildlife, and their habitats for the benefit of humanity and the Earth's biological diversity. In her position at the Bent of the River, Leslie oversees the education, public policy, and conservation programs at the 700-acre nature center and sanctuary and works regionally to implement Audubon's Mission. Leslie currently serves as a Deputy Tree Warden for the Town of Southbury and on the Board of Directors of the Southbury Land Trust. She is also a representative for the Town of Southbury on the Central Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments.

**Kevin J. Kelly** is the Director of Operations for the Town of Colchester Public Works Department. Since 1999, he has worked in the management, and has overseen the maintenance of the Town's roadway infrastructure. Kevin is a certified Tree Warden and has served in this position for the town, managing the roadside forest. In addition, he is a member of the Executive Board of Directors for the Connecticut Tree Wardens Association and is the current Vice-President. Kevin is a subcommittee chair, and member of the DEMHS Region 4, Regional Emergency Support Function (RESF) #3, whose purpose is to develop and implement a system of resources and response capability for handling regional emergencies.

**William DeVane Logue** has been a mediator, facilitator, consensus builder, trainer and consultant since 1986. He regularly facilitates public policy consensus building work on

environmental, transportation and human service issues in Massachusetts, New York and Connecticut. Bill has designed and led conflict resolution training programs for numerous organizations in the public and private sector. Past chair of the Connecticut Bar Association Alternative Dispute Resolution Section and Co-Chair of the Standing Committee on Dispute Resolution in the Courts, Bill is also a past President of the New England Chapter of the Association for Conflict Resolution. Bill teaches negotiation and mediation representation at Quinnipiac Law School. He is a Senior Affiliate Practitioner of the Massachusetts Office of Public Collaboration. Bill is a graduate of Brown University and the UConn School of Law.

**JoAnn Messina** is the Executive Director of the Greenwich Tree Conservancy (GTC) a non-profit organization created in 2007 to preserve and enhance the tree and forest resources of Greenwich to benefit the community. The GTC locates sites for new tree plantings, educates on the value and benefits of community trees and the importance of stewardship, advocates for policies and funding to integrate tree protection into community planning and fosters public private partnerships. JoAnn is a graduate of the Meskwaka tree program and has held several leadership positions in Greenwich including the President of the League of Women Voters. Earlier this year, she co-chaired a regional committee of league and tree organization leaders to present "Power Struggle: Balancing the Needs of People, Power and Trees."

**John Mitchell** is the Manager of System Maintenance at The United Illuminating Company (UI) and is serving as a member of the State Vegetation Management Task Force. System Maintenance is an integral part of UI's Electric System Organization which incorporates maintenance management, vegetation management, and structural/civil engineering for the Transmission and Distribution System. Vegetation management programs employed at UI incorporate tree pruning best practices and special programs to maintain system reliability, public and worker safety, and power quality for the T&D System.

**John Parry** is an Urban Forestry Specialist with the USDA Forest Service in Durham, New Hampshire, providing assistance to state forestry agencies, municipalities and other organizations in New England and New York. The Forest Service provides expert advice, financial assistance, and technology transfer to help agencies and organizations protect and manage trees and forests. John has worked for over 32 years in urban forestry and forest management in the Northeast and Midwest States, and received a B.S. in Forestry from Michigan Technological University and an M.S. in Resource Management and Policy from State University of New York. Recent work with The Forest Service has focused on tree inventories, tree risk assessment and storm response and recovery.

**Karl Reichle** is the Superintendent of Operations for South Windsor and has been employed by the town since 1974. Karl has served as the Tree Warden for South Windsor since 1985 and is the Past President of the Tree Wardens Association of Connecticut. Karl has studied

Arboriculture at Quinnipiac College, completed the CT Technology Transfer Center's Road Master Program, and has 40 years of horticultural/agricultural experience.

**R. Bruce Villwock** is the Transportation Landscape Designer III for the CT Department of Transportation, where has been employed for 16 years. Bruce is a licensed arborist, certified tree warden, certified as a supervisory pesticide applicator, and has a Associates Degree in Forestry from Paul Smith's College. Bruce is a Board Member of the Tree Wardens Association of Connecticut, and serves on the state's Scenic Roads Advisory Committee.

**Jeffrey S. Ward**, Ph.D., is Chief Scientist-Department of Forestry and Horticulture at The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station. Author of ninety papers, his forest dynamics research has included studies of long-term tree mortality and growth. He has been secretary, CT Tree Protection Examination Board since 1998, on the Executive Committee of the CT Urban Forest Council, and is an advisor to Audubon CT and the CT Endangered Species Committee. He is a past president of the CT Tree Protective Association and Forest Science Coordinator for the New England Society of American Foresters.