Welcome to the
2024 Big 10 Grounds Manager and Landscape Architect Conference
July 2024
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## Your Hosts

From left to right:
Joseph Kondilas, Interim Grounds Foreperson
Mike Randazzo, Grounds Foreperson
Fadi Kayyal, Grounds Foreperson
Omar Velez, Interim Grounds Foreperson
Nelson Colon, Grounds Foreperson
Yoaan Jaquez, Grounds Foreperson
James Erdogan, Director, Grounds Operation
Brian Clemson, University Landscape Architect
Dave Morrow, Grounds Foreperson
Chris Wenzel, Interim Assistant Director
Mike O'Keefe, Assistant Director

### Rutgers University

- **Location:** New Brunswick/Piscataway, New Jersey
- **Acreage:** 2700 (Main Campus), 6000+ acres across NJ
- **Founding Year:** 1766
CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Tuesday, July 16
• 5:00 – 8:00 PM: Registration and Welcome Reception Room – Hyatt Hotel
• Dinner on your own – See attached link for restaurants

Wednesday, July 17
• 7:30 – 8:30 AM: Late registration / Breakfast – Hyatt Hotel
• 8:30 – 9:30 AM: Welcome and Introductions, day overview
  Speakers
  • Tony Calcado, Executive Vice President & COO, Institutional Planning and Operations
  • David Schulz, Vice President / University Architect, Planning, Development, and Design
  • Frank Wong, Assistant Vice President, University Planning and Development
  • James Erdogdu, Director of Grounds & Brian Clemson, University Landscape Architect
• 9:30 AM – 9:45AM: Break
• 9:45 AM – 12:30 PM: Walking tour – College Ave Campus – Tour Map
• 12:30 – 1:30 PM: Lunch College Ave Campus Center Sponsored by SavATree
  SavATree Presentation on Tree Management and Consultation Services
• 2:00 – 4:30 PM: Walking tour – Cook/Douglass Campus – Tour Map
• 4:30 PM: Board bus back to Rutgers Gardens
• 4:45 – 5:30 PM: Rutgers Gardens – Tour, Refreshments and Snacks
• 5:30 PM: Board Bus Back to Hotel
• Dinner on your own – See attached link for restaurants

Thursday, July 18
• 7:30 – 8:30 AM: Breakfast at Hyatt Hotel
• 8:30 – 9:00 AM: Grounds Department Presentation – “Past, Present & Future”
• 9:00 – 9:15 AM: Break
• 9:15 AM: Board Bus to Livingston Campus
• 9:30 AM – 11:00 PM: Walking tour – Livingston Campus – Tour Map
• 11:00 AM: Board Bus to Grounds Yard
• 11:10 – 11:45 AM: Tour Livingston Grounds Yard – Equipment Demo
• 12:00 – 1:00 PM: Lunch at The Rutgers Club Sponsored by Langan
  Langan Presentation on Stormwater Management on Campus
• 1:15 PM: Board Bus to Busch
• 1:30 – 4:00 PM: Walking tour Busch Campus – Tour Map
• 4:00 PM: Board Bus back to Hyatt Hotel
• 6:00 PM: Dinner at SHI Stadium

Friday, July 19
• 7:30 – 8:30 AM: Breakfast at Hyatt Hotel
• 8:15 – 9:30 AM: Business meeting
Points of Interest on the Cook/Douglas Campus

- Passion Puddle
- Kissing Bridge
- Voorhees Chapel
Points of Interest on the Livingston Campus

- Rutgers Business School
- Plaza at Livingston
- Jersey Mike's Arena

TOUR DETAILS

Thursday, July 18

- Bus Drop Off: 9:30AM
- Bus Pickup: 11:00AM
- Livingston Grounds Yard: 11:30AM-11:45AM
- Lunch at Rutgers Club: 12:00PM-1:00PM

Rutgers Business School
Thursday, July 18
Tour Begins
Bus to President’s Residence 3:15PM
Bus Pickup 4:00PM
Bus to President’s Residence 3:15PM
Tour Begins 1:30PM

Rutgers Golf Course

Points of Interest on the Busch Campus

SH Stadium
Rutgers Golf Course
Walkman Institute of Microbiology

TOUR DETAILS

THIRD AVE

BUICK AVE

RIVER

BUS DROP OFF 3:30PM
PRESIDENT RESIDENCE
DEPART 4:00PM
**Friends**

**Indiana University**

- Location: Bloomington, Indiana
- Acreage: 1,928 acres
- Founding Year: 1820

Trent Chitwood
Manager of Grounds

Tristan Johnson
Director of Landscape Services

**Michigan State University**

- Location: East Lansing, Michigan
- Acreage: 5,200 acres
- Founding Year: 1855

Shaemus Kermiet
Landscape Gardener I

Kevin Oyjorg
Landscape Gardener II

Tes Smith
Landscape Gardener Trainee

**Ohio State University**

- Location: Columbus, Ohio
- Acreage: 1,714 acres
- Founding Year: 1870

Mick Sharron
Assistant Director, Landscape Services

John Irwin
Building Maintenance Superintendent, Campus Shop

Mike Koeritzer
Building Maintenance Superintendent, East Landscape

**Penn State University**

- Location: University Park, Pennsylvania
- Acreage: 7,958 acres
- Founding Year: 1855

Norman A. Parks
Facilities Supervisor, Grounds Services

Office of Physical Plant
Friends

Purdue University
Location: West Lafayette, Indiana
Acreage: 2,259 acres
Founding Year: 1869

Rutgers University–Camden
Location: Camden, New Jersey
Acreage: 38 acres
Founding Year: 1909

Rutgers University–Newark
Location: Newark, New Jersey
Acreage: 38 acres
Founding Year: 1909

University of Illinois
Location: Urbana, Illinois
Acreage: 2,295 acres
Founding Year: 1867

University of Illinois – Chicago
Location: Chicago, Illinois
Acreage: 244 acres
Founding Year: 1982

Left to right: Phil Richey, Director of Grounds, Jacob Henry, Grounds Manager, Brooke Sammons, Landscape Architect, Wyatt Carmony, Grounds Manager.

Left to right: Isaac Williams, Grounds Foreman, Darren LaReau, Grounds Sub-Foreman, Beau Renshaw, Grounds Sub-Foreman, Steve Bainbridge, Superintendent of Building Maintenance, Ryan Welch, Superintendent of Grounds, Brent Lewis, University Landscape Architect.

Left to right: Carly Provost-Riear, Director of Grounds Services, Anthony Kuzmanich, Superintendent of Grounds.
University of Minnesota
Location: Twin Cities, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota
Acreage: 1,200 acres
Founding Year: 1851

University of Wisconsin
Location: Madison, Wisconsin
Acreage: 939 acres
Founding Year: 1848

University of Iowa
Location: Iowa City, Iowa
Acreage: 1,900 acres
Founding Year: 1847

University of Michigan
Location: Ann Arbor, Michigan
Acreage: 3,200 acres
Founding Year: 1817

Friends

Left to right: Lukeland Gentles, Director of Custodial and Grounds; Matt Rankin, Turf and Irrigation Supervisor; Jim Hicks, Horticulture Specialist; Alex Sulzer, Project Manager; Rob Doletzky, Landscape and Grounds Manager

Left to right: Tom Ritzer, Assistant Director for Landcare; Hollie Teslow, Principal Engineering Assistant; Bill Crosby, Senior Gardener; Matt Berg, Landscape Supervisor

Friends

Richard “Scott” Rupert
Associate Director of Landscape Services

Michael Wallazmp
Manager

Mark Horvath
Landscape Maintenance Supervisor

Danielle Smith
Grounds Department Superintendent

Andrew (Andy) Dahl
Campus Arborist and Urban Forestry Supervisor

University of Maryland
Location: College Park, Maryland
Acreage: 1,250 acres
Founding Year: 1858
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