Branches of Knowledge: Practices and Findings in Urban Forestry Thursday, July 17, 2025 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Location: Nina Mason Pulliam Rio Salado Center: 3131 S Central Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85040

Roundtable Mission Statement: We will work collaboratively to improve tree care and planting in Metro Phoenix in ways that will measurably mitigate urban heat island, improve local air quality and prioritize environmental and social justice outcomes through municipal and private investment in trees, particularly in vulnerable neighborhoods currently lacking tree canopy.

Meeting Access: Previous Meeting Minutes can be found via this google drive This upcoming event will be held in person. CEUs are available for in-person attendees.

Registration: Register Here

While donations are not required for registration, every dollar contributed goes directly back into the Arizona Urban Forestry Roundtable. These funds are fully used to support future Roundtable opportunities, including professional development sessions, happy hours, field trips, networking events, and community engagement activities.

Special Thanks: Thank you to our event sponsor, American Forests, for supporting the second Arizona Urban Forestry Roundtable CEU event Branches of Knowledge



Branches of Knowledge Agenda:

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Open Registration, Networking, Coffee, AZSA will be (non-CEU eligible)

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9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Rooted in Results: Tree Survival by the Numbers

This session presents long-term data collected from over 40 sites across Maricopa County. Topics include survival rates, species-specific challenges, irrigation performance, and monitoring protocols, with a focus on field-based findings and data-driven strategy adjustments.

Domains:

- Tree Soil/Water Relations
- Tree Risk Assessment
- Urban Forestry Management

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Between the Lines: Tree Management in Utility Corridors

This session explores how to successfully manage trees near overhead utilities through a cross-sector perspective. It includes guidance from Arizona Public Service (APS) Utility urban forestry team members on clearance requirements, pruning standards, risk mitigation, and safety protocols. The presentation also highlights how planners, municipal staff, and nonprofit professionals can coordinate with utility companies to prevent conflicts. Real-world examples show how thoughtful tree placement, species selection, and communication can protect canopy investments in areas impacted by utility infrastructure

Domains:

- Safe Work Practices
- Pruning
- Tree Risk Assessment
- Urban Forestry Management

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Municipality Toolkit: Best Practices for Urban Forestry

Overview of a new regional toolkit designed for Arizona municipalities. Session covers ordinance language, inventory standards, planting and maintenance cycles, contractor oversight, and equity-based prioritization strategies for tree planting and care.

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- Installation/Establishment
- Construction Preservation
- Trees/People/Ecology

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Raffle items

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- And more!
- Optional Lunch
- Continued Networking

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