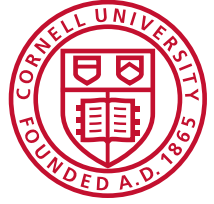




Landscape, Nursery, & Plant Care Professional Development Review Course



HOSTS: Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County and Vincent Drzewucki

DATES: Wednesdays on January 20, January 27, February 3, February 10, February 17, and February 24

TIME: 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM, except for two sessions: February 17th is a full day, in-person-only meeting and February 24th session is from 10 AM to 12:30 PM.

LOCATION: Most sessions are hybrid via Zoom. In-person locations for sessions 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 will be at the CCE-Suffolk Education Center at 423 Griffing Ave., Riverhead, NY 11901. Session 5 is in person only at Bayard Cutting Arboretum. Participants will receive recordings of the hybrid sessions and can view the recordings through the end of the year.

FEES: Entire course: \$240. This includes the hybrid sessions and session 5.

Hybrid sessions can be individually purchased at \$45 each or \$175 for a packaged discount.

Session 5 is \$65 per person and includes some morning refreshments and a pizza/salad lunch.

Sliding scale registration available; email Mina Vescera at mv365@cornell.edu for more information.

REGISTRATION: Pre-registration is required. Light morning refreshments provided with registration; pizza & salad lunch provided for session 5.

Call Mina Vescera to register over the phone or pay by check.

- Register online at <https://tinyurl.com/LPN2027course>.
- Scholarship registrations are available. Please email Mina at mv365@cornell.edu.
- Please let us know if you have any dietary requirements.

Partial refunds allowed 1 week before each scheduled session. Credit card fees are not refunded.

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Course Description:

This course is designed to supplement study for landscape professionals interested in becoming a Certified Nursery Landscape Professional (CNLP), ISA Certified Arborist, or for landscape professionals new to the industry. Select topics from the CNLP Training Manual and ISA Study Guide will be reviewed in addition to other topics.

Folks new to horticulture, landscape management, and nursery production are welcome and encouraged to participate even without intention of becoming a CNLP or ISA Arborist.

The CNLP exam is scheduled for March 18, 2027. You need to apply through the PlantNYS website to take the exam. Visit the "CNLP Program" webpage at <https://www.plantnys.org/cnlp-program> to learn more. There is a separate fee for the exam which is administered by PlantNYS.

For ISA Arborist certification, visit the New York State Arborists Association for more information at <https://nysarborists.com/education/certification>. The regional exam is sponsored by the Long Island Arboricultural Association and is scheduled for Tuesday, March 9, 2027. Contact info@longislandarborists.org for more information.

Continuing Education Credits (CEUs)

CEUs will vary by session. NYSDEC pesticide applicator recertification credits are offered for sessions only. Visit (INSERT calendar event page) to learn of continuing education credits issued for each session.

Session 1: Plant Biology & Soil Basics

Date: Wednesday, January 20, 2027. Hybrid event

Location: CCE-Suffolk Education Center, 423 Griffing Ave., Riverhead, NY 11901. 2nd Floor Conference Room and Zoom.

Time: 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

How Plants Function – Review of Plant Biology

Nick Menchyk, Ph.D., Farmingdale State College

Soil Moisture, Texture, and Aeration

Debbie Aller, Ph.D., Cornell University

Session 2: Landscape Assessment/ Installation and Invasive Species Awareness

Date: Wednesday, January 27, 2027. Hybrid event

Location: CCE-Suffolk Education Center, 423 Griffing Ave., Riverhead, NY 11901. 2nd Floor Conference Room and Zoom.

Time: 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Landscape Assessment, Establishment, & Maintenance

Vinnie Drzewucki, ISA Certified Arborist, Senior Lifetime CNLP

Invasive Plants & Invasive Species Regulations

Cassandra Moise, Long Island Invasive Species Management Area (LIISMA)

Session 3: Nutrient Management and Hardscape 101

Date: Wednesday, February 3, 2027. Hybrid event

Location: CCE-Suffolk Education Center, 423 Griffing Ave., Riverhead, NY 11901. 2nd Floor Conference Room and Zoom.

Time: 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Landscape Nutrient Management BMPs

Mina Vescera, CCE-Suffolk

Introduction to Nutrient Management for Nursery Production: Field & Container

Mina Vescera, CCE-Suffolk

Introduction to Hardscape

Steve Dougherty, ISA, McMahon & Dougherty Landscape Design

Session 4: Introduction to Problems of Ornamental Woody Plants

Date: Wednesday, February 10, 2027. Hybrid event

Location: CCE-Suffolk Education Center, 423 Griffing Ave., Riverhead, NY 11901. 2nd Floor Conference Room and Zoom.

Time: 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Pesticide Use in the Landscape

Marie Boulter, CCE-Suffolk

Characteristics of Biotic & Abiotic Plant Disorders

Margery Daughtrey, PhD., Cornell University

Insect, Mite, & Other Plant Pests

Jared Dyer, CCE-Suffolk

Session 5: Identification & Pruning of Woody Ornamentals (IN PERSON ONLY)

Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2027. Rain/snow date February 18, 2027.

Location: Bayard Cutting Arboretum, 440 Montauk Hwy, Great River, NY 11739, Lower Carriage House. In-person only.

Time: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Light morning refreshments with a pizza and salad lunch.

Fee: \$65

MORNING INDOOR SESSION

Woody Plant Morphology

Kevin Wiecks, Bayard Cutting Arboretum

Ornamental Plant Selection of Woody & Herbaceous Plants (PowerPoint Presentation)

Kevin Wiecks, Bayard Cutting Arboretum

Introduction to Pruning of Woody Plants

Richard Weir, Horticulture Solutions

AFTERNOON OUTDOOR SESSION

Woody Plant Walk & Talk ID

Richard Weir, Horticulture Solutions

Session 6: Trees and Construction

Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2026. Hybrid event.

Location: CCE-Suffolk Education Center, 423 Griffing Ave., Riverhead, NY 11901. 2nd Floor Conference Room and Zoom.

Time: 8:30 AM – Noon

Protecting Trees from Construction

How Trees are Damaged During Construction

Vinnie Drzewucki, ISA Certified Arborist, Senior Lifetime CNLP