NYSTA EDUCATION DAY

December 16,2025
Crowne Plaza Albany - The Desmond Hotel
Albany, New York

AGENDA

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The Turfgrass Environmental Stewardship Fund

6:00 a.m. **REGISTRATION & COFFEE**
King Street – Walkway A

6:30 – 7:30 a.m. **EARLY BIRD SESSION**
King Street 2-4
Bradley S. Park
Renovating Cool-Season Turfgrass Dominated By Annual Bluegrass
NYSDEC Credits: 1.0 - 3a, 3b, 25

7:30 – 8:00 a.m. **TRADE SHOW & COFFEE**
King Courtyard

8:00 – 10:00 a.m. **GENERAL SESSION**
King Street 2-4
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8:00 – 8:15 a.m.
NYSTA Welcome / Apprentice Video
Tom Kaplun, President

8:15 – 8:30 a.m.
NYSTA Annual Meeting

8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
Kyle Wickings, Ph.D.
Alternative Lawn Care Practices: Implications For Pests, Turf Quality, And Soil Biological Diversity

9:30 – 10:15 a.m.
Corey Angelo
How to Conserve Resources Using Soil Science

10:15 – 11:00 a.m. **TRADE SHOW & BREAK**
King Courtyard

Approved for GCSAA Education Points: .65
(Code to be available at the end of the conference)

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 noon

GOLF TURF
King Street 2
Gina Rizzi
NY Golf: Economic Strength, Environmental Stewardship, Community Impact – Key Insights from the NY Golf Economic & Environmental Impact Study …. and …. Compassion Capitalism: Rethinking ROI Through Purpose-Driven Leadership
NYSDEC Credits: .75 - 3a, 3b
.25 - CORE

LAWN/LANDSCAPE & GROUNDS MAINTENANCE, SPORTS TURF & SCHOOLS
King Street 4
Michael Reed
Pesticide Jeopardy
NYSDEC Credits: 1.0 - 3a, 3b, 25
.5 - CORE

12:30 – 1:45 p.m. **LUNCH & TRADE SHOW**
King Street 6-8 and King Courtyard
Please take time to visit with our exhibitors

1:45 – 2:45 p.m.

GOLF TURF
King Street 2
Mike Richardson
Making Water Wetter – The Ins And Outs of Wetting Agents
NYSDEC Credits: 1.0 - 3a, 3b, 25

LAWN/LANDSCAPE & GROUNDS MAINTENANCE, SPORTS TURF & SCHOOLS
King Street 4
Aaron Hathaway
Why Herbicides or Technical Materials Fail
NYSDEC Credits: .75 - 3a, 3b, 25
.25 - CORE

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

GOLF TURF
King Street 2
Benjamin McGraw, Ph.D.
Navigating the turfgrass insect management and Regulatory Landscape in NY: Pest & New Product Update
NYSDEC Credits: 1.0 - 3a, 3b, 25

LAWN/LANDSCAPE & GROUNDS MAINTENANCE, SPORTS TURF & SCHOOLS
King Street 4
Matt Lindner
Proper Preparations Save the Environment
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