



AGENDA



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The Turfgrass Environmental
Stewardship Fund

December 16, 2025

**Crowne Plaza Albany - The Desmond Hotel
Albany, New York**

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

7:30 – 8:00 a.m. TRADE SHOW & COFFEE

King Courtyard

8:00 – 10:00 a.m. GENERAL SESSION

King Street 2-4

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.

*Impacts of Mowing and Pesticide Use Practices in Residential Lawns
on Soil Biodiversity and Carbon*

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

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*

**LAWN/LANDSCAPE & GROUNDS
MAINTENANCE, SPORTS TURF &
SCHOOLS**

King Street 4

Michael Reed

Pesticide Jeopardy

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*

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SCHOOLS**
King Street 4
Aaron Hathaway
Why Herbicides or Technical Materials Fail

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*

**LAWN/LANDSCAPE & GROUNDS
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King Street 4
Matt Lindner
Proper Preparations Save the Environment