Who Doesn't Want Trees? Barriers to Tree Equity and What We Can Do Better – Christine Carmichael

This presentation will describe novel research from Detroit, Michigan explaining why residents in predominantly low-income communities of color turned down the offer of free street trees, and the larger context of how racism has affected trees and people in our cities over time. Attendees will also learn how to modify urban and community forestry programs to learn from these lessons and increase resident buy-in to tree planting and tree care efforts.

Advancing Environmental Justice Through Urban and Community Forestry – Christine Carmichael

This workshop will include a presentation of content on environmental justice and tree equity, as well as facilitated dialogue and activities to guide participants in ways to integrate this content into their future outreach with community residents. Specifically, we will cover the following topics: Overview of the history of tree inequities in the U.S. & locally, reflecting on our cultural identities, barriers and opportunities to increasing and improving tree equity, and creating an action plan and holistic measures of success.

Presenter Bio –

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