



# MOUNTAIN LAKE

VEGETATION MANAGEMENT COUNCIL, INCORPORATED

SUMMER 2013 NEWSLETTER

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## 59TH ANNUAL MOUNTAIN LAKE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT COUNCIL CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 16-18, 2013

The Mountain Lake Vegetation Management Council (MLVMC) will be held in Annapolis, MD. The program is packed with information on right-of-way vegetation management highlighting environmental stewardship concepts. This year's program will also include our organization's signature 'field tour' where you will be able to see these IVM practices on various sites that include rights-of-way that transect the Patuxent National Wildlife Refuge. The Mountain Lake organization continues to provide relevant information on IVM and the most current best management practices in addition to regulatory issues that affect our business. This is one of the best ways to hone your knowledge and skills on vegetation management.



Annapolis is situated on the Chesapeake Bay and serves as the capital of Maryland. It serves as the home of the United States Naval Academy. The crown jewel of downtown Annapolis is its historic city dock area overlooking its beautiful harbor. There are also numerous Museums, historical sites, and monuments. The Loews Hotel will be our hotel, offering a variety of amenities and is conveniently located.

"Your company won't let you travel out of the US to attend the ISA in Toronto?" Why not attend the Mountain Lake Vegetation Management Council Meeting in Annapolis, MD. Whether you work for, support, or interact with a Local, State, or Federal Agency, Public Utility Commission, Electric Utility, Gas Utility, Department of Transportation, Residential Tree Care, Professional Contractor or Procurement Forestry Operations in the vegetation management realm you will benefit from this conference. - Dave Krause, MLVMC President

### MLVMC MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Mountain Lake Vegetation Management Council is to bring together individuals with an interest in integrated vegetation management to exchange ideas, opinions and information.

We will provide our members with the tools to make prudent and knowledgeable vegetation management decisions with the principles of excellence, fairness and integrity as the foundation of our profession.

The MLVMC will promote the safe and responsible use of IVM products to enhance quality of life and the environment.

RECERTIFICATION REQUESTS

As always, Mountain Lake has applied for CEUs and Recertification Credits for the agenda for the 2013 Annual Meeting in Annapolis, MD. This is an important service to our membership and helps to fulfill the educational responsibilities of the association.

The following organizations and states have been solicited for accreditation:

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| ISA | NY | TN |
| SAF | NJ | VA |
| IN  | NH | VT |
| KY  | OH | WV |
| MA  | PA |    |
| MD  | RI |    |
| NC  | SC |    |

SILENT AUCTION

In efforts to increase funding for future events, the MLVMC will conduct a silent auction at this year's meeting. We would be most appreciative of any item(s) you would be willing to make available for this event. If willing to participate, please bring your contributing items to the registration booth upon arrival. Our organization is a "non-profit" organization, your contribution may be tax-deductable. Thank you for your support!

SUSTAINING MEMBERS



# MOUNTAIN LAKE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT COUNCIL 2013 CONFERENCE AGENDA

## MONDAY SEPTEMBER 16

TBA Board Meeting  
12 p.m. - 6 p.m. Exhibitor Set-up  
6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Welcome Reception, Sponsored by Asplundh and Dow

REGISTRATION IS LIMITED!

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast (included)  
7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Exhibits  
8:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. President's Address to Membership - Dave Krause, MLVMC President, Arborchem  
8:15 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Welcome - John Borkoski, VP of Engineering and Project Management, Baltimore Gas & Electric/Exelon  
8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Electric Utility ROW Easements - Colleen Kester, PPL Electric Utilities  
9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Vegetation Management Task Force and Federal Agencies - Rick Loughery, Edison Electric Institute  
9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Break with vendors  
10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Board buses, travel to Patuxent National Wildlife Refuge  
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Tour Panel: ROW IVM, Habitat Planning, and Community Partnerships - Rick Johnstone, IVM Partners, Inc. w/ Rich Mason, USFWS; Elaine Pardoe, Columbia Community; Bill Rees, BG&E/Exelon; and Brad Knudson, Patuxent Wildlife Research Center  
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. General Business Meeting Luncheon, Sponsored by PHI and BG&E/Exelon  
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Field Tour: Patuxent National Wildlife Refuge and selected Rights-of-Ways  
5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Travel to dinner by bus  
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Dinner at Mike's Bar & Crabhouse  
7:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Return to Loews Hotel by bus

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast (included)  
7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Exhibits  
8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. ROW Steward Accreditation: Wildlife and Continuous Learning Certifications - Josiane Bonneau, Wildlife Habitat Council  
8:45 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. BEE Smart in Managing ROWs - Tom Van Arsdale, Pollinator Partnership  
9:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. USGS Pollinator Research Update/Overview - Sarah Kornbluth, Rutgers University  
9:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Break with vendors  
10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Innovative ROW Design - Robert Shreeve, MD State Highway Administration  
11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Legal Issue Update - Dudley Hoskins, RISE  
11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Wrap-up and Announcements - Dave Krause, MLVMC President, Arborchem  
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Board Meeting

Check ONLY registration form is available on page 4. Credit cards will only be accepted online at: [www.regonline.com/builder/site/?eventid=1256875](http://www.regonline.com/builder/site/?eventid=1256875). Onsite registration will be check or cash ONLY.

## HOTEL INFORMATION

**Loews Hotel**  
**126 West Street**  
**Annapolis, Maryland 21401**

Rooms are available for \$125.00 + tax per night until **August 16, 2013**.

To make reservations please call the Reservations Department at (800) 526-2593 or online at: <http://www.loewshotels.com/Annapolis-Hotel> with the group code MLV916.

Be sure to mention you are with Mountain Lake Group in order to get the above rate.



## SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP

On behalf of the board of directors, I ask for your support to our organization by becoming a Sustaining Member of the Mountain Lake Vegetation Management Council. Sustaining members are the backbone of our organization and contribute the foundation of financial support that allows us to continue to provide one of the best ROW vegetation focused conferences available to our profession.

We hope that you will become a Sustaining Member and are able to attend the meeting this fall in Annapolis, MD. With so many changes taking place in the vegetation management industry, new FERC Standards from Washington, DC and the ongoing organizational and budget challenges faced by our membership, MLVMC continues to provide the most current and relevant information and opportunity to learn and exchange ideas with other professionals in the industry. If you would like to sponsor a coffee break in addition to, or instead of Sustaining Membership, please contact Ed Cunningham, our treasurer. His contact information is below. If you would like more exposure, you may donate a "door prize" gift that will be given out after each session with recognition of appreciation for your company.

A Sustaining Membership is \$440.00. Your Sustaining Membership includes:

- Registration for one person (\$190.00 which includes one breakfast, lunch & dinner)
- One Exhibit Space - Optional
- Listing in the official program (Form must be received by September 3 to be listed in program!)
- Annual Membership Fee
- Recognition during the meeting

Please note that we are using RegOnLine for registrations and processing credit cards. If you would like to be a sustaining member and would like to use your credit card for payment please go to <http://www.mtn-lake.org/> for an easy, secure payment method. The form below is only for payment with a check!

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I extend my appreciation for your support and interest in the activities of the organization.

Sincerely,

*Jerry*

Jerry Lewis  
Sustaining Membership Committee Chairman

\*\* Please keep in mind that our organization is a "non-profit" corporation and your contribution may be tax deductible. \*\*

## CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

**Please use this form if you are paying by CHECK ONLY. For credit card payments please register at:**  
**[www.regonline.com/builder/site/?eventid=1256875](http://www.regonline.com/builder/site/?eventid=1256875)**

Please complete ALL the information requested and send form to Mountain Lake Vegetation Management Council, Inc. no later than September 3 to:

Ed Cunningham, Treasurer  
Mountain Lake Vegetation Management Council  
1310 Olivia St.  
Key West, FL 33040

Name (for registration): \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Type (choose one):

\$440.00 Sustaining Membership

\$190.00 Conference Registration

**Sustaining Members Only:**

Exhibit Hall Booth Space \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No

**Onsite Registration will be check or cash ONLY.**