



Urban Sustainability: Roger Williams Park Botanical Center and Beyond ...

1000 Elmwood Ave, Providence, RI

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10:00 AM - 12:30 PM

\$20.00 ELA Member or \$25 Non-Member

Join ELA member and URI Research Associate Kate Venturini for a unique insider tour of the Roger Williams Park Botanical Center complex in Providence, RI, an urban oasis nestled in the heart of the 427-acre park designed by Horace Cleveland in 1878. Through a partnership between the URI Outreach Center and the Providence Parks Department, the Botanical Center complex is being transformed both inside and out as a model for sustainable urban horticulture. Located on an island surrounded by man-made ponds, the complex features:

- A newly designed and installed rain garden to capture greenhouse roof runoff
- RI's largest community garden
- The future site of a permaculture food forest
- Extensive outdoor display gardens featuring native and sustainable plants
- The largest public indoor display gardens in New England (approximately 12,000 sq ft of greenhouses)

Join Kate as she shares her insight into the successful planning and management of indoor and outdoor showcases to illustrate the latest and greatest urban horticultural and agricultural practices.

Registrations are limited - [Use This Link to Register Online Now.](#)

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Kate Venturini is a Research Associate at the University of Rhode Island (URI) Outreach Center, where she has been a staff member since 2005. Kate's research and outreach efforts focus on sustainable landscape management, landscape restoration and stormwater management as they relate to the vitality of natural resources and the human environment. A past ELA conference speaker and a frequent lecturer on landscape restoration topics, Kate manages the RI Residential Rain Garden Training Program for the green



industry and is the Manager of the Roger Williams Park Community Garden and Food Forest. Kate earned both her Bachelor of Landscape Architecture and her Master of Marine Affairs at URI. In her spare time, Kate is a singer/songwriter/ oboist with the Providence-based original folk-rock band Royal Jelly.

CEUs are being sought for this presentation.