



Principal, Arborist, Urban Planner
Rachel Comte

Presentations & Workshops

- *Trends, Strategies Messaging & Effective Communication in Urban Forestry*
- Livable Communities Through Urban Forestry (Washington DC)
- American Planning Association (KY Chapter Conference)
- David J. Allor Planning & Zoning Workshop (APA Cincinnati)
- Partners in Urban Forestry Conference (Denver)
- Urban Forestry Institute (Tampa)
- Rebuilding an Urban Forest Through Collaboration (Cleveland)
- Ohio ISA Conference (Cincinnati)
- Historic Tree Preservation NKY Restoration Weekend (Historic Preservation Society)

Education & Training

- MA, Urban Planning, University of Cincinnati
- Horticulture & Design Certificate, Cincinnati State
- BA, International Business & Politics, Indiana University
- International Affairs Program, American University of Rome

Rachel is an arborist, urban planner, trained facilitator and communications expert. She is a leading authority on urban forestry master plans. Rachel is passionate about making cities better, healthier places for people to live, and a substantial vibrant tree canopy is an essential part of this work. She has over 20 years' combined experience in project management, strategic marketing, consulting, landscape design, green infrastructure, and planning and urban forestry and has worked in the private, public and not-for-profit sectors.

Just a few of Rachel's project leads::

- Cleveland (OH) Tree Plan
- Syracuse (NY) Urban Forest Master Plan
- Kansas City (MO) Urban Forest Master Plan
- Tallahassee (FL) Urban Forest Master Plan
- Philadelphia (PA) Tree Planting Contract
- Lexington (KY) Tree Canopy Report Card

Professional Affiliations

- Kentucky Chapter, International Society of Arboriculture
- Northern KY Urban & Community Forestry Council (past board member)
- American Planning Association
- Tree Revitalize, Founder & Past Chair

Awards & Certificates

- Certified Arborist (OH-6296A), International Society of Arboriculture
- Volunteer of the Year Award - Newport Business Association
- Outstanding Council Service Award - Northern KY Urban & Community Forestry Council

