

# DOUGLAS STILL

## TREE CONSULTANT & MEDIATOR



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### SKILLS

- certified mediator
- tree health evaluation
- tree risk assessment
- planting design and site assessment
- plan evaluation, code compliance
- all aspects of urban forest management
- speaking, writing, podcasting

### CREDENTIALS

- Basic Mediation Training Certification**  
Center for Mediation and Collaboration, RI
- Certified Arborist #NY-0625a**  
International Society of Arboriculture
- Tree Risk Assessment Qualified (TRAQ)**  
International Society of Arboriculture
- Rhode Island Licensed Arborist #762**  
Rhode Island DEM
- Certificate in Commercial Horticulture**  
New York Botanical Garden

### EDUCATION

- M.S. Forest Resources**  
Penn State University  
1996
- B.A. Art History**  
Oberlin College  
1988

### PROFILE

I specialize in tree dispute mediation and offer objective, expert guidance on managing trees for long-term health and safety. I'm a leader in the field of urban forestry with 27 years of experience.

### EXPERIENCE

- Host and Producer** **2022 - present**  
**This Old Tree Radio Show and Podcast**
  - research, write, interview guests, edit, market, and produce bi-weekly show featuring heritage trees and the human stories behind them
- Principal** **2020 - present**  
**This Old Tree Consulting**
  - assist clients in understanding their trees and how best to manage them through site inspections, reports, and neighbor dispute mediation
- City Forester** **2005 - 2022**  
**Department of Parks, Providence, RI**
  - managed the city forestry division and oversaw the pruning, planting, removals, contracts, and policy related to all publicly owned trees
- Deputy Director of Street Tree Planting** **1999 - 2005**  
**Central Forestry, New York City Parks Department**
  - managed a division of forestry personnel responsible for planting 15,000+ street trees per year, including design and contract mgmt.
- Coordinator of Manhattan Street Tree Planting** **1996 - 1999**  
**Central Forestry, New York City Parks Department**
  - coordinated the planting of 1,500+ street trees per year in the Borough of Manhattan, including design and contract mgmt.

### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Center for Mediation and Collaboration, Rhode Island
- American Society of Consulting Arborists
- International Society of Arboriculture
- ISA New England Chapter
- Society of Municipal Arborists (Past President 2011)
- Rhode Island Tree Council (Board Member)
- Rhode Island Woodland Partnership

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### PUBLICATIONS

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- *Walking Where the Tupelos Grow*, Provincetown Independent, July 27, 2022
- *Finding Tupelo Trees: An Urban Forester's Odyssey*, City Trees Magazine, May/June 2022
- *Economy Got You Down? Plant a Tree!* Providence Journal Op-Ed, and City Trees, Sept/Oct 2009
- *Motivations and Task Preferences of Urban Forestry Volunteers*, Journal of Arboriculture, May 1997
- *Community Forestry Volunteers: Review of Practical Studies*, Penn State University Cooperative Extension Publication, 1997
- *Community Forestry Grants in Pennsylvania: How Effective Are They?* Journal of Forestry, Jan 1996

### CONFERENCES

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- Presenter, *Plant Trees, Then Plant Stories*, Tree Wardens' Association of CT Spring Workshop, Urban Forest Management, Apr. 2023
- Panel Presenter, *Providence's SMA Forestry Accreditation*, City Tree USA conference, Arbor Day Foundation, Feb. 2021
- Co-presenter, *Working with Municipalities: What gets you in the door, what keeps you on the list?*, American Society of Consulting Arborists annual conference, Uncasville, CT, Dec. 2013
- Panel Presenter, *When Green Meant Green: Documenting and Resurrecting Our Landscape Heritage*, RI Historic Preservation Conference, Providence, RI, Apr. 2008
- Co-organizer, *Green for Green: Funding the Urban Forest*, New York ReLeaf Region II, New York City, Mar. 2004
- Co-organizer, *Hothouse New York City: How Communities Use Trees to Fight Climate Change and Improve Public Health*, New York ReLeaf Region II, Brooklyn Botanic Garden, May 2003
- Co-organizer, *Reinventing New York's Forest: Creating Greener Communities*, New York ReLeaf state conference, Bronx, NY, July 2002
- Co-organizer, *Research in the Urban Forest*, Society of Municipal Arborists annual conference, Ithaca, NY, Sep. 2002

### RADIO SHOW & PODCAST

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- *This Old Tree* - seventeen episodes from Sep. 2022 - July 2023. See [www.thisoldtree.show](http://www.thisoldtree.show)
- Listeners in 46 states and 60 countries
- Airs monthly on Classical 95.9 WCRI

### Show Press:

- *This Old Tree with Doug Still*, Upstate Gardeners' Journal, July-August 2023
- *All Ears: Four Noteworthy Podcasts from SMA Members and Friends*, City Trees Magazine, May-June 2023