

Emmett Varricchio, Co-Chair, Connecticut Invasive Plant Working Group (CIPWG)



Emmett Varricchio is a Co-Chair of the Connecticut Invasive Plant Working Group (CIPWG). The mission of CIPWG is to gather and convey information on the presence, distribution, ecological impacts, and management of invasive species. Emmett received a BS in Biology from CCSU in 2014 and has previously worked at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station helping support the biological control of Mile-a-minute vine. As CIPWG Co-Chair, since 2019, he helps oversee the organization and planning on their biennial Symposium (virtual in November 2022). He created the CT Invasive Plant Management Calendar (available at cipwg.uconn.edu) and has given talks throughout the state of Connecticut on a variety of topics related to invasive plants.

Dan Delventhal, AOLCP, MBA, Founder & CEO, MowGreen, LLC



Dan Delventhal is the Founder of MowGreen LLC, a zero-emission, carbon neutral, all-electric, organic lawn care company based in Bridgeport, CT, established in 2006. MowGreen has grown an average of 30% for each of the past 8 years, while avoiding over 8,000 metric tons of global warming greenhouse gases (like the emissions of 1,600 cars driven all year (12,000 miles ea.).

Dan is an environmentalist and won the TownVibe (Morris Media Publications) Green Individual Award for 2016 (Fairfield, Litchfield and Westchester Counties).

MowGreen has also received awards from other sources, including TownVibe, Smogathon, and Green America. Dan is a Connecticut NOFA AOLCP (Accredited Organic Land Care Professional) and recently passed the CT Pesticide Supervisory (Cat. 3a Turf and Ornamental) exam. He also has an MBA from Fairfield University and a Finance degree from UConn.

Regarded as a thought leader and specialist in the electric and organic lawn care movement, Dan regularly speaks at sustainability events and testifies at municipal gas leaf blower ban ordinance hearings.

Lou Bacchiocchi, Land Stewardship Director, Aspetuck Land Trust



Lou Bacchiocchi earned a BS in Biology from Fairfield University and a Master of Forestry from Yale School of Forestry. Following a brief stint logging and selling firewood in the foothills west of Golden, Colorado, Lou returned east to become the Director of Sanctuaries for the Connecticut Audubon Society. In 1985, he started Woodwise Consulting, a land management consulting business where he provided services for local non-profit groups, individuals, and municipalities. He was retained by the Aspetuck Land Trust in 1985

and has been managing their properties continuously since then. In 2020, Lou was hired by ALT full time as their Land Stewardship Director.

Lou also manages the CT Audubon Smith Richardson Tree Farm in Westport where he has been growing and selling trees for the past 38 years and serves as Fairfield County Director on the board of the Connecticut Christmas Tree Growers Association. He is an avid fly fisherman and hunter and thoroughly enjoys all aspects of the outdoors.

Stefan Martin, Habitat Steward, Connecticut Audubon Society



Stefan Martin brings a depth of environmental and birding knowledge from a wide variety of experiences to our sanctuary management team. He began his conservation career with Audubon Connecticut (National Audubon) as a part time steward for Audubon Greenwich. He served as seasonal land steward at Stratford Point during a time of much improved habitat management at this spectacular sanctuary immediately prior to coming to Connecticut Audubon.

He is a past board member of the Connecticut Ornithological Association and is active with the Connecticut Butterfly Association. Stefan is well-known and respected in birding and butterfly communities. A certified Master Gardener,

Stefan also has extensive knowledge of both native and invasive plant life. His current role involves habitat restoration and enhancement to sanctuary properties with a focus on increasing biodiversity. He also leads guided bird walks and is actively contributing to eBird. Stefan joined the Connecticut Audubon Society staff in 2018.