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## **Curriculum Vitae**

### **Professional Summary**

John Rockwell Hosbach, Jr., is an urban forester and an independent consulting arborist who has worked in the field of arboriculture for more than twenty years. John's expertise comprises the following specialties:

- Tree inspections, second opinion, tree risk assessment, assisting clients in managing their trees
- Forensic arboriculture: expert witness testimony, liability assessment, and risk tree assessment
- Tree evaluation: appraisal of tree value and damage assessment, diagnosis and corrective measures, and tree root/soil/hardscape interactions
- Tree management: tree inventories, tree preservation/maintenance program development and implementation, work safety analysis, landscape design analysis, tree selection, and performance standards
- Client relations: consultation, representation, and support
- Tree inventories and assistance for developers through the planning and mitigation stages of zoning
- Homeowners associations/ townhome /condo associations – management, inventory, budget assistance for their urban forest

John is a Registered Consulting Arborist with the American Society of Consulting Arborists and a Certified Arborist with the Pennsylvania-Delaware and New Jersey chapters of the International Society of Arboriculture. He is also the Consulting Arborist for the Radnor Township Shade Tree Commission in Pennsylvania and a member of the Society of American Foresters.

He is a certified expert witness in eight states: Pennsylvania, Alabama, Colorado, Florida, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, and West Virginia. He has given presentations on tree safety, tree planting, risk assessment, and tree management budgeting.

John's clients include landscape architects, landscape contractors, developers, builders, municipalities, golf course managers, homeowner associations and private homeowners, insurance companies, commercial property owners and managers, and attorneys.

### **Professional Experience**

*President/Owner, Rockwell Associates, Ridley Park, PA* 2007–Present

#### *Arboricultural Consultant Services*

Tree Inventories, Urban Forestry, Woodlot Management, Wildlife Management, Diagnosis of Tree and Landscape Problems, Hazardous Tree and Risk Assessment, Expert Witness Testimony, Forensic Investigation, Litigation and Insurance Support, Tree and Landscape Appraisal, Insect and Disease Identification, Tree Protection and Management for Construction, Tree Care and Management Programs, Plant Inventories, and Arboricultural Training and Seminars

*Vice President, Shearon Environmental Design, Plymouth Meeting, PA* 1999–2007

- *Management Responsibilities*  
Responsible for team of 20 employees, sales, and client consultations
- *Arboricultural Responsibilities*  
Tree Inventories, Urban Forestry, Woodlot Management, Tree and Landscape Diagnosis, Hazardous Tree and Risk Assessment, Expert Witness Testimony, Forensic Investigation, Litigation and Insurance Support, Tree and Landscape Appraisal, and Insect and Disease Identification

*Foreman, John B. Ward and Company, King of Prussia, PA* 1995–1999

Gained practical arboricultural experience in performing all duties of the practicing arborist: climbing, pruning, removals, cabling, spraying, and client communication

### **Education**

Paul Smiths College, Paul Smiths, New York, Urban Forestry/Management, 1995

### **Professional Training**

American Society of Consulting Arborists (ASCA) Consulting Academy, graduate, 2006

Tree Risk Assessment Qualification (TRAQ) course and exam, qualified, 2017

Dale Carnegie Management School, 2004

Continuing Education, 900 credits (list of courses available on request)

25 years of research, field operations and tree reviews

### **Training Seminars/Workshops**

- Visual Tree Assessment and the Body Language of Trees, 6/7–6/8/1999, Philadelphia, PA, Mattheck (attended)
- Trees, People and the Law Workshop (National Arbor Day Foundation), 9/28/1999, Nebraska City, NE, Merullo, Frank, Stewart, Boyce, et al. (attended)
- Advanced Tree Appraisal Course, 6/10–6/11/2004, Morris Arboretum, Philadelphia, PA (attended)
- Tree Risk Assessment in Urban Areas and the Urban/Rural Interface, 10/12–10/13/2010, Morris Arboretum, Philadelphia, PA, Jim Flott, Pacific Northwest Chapter of ISA (attended)

- Tree Risk Assessment–Incorporating the New BMP into Your Practice, 11/28/2012, ASCA Conference, San Diego, Nelda Matheny (Hort Science) and Tom Smiley (Bartlett Tree Research Labs) (attended)

### **Training Seminars/Workshops (*continued*)**

- Workshops on tree safety, tree planting, risk assessment, and tree management budgeting for property managers, CAMCO management and Mid-Atlantic management, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016 (presented)
- Tree Risk Assessment: An Introduction to the ISA BMP Risk Assessment Process, 2/23/2014, Penn-Del Chapter of ISA Annual Symposium, Dr. Bruce Fraedrich (attended)
- Wildlife Protection (involving trees) Training Class, 2014, ASCA Conference, Palm Springs, CA (attended)
- The Impact of Urban Trees: Applying the Nuances of Research, 2014, ASCA Conference, Palm Springs, CA (attended)
- Writing Structural Pruning Specs, 2014, ASCA Conference, Palm Springs, CA (attended)
- Understanding Tree Appraisal Problems, 11/12/2015, Morris Arboretum, Philadelphia, PA, Scott Cullen (attended)

### **Registrations and Certifications**

#### *American Society of Consulting Arborists (ASCA)*

- Registered Consulting Arborist #483, 2009
- Board of Directors, 2014–2016

#### *International Society of Arboriculture (ISA)*

- ISA Certified Arborist PD-0372, 1997
- ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualified

### **Professional Affiliations**

American Society of Consulting Arborists (ASCA)

International Society of Arboriculture (ISA)

American Tree Farm System

Community Association Institute (CAI), Pennsylvania/Delaware Valley Chapter, Member

Society of American Foresters, Member

Radnor Township, Radnor, Pennsylvania, Consulting Arborist

Whitemarsh Township, Pennsylvania, Consulting Arborist

East Bradford Township, Pennsylvania, Consulting Arborist

Radnor Township Shade Tree Commission, Radnor, Pennsylvania, Consulting Arborist

Ridley Park Borough Shade Tree Commission, Member