

# HARVEST ROOM A: Breakout Sessions

**4:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

## **ADAPTING THE URBAN FOREST IN THE TWIN CITIES METRO AREA TO CLIMATE CHANGE**

**MODERATOR – ERIC WOJCHIK**

**Leslie Brandt**, U.S. Forest Service

Leslie Brandt is a climate change specialist with the Northern Institute of Applied Climate Science and the U.S. Forest Service. Her work focuses on climate change adaptation and outreach for natural resource managers in the Midwest and Northeast. She currently coordinates an urban forestry adaptation project with an emphasis on the Chicago, Twin Cities, Cleveland, Boston, and Philadelphia areas. She has a PhD in Ecology from the University of Minnesota and a BA in Biology from Gustavus Adolphus College.

**Dustin Ellis**, Hennepin County

Dustin Ellis is a graduate of the University of Minnesota's Forestry Department with A Bachelor of Science degree in Urban and Community Forestry. Dustin has worked extensively with the gravel-bed tree technique and has planted 1000's of trees that have come from gravel-beds. Dustin is currently the Forester for Hennepin County; where he is utilizing the gravel-bed technique to diversify, bolster and reforest Hennepin County's urban and rural areas.

