

CURRICULUM VITAE

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John Harris has worked in landscape, arboriculture, forestry, and horticulture fields for over 36 years. He is the Principal of LANDSCAPE ECONOMICS, LLC; a firm providing expert damage assessments, economic valuations, work audits, and expert testimony regarding landscapes and trees and land improvements. He is the President of EARTH ADVISORS, INC.; a firm providing independent environmental, forestry, arboricultural, and landscape consulting.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE AND EXPERIENCE

- Tree, Landscape, Forest, and/or Natural Area Damage Values, Damage Assessments, Restoration Plans
- Disaster Damage Assessments and Recovery Plans for landscapes, forests, or natural areas
- Insurance Claims for Property Damage including trees, landscapes, forests, natural areas
- Landscape and Tree Values
- Tree, Landscape, and/or Plant Appraisal
- Plant Nursery Appraisal- Container Nursery, Field Nursery, and/or Tree Farm
- Personal Injury or Wrongful Death cases involving tree or landscape issues and/or causes
- Duty of Care and/or Negligence cases involving tree or landscape issues and/or causes
- Industry Standards and Practices for Utility Line Clearance, Utility Arborists, Utility Foresters, and/or Vegetation Management
- Industry Standards and Practices for Arboriculture, Urban Forestry, Municipal Forestry
- Industry Standards and Practices for Grounds Maintenance, Landscape Maintenance, Parks Maintenance, Landscape Installation, Green Industry
- BMPs for Green Industry, Landscaping, Arboriculture, Urban Forestry
- Landscape and/or Tree Assessments, Evaluations, and/or Inspections
- Tree Damages, Tree Risks, Tree Conditions, Tree Risk Assessments
- Mangrove and Coastal Plant Communities- Maintenance and Permitting
- Environmental Permitting, Mitigation Planning, Delineations, and Species Surveys
- Municipal Tree Inventory and Urban Forest Management Plans
- Contracts, Plans, and Specifications for Landscape, Arboricultural, Forestry, and/or Environmental Projects- Design, Construction, Warranties, Maintenance
- Codes, Ordinances, and/or Regulations regarding Landscape Standards, Tree Protection, Tree Preservation, Land Preservation, and Environmental Resources

EDUCATION

- 1990 Master of Science in Forest Economics, College of Environmental Science and Forestry (CESF), Syracuse, NY
- 1990 Master of Business Administration in Organizational Management, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY
- 1988 Bachelor of Science in Resources Management, CESF, Syracuse, NY
- 1986 Associate of Applied Science in Natural Resources Conservation, Morrisville Agricultural and Technical College, Morrisville, NY

Academic honors: Outstanding Young Men of America, Who's Who of College Students, Graduate Student Government President, Graduate Research Assistantship, Graduate Teaching Assistantship.

POSITIONS AND EXPERIENCE

2005- Present Principal, Landscape Economics, LLC, Hollywood, FL
1995- Present President, Earth Advisors, Inc., Hollywood, FL
2001- Present Instructor and Technical Services Provider, John Scott Daily Institute of Government at Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL
2003- 2005 Instructor, Institute of Government at University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
2002- 2003 Associate Professor, Seminole Community College, Sanford, FL
1995- 1996 Vocational Instructor, Dade County School Board, Miami, FL
1993- 1995 Associate Professor, Miami-Dade Community College, Miami, FL
1992- 1995 Consulting Forester and Director, Tree Advisors, Hollywood, FL
1991- 2000 Instructor, Fairchild Tropical Garden, Miami, FL
1991- 1992 Manager, Sunbelt Landscape Management, Miami, FL
1990- 1991 Corporate Staff Forester, ECI and Florida Power & Light Company, Miami, FL
1990 Consulting Forester, ECI and TransAlta Utilities, Alberta, Canada
1989- 1990 Graduate Teaching Assistant, CESF, Syracuse, NY
1989- 1990 Research Assistant, CESF, Syracuse, NY
1988- 1990 Assistant Director, Leadership Lab, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY
1981- 1988 Owner/Operator, JAH Grounds Maintenance Service, Alplaus, NY

CERTIFICATIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS

2015-Present Tree Risk Assessment Qualified, International Society of Arboriculture
2008- Present Registered Consulting Arborist, American Society of Consulting Arborists
2005- Present Certified in Green Industries of Florida Best Management Practices; Presenter
2000- Present Certified Arborist, International Society of Arboriculture
2000- Present Registered Nursery Tree Grader, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the International Society of Arboriculture Florida Chapter
1997- Present Certified Xeriscape Contractor, Florida Atlantic University and South FL Water Mnmgt. District
1997- Present Elected Member of Lambda Alpha Honorary Land Economics Society
1997- 2003 Cooperative Consulting Forester, New York State Department of Env. Conservation
1996- Present Certified Forester, Society of American Foresters
1994- Present trained Tree and Landscape Appraiser, CTLA; Registered 1994- 1998
1992- Present Certified Landscape Inspector, Landscape Inspectors Association of Florida

CIVIC AND PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

2015- Present Executive Board Member, Florida Urban Forestry Council
2014 Listed in Worldwide Who's Who
2013- Present Technical Reviewer for Arborist News Magazine, International Society of Arboriculture
2012- Present Member of Plant Appraisal and Valuation Committee, International Society of Arboriculture
2008 Elected Member of Biltmore Who's Who Among Executives and Professionals
2007- Present Elected Member of Society of Industry Leaders with Standard and Poor's Vista Research
2006 Elected Member of America's Registry of Outstanding Professionals
2005- 2011 Board of Directors, Hands on Miami
2004 State Science and Engineering Fair of Florida Judge's Captain
2002, 2003 State Science and Engineering Fair of Florida Judge
1998- 2012 Board of Directors, Friends of the Deerfield Beach Arboretum

- 1991- 2004 Board of Directors, City of Miami Committee on Beautification and the Environment
- 1999- 2000 President, Society of American Foresters, Subtropical Chapter
- 1996- 1998 Chairperson, Broward Sierra Club, Local Carrying Capacity Committee
- 1995- 1997 President, Florida Arborists Association Broward Chapter
- 1994- 1996 Executive Board Member, Florida Urban Forestry Council
- 1993- 1994 President, Florida Arborists Association Southern Chapter
- 1992- 1994 President, Trees for Dade

SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS, AND CONFERENCES

- 2015 Tree Appraisal Seminar, Morris Arboretum, Philadelphia, PA
- 2014 Trees, People, and the Built Environment II Conference, Institute of Chartered Foresters, University of Birmingham, Birmingham, UK; Research Poster Presenter
- 2014 Twin States Chptr. (AL/MS) American Scty. of Landscape Architects Conference; Speaker
- 2013 International Society of Arboriculture International Conference; Speaker
- 2001, 2003, 2008, 2012, 2015 Florida Tree Climbing Championship- International Society of Arboriculture Florida Chapter; Event Judge or Event Head Judge
- 2013, 2014 Florida Association of Code Enforcement State Conference; Speaker
- 2013, 2016 Mississippi Urban Forestry Council State Conference; Speaker
- 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 Florida Urban Forestry Council Urban Forestry Institute; Speaker 2013, 2015, 2016
- 2010 Contemporary Tree Appraisal Seminar, Morris Arboretum, Philadelphia, PA
- 2009 3rd Annual Utility Vegetation Management Conference, Brazil, Speaker
- 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016 Wildland Fire Litigation Conference, Speaker
- 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2013 American Society of Consulting Arborists National Conference
- 2007 Consulting Academy, American Society of Consulting Arborists, Graduate
- 2005, 2007, 2009, 2013 International Society of Arboriculture International Conference
- 2005, 2006 Green Industries Best Management Practices Workshop, University of Florida
- 2004, 2005 Great Southern Tree Conference, University of Florida and FNGLA
- 2004 International Society of Arboriculture Tree Appraisal Seminar
- 2003, 2004 National Public Land Acquisition and Management Conference
- 2003 Environmental Permitting Conference, Florida Chamber of Commerce
- 2002 Savannah Georgia Municipal Planning Commission Xeriscape Conference, Keynote Speaker
- 2002 Tampa Grand Trees Program- Training Workshop, Instructor
- 2002 Broward County Grants Workshop for Tree Planting Projects, Instructor
- 2001- 2003 Bonnet House and Gardens-Coffee and Conversation, Guest Speaker
- 2000, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2012, 2013 Trees Florida Conference
- 2000 South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD)- Environmental Permitting Workshop
- 1999 Society of American Foresters- "Why Have a Forester in Your City" Workshop
- 1998- 2010 Broward County Tree Care Seminar, Presenter (not every year)
- 1998- Present Landscape Inspectors Association of Florida Annual Seminar (not every year)
- 1998, 1999, 2000 Hollywood Community Emergency Response Team Training Workshops
- 1998 Broward County Cooperative Extension- Integrated Pest Management Workshop
- 1997, 1999, 2003 South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD)-Appraisal Seminar
- 1997 University of Florida- Urban Tree and Landscape Maintenance Short Course
- 1996- 2002 FRPA/STMA - Turf Rodeo, Instructor
- 1996- 1998, 2012 Florida Urban Forestry Council State Conference
- 1996 Homestead International Plant Show Education Program, Coordinator

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1993 American Society of Consulting Arborists-Tree Appraisal Workshop
1993 EEC of Broward County Facilitating Environmental Education Workshop

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Lambda Alpha International Honorary Land Economics Society, Elected Honorary Member
American Society of Consulting Arborists
Society of American Foresters
International Society of Arboriculture
Landscape Inspectors Association of Florida
Florida Urban Forestry Council
Florida Nurserymen, Growers, and Landscapers Association
Landscape Maintenance Association of Florida
Thomson Reuters Expert Service
Round Table Group, Inc.
Forensis Group

ARTICLES, PUBLICATIONS, TEACHING, AND MEDIA APPEARANCES:

Articles: Author and co-author for trade journals, regional newspapers, and other publications including: Journal of Forestry, Arboricultural Consultant, Arborist News, Miami Herald, Sun-Sentinel, The Landscape and Nursery Digest, Dade County News Leader, The Courier of Pinecrest. He is also a regular source for newspaper, magazine, internet publication, and trade journal writers across the United States.

Some publication examples include:

“The Value of This Tree”, Arborist News, International Society of Arboriculture; 4 article series running in 2012 publication year.

Sustainable and Resilient Communities Manual, Steve Coyle, 2011; Contributing Author for the Sustainable Landscapes Chapter.

“Should They Stay or Should They Go Now,” Arboricultural Consultant, Issue 1 2009.

“Why hire a landscape consultant?,” CondoManagement May/June 2000.

“Preparing Your Trees and Plants for Winter,” CondoManagement, January 2000.

“Tips on the proper feeding of your trees and palms,” The Courier, April 10, 1998.

“Preparing Your Landscape for Storms and Hurricanes,” City of Miami Beach, 1998.

“What we Learn about Trees and Landscapes after Storms,” Landscape & Nursery Digest, May 1995.

“Re-greening, After Andrew”, The Dade-Monroe Grower, May 1994.

“Landscapes after Andrew: An opportunity to do things right”, Dade County Grower, August 1993.

Educator and Instructor: John has developed, published, and taught over 205 different technical training and/or public education programs throughout his career. These range from lectures to seminars to multi-media presentations to multi-day hands-on field practices training programs. He continues to develop new courses and lectures for the Education and Training Division of Earth Advisors, Inc. every year.

Media appearances as an Expert for urban forestry, Arboriculture, and landscape information include: Channel 7 news in Miami Florida, Channel 7 News “Help Me Howard” segments, Channel 4 news in Miami Florida, Schenectady New York 2000 Revitalization TV Series, Broward County Florida Environmental Issues TV Series, Florida Division of Forestry “How to Choose an Arborist” video, national children’s video series about professional jobs called “Duncan the Magic Dragon”.

NOTABLE CLIENTS

Chartis, Inc.; Cummins Inc.; Trump Organization; Aon Risk Services; Aon Horizon; First Service Residential; Madsen, Kneppers & Associates; Burger King Corporation; Florida Power & Light; Lennar Homes; Turner Construction; Flagler Development Group; Continental Group Property Management; Waterton Property Management; Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; Florida Attorney General's Office; Florida District Attorneys Office; Florida Department of Transportation; South Florida Water Management District; City of Schenectady New York; Broward County Florida; City of Miami Beach Florida; City of Tampa Florida; City of Miami Florida; Forest Ridge Master Association, Davie, FL; Moors Master Owners Association, Miami Lakes, FL; Ridges Master Association, Weston, FL; Lakes of the Meadow Master Owners Association, Kendall, FL; Friends of Hildene Estate in Manchester Vermont; State Farm Insurance; Liberty Mutual Insurance; Mutual of Omaha Insurance; Nationwide Insurance; York Claims Service; Crawford and Company Claims Adjusters; Rosen & Eichner PA; Yoss PA; ; Kane Law Firm; Parr Brown Gee & Loveless Law Firm; Herman Gerel Law Firm.

NOTABLE PROJECTS

Personal Injury Cases involving tree maintenance standards and practices for public trees in Chicago, IL.
Personal Injury or Wrongful Death Cases involving trees or vegetation and electric utility lines and equipment.
Personal Injury or Wrongful Death Cases involving trees or vegetation, trip and fall hazards, duty of care, property maintenance standards and practices.
Personal Injury Case involving Right-of-Way, tree removal, and utilities in Alachua County, FL.
Plant Nursery Valuation for Bankruptcy Case in Dallas, TX
Environmental Damages and Negligence Case involving excavation, pond construction, wetlands protection, and environmental permitting in Ocala, FL.
Personal Injury Case involving landscape obscuring or screening vehicle view of traffic in Hollywood, FL.
Personal Injury Case involving construction contractors, duty of care, palm tree installation, and landscape maintenance practices, in Lee County, FL.
Duty of Care and Trespass Case involving damages to landscape and trees by neighbor's yardman in Sarasota County, FL.
Fire Damage Cases involving landscape, land improvements, and environmental damages for residential, agricultural, and open space properties in San Diego County, CA.
Fire Damage Cases for timberlands, forests, managed forests in Alabama and Florida
Fire Damage Cases for residential properties in PA and FL
Flood Damages Assessments and Valuations for Landscapes and Land Improvements for Cummins Inc. properties in Columbus, IN.
Environmental Damages Verifications and Valuations for Power Line Wildfire Cases in California.
Orchard and Forest Damages Verifications for Subrogation Case in Alabama.
Verification of Utility Arboricultural Practices for Wrongful Death Case in Sarasota, FL.
Verification of Landscape Industry Standards and Practices for Fire Damage Case in Georgia.
Ice Storm Damages Assessment and Valuation for Landscapes and Land Improvements for residence in Chicago, IL.
Storm Damage Assessment and Claim Preparation for Saint Bernard Parish, New Orleans, LA.
Storm Damage Assessments and Claim Verifications of multiple golf courses for York Claims Service in Alabama and Florida.
Storm Damage Assessments and Claim Verifications of Casino properties for MKA in Biloxi, MS.
Storm Damage Assessments and Valuations for Aon Horizon Consultants in Florida and the Bahamas.

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Landscape Damage Appraisal and Claim Support for Contractor Negligence Case for Ridges Maintenance Association, Weston, Florida.
Hurricane Damage Appraisals for Big Pine Key residences, Big Pine Key, Florida.
Tornado Damage Appraisal for City of Miramar Parks Department, Miramar, Florida.
Grand Trees Inventory with GIS Mapping and volunteer training for City of Tampa, Tampa, FL.
Tree Inventory with GIS mapping for City of Miami Beach, Miami Beach, FL.
Tree Inventory for City of Schenectady, Schenectady, NY.
Environmental Assessments for Town of Southwest Ranches, Southwest Ranches, FL.
Environmental Permitting and Preservation for AGES Group, Inc., Boca Raton, FL.
Nursery and Landscape Value Appraisals for Land Purchases for South Florida Water Management District and Florida District Attorney's Office, West Palm Beach, FL.
Landscape Installation Project Audits and Landscape Appraisals, Florida DOT, Oakland Park, FL.
Hurricane Damage Appraisal with Restoration Plan and Project Management, Burger King Corporation World Headquarters, Coral Gables, FL.
Hurricane Damage Appraisal and Restoration Management for Trump International Golf Club, West Palm Beach, FL.
Economic Expert in Citrus Canker Damage Cases for FL Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

References available upon request.