

## UCFS Board Member Profile: Darren Green

**Name:** Darren Green

**City, State/Province, Country:** Alexandria, Louisiana,  
United States

**Place of Employment:** City of Alexandria, LA

**Job Title:** Landscape Architect

**Educational level and major field:** Bachelor of  
Landscape Architecture

**List any professional certifications:**

- Licensed Landscape Architect – Louisiana
- Licensed Arborist – Louisiana
- TRAQ



**List any other urban forestry, arboriculture, or related organizations you're involved with:**

- American Society of Landscape Architects
- ISA
- Louisiana Community Forests

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### **Brief bio:**

Darren has been the Landscape Architect for the City of Alexandria, Louisiana since 2001. His principal responsibilities include overseeing the management of all public trees, administering the City's Tree & Landscape Ordinance, managing the maintenance of landscape improvements in city parks and green spaces, and coordinates consultants designing streetscape and park improvement projects. He also maintains a small landscape architecture practice and consults with other Landscape Architects throughout the State on arboricultural issues.

He received an Associate of Science in Horticulture from University of Louisiana at Monroe in 1987 and a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture from Louisiana State University in 1992.

### **What got you interested in the field of urban forestry?**

One of my professors at LSU got me an internship the summer of my junior year at Baton Rouge Green, a non-profit tree advocacy group in Baton Rouge. I developed a native tree planting guide based on the unique ecological and cultural landscape of the region. Upon graduating I

was offered a job as Design Director / Project Manager. Although I had not initially planned on working in the urban forestry field, I really enjoyed the fact that we were making a difference in people's lives from an aesthetic as well climatic perspective. Several years later I had the opportunity to become the Landscape Architect and Urban Forester for my hometown.

**In what ways do you want to contribute to the [mission](#) and [strategic direction](#) of UCFS? Are you particularly interested in a certain area of board service such as governance, policy, outreach, financial oversight, etc.? Do you see any of your strengths being especially helpful to leading the organization?**

UCFS is at a critical point in its 60 plus year existence. While we have made important strides our true potential for growth and influence has only been grasped in the past few years. Increased membership and the stable income that it brings will enable us to not only continue and expand our successful programs but to become a force in advocating for our members so that they can provide the important services that our cities and towns so desperately need.

My current passion in UCFS is MFI. I had the opportunity to 'fill in' for one of the instructors in 2021 and was immediately hooked. Watching the participants go from timid and confused to empowered and focused has been the most rewarding experience. While the board doesn't directly manage MFI, it is important for the overall strategic direction of the organization to be integrated into the MFI curriculum.

I am a big picture person who doesn't always like getting into the weeds. My ability to see the overall perspective of complex issues and my positive attitude will serve me well as a leader of the organization.

**What makes you happy about being an UCFS member?**

I have been involved with numerous organizations throughout my career, but UCFS has by far been the most rewarding. I attended my first conference in Asheville NC in 2006 and went to MFI one year later in 2007. Networking with people from all over the continent who do what I do and getting support, ideas, and validation has been the most enjoyable part of being a member.

**Favorite tree and why?**

Southern Live Oak – slow, steady, and virtually indestructible.