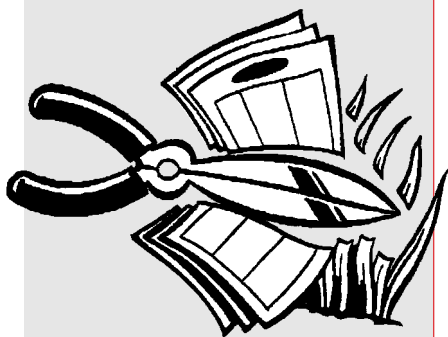


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## Organic Short Course A Hit!

Over 70 turfgrass professionals and environmental advocates attended the inaugural offering of the Cornell Organic Turfgrass Management Short Course held at Bethpage State Park in January, 2002. The program was sponsored in part by the Nassau Suffolk Landscape Gardeners Association.

The four-day program provided a comprehensive overview of the latest research on managing turf areas organically. Specifically, a full day was spent discussing organic soil modification and developing an organic fertilizer program. Two full days were spent on cultural management of an organic lawn including solving pest problems with an organic approach.



Dave Catalano, the Superintendent of Bethpage State Park, and Pat Voges, of the Nassau Suffolk Landscape Gardeners Association, were instrumental in bringing the organic short course to Long Island. Catalano addressed the students and provided an overview of the Park and the environmental aspects of preparing for the 2002 US Open Championship. All five courses at the Park are Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuaries.

Discussion is underway to develop a second Organic Turfgrass Management Short Course that might be offered at a few locations throughout New York. If you'd like more information, contact the Director of Turfgrass Education Programs, Joann Gruttadaurio, at (607) 255-1792 or [jg17@cornell.edu](mailto:jg17@cornell.edu).

## Maffei Receives Citation of Merit

The New York State Turfgrass Association presented its highest honor to one of its most tireless supporters, Michael Maffei, CGCS, of Back O' Beyond, Inc. The Citation of Merit Award was presented at the 26th Turf and Grounds Exposition in Syracuse, NY.

Michael is a native of Clinton, MA and graduated from the University of Massachusetts Turfgrass Program with honors. He has been at the Morefar Club as the Assistant and Superintendent since leaving UMass, but he has rarely confined his activities to one place.

Michael is a passionate industry advocate. He has been intimately involved with most of the major legislative concerns with the New York State Turfgrass Association for the last two decades. Additionally, he provides consistent leadership for the entire green industry with his involvement in a variety of advocacy initiatives. For this activity Michael has been recognized by the Metropolitan Golf Course Superintendent Association with the Sherwood A. Moore Award.

Michael is generous with his time in support of the turfgrass industry. He works tirelessly on causes he believes in and is able to convey confidence and sincerity that builds bridges among all involved.

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