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COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL STATISTICS**

Committee on an Assessment of Native Seed Needs and Capacities

**April 20, 2021
(Via Zoom)**

**FINAL AGENDA
4:00 – 5:30 PM ET**

4:00 pm	<p>Zoom information: https://nasem.zoom.us/j/94844336810?pwd=cXVaQm0reWthWFdINmIvOWhoRjdLZz09</p> <p>US: +1 646 558 8656 or +1 651 372 8299 Meeting ID: 948 4433 6810 Password: 095900</p> <p>Welcome, Brief Committee Introductions and Introduction of Ed Toth Susan Harrison, <i>Committee Chair</i></p>
4:10 pm	Ed Toth, Founder and Director, Greenbelt Native Plants Center, NYC Parks (and Member, Committee on an Assessment of Native Seed Needs and Capacities)
4:45 pm	Committee Q&A
	Questions from public (submitted in chat)
5:30 pm	Adjourn.

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Edward Toth is founder and director of New York City Parks' Greenbelt Native Plant Center (GNPC), one of the U.S.'s oldest and largest municipally owned native plant nurseries. The GNPC, through its programs and partnerships, works towards the conservation of the region's native flora. In 2012, he initiated the Mid-Atlantic Regional Seed Bank, a partner of the national Seeds of Success program, which promotes the use of ecoregionally-based seed collection and banking in support of meeting the region's needs for genetically appropriate wild seed. He views seed as a critical natural resource and its wise management as essential to sustainable land management and mitigating climate change. Ed joined NYC Parks in the mid 1980's where he guided the transformation of the woodlands of Prospect Park from a degraded, denuded landscape into a thriving native ecosystem. In 2012, he received the Thomas Stofka award from NYC Parks. In 2018, he was awarded the Sloan Public Service Award from the Fund for the City of New York.