

Urban Forestry Today Webcast—TODAY!

Urban Wood Utilization: Options and Alternatives

Tuesday, December 13, 2016 | 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. (ET)

Join Sean Mahoney, Wood Utilization Forester, Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation as he outlines the options and practices communities and professionals may consider when it comes to capitalizing on their urban wood resources.

To attend this session, go to www.joinwebinar.com and enter the ID code **167-428-923**.

This broadcast is free and will offer the opportunity for arborists to earn 1.0 ISA CEU and 0.5 MCA credit. For those who are unavailable to attend the live broadcast, archived sessions will be available in the 'videos' section at www.urbanforestrytoday.org.

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Urban Forest Connections Webinar

Climate Change & Urban

Environments: Adaptation through diversity

Wednesday, December 14, 2016 | 1:00 - 2:15 p.m. (ET)

This webinar will highlight two compelling projects that seek to sustain the benefits of urban and community forests in the face of climate change.

Leslie Brandt will present the Urban Forestry Climate Change Response Framework, which engages communities in a three-step process that includes regional vulnerability assessment and local on-the-ground action. The Nebraska Forest Service has partnered with the Kansas Forest Service on an initiative called Environmentally Adapted Trees.

Justin Evertson will explain how this initiative works with nursery professionals, arborists, foresters, and outreach specialists to identify, prove the suitability of, and encourage the growing and planting of underutilized tree species in the region.

This webinar is open to all. This webinar is eligible for 1.0 CEU with the International Society of Arboriculture. Check the Urban Forest Connections [website](#) for updates and to watch recordings of previous webinars.

For connection information, go to <http://www.fs.fed.us/research/urban-webinars/>.

i-Tree Q&A Roundtable with the i-Tree Development Team

Thursday, December 15, 2016 | 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. (ET)

Join the i-Tree Development team in an informal discussion about the i-Tree suite. Learn about some of the exciting advances in the i-Tree suite and have your questions about i-Tree answered by the very people who bring you i-Tree, including Dr. David Nowak and others.

i-Tree is a state-of-the-art, peer-reviewed software suite from the USDA Forest Service that provides urban forestry analysis and benefits assessment tools. The i-Tree tools help communities of all sizes to strengthen their urban forest management and advocacy efforts by quantifying the structure of community trees and the environmental services that trees provide.

For more information and to pre-register (required), go to: <http://www.unri.org/webcasts/>.

**Note the new date of December 15. Previously, this webcast was scheduled for Dec. 21.*

Preparing Urban Forests in the Boston Region for Climate Change

January 24-25, 2017 | Cambridge, MA

Urban and community forestry professionals face the tremendous challenge of developing and implementing management actions that help urban forests respond to climate change. A workshop on January 24 will:

- Provide information on the current and anticipated effects of climate change on the Boston region and its urban forests and natural areas
- Describe resources and tools that can be used to integrate climate change into urban forest management
- Outline adaptation concepts and strategies in the context of sustainable forest management
- Highlight real-world examples of adaptation projects

An active, hands-on training will be held for a limited number of participants on January 25 where urban forestry professionals and planners will incorporate climate change considerations and identify actions for adaptation into their own real-world projects.

To find out more and to register, go to: <http://forestadaptation.org/Boston-FAPP>

This session is being organized by the Northern Institute of Applied Climate Science, US Forest Service, USDA Northeast Climate Hub, USDA Northern Forests Climate Hub, The Trust for Public Land, City of Cambridge, MIT Office of Sustainability, Massachusetts DCR, and the Metropolitan Area Planning Council.

Other items of note:

The week of December 12-16: Because of construction work at the Amherst Field Office, Mollie Freilicher's office phone is out of order. To contact Mollie, please send her an [email](#).

The [Tree City USA Online Portal](#) is open for 2016 applications. For information, click [here](#).

December 31 is the deadline for Tree City, Tree Line, and Tree Campus USA applications. Questions? Contact Mollie Freilicher, mollie.freilicher@state.ma.us.

January 10-11 is the Mass Tree Wardens' and Foresters' Association 104th Annual Conference. Find out more and register:

<http://masstreewardens.org/annual-conference/>

On **January 24-25**, there will be two sessions on urban forestry and climate change. Find out more about the program **Preparing Urban Forests in the Boston Region for Climate Change** by going to

<http://forestadaptation.org/Boston-FAPP>.

Save the Date! On **March 29-30** there will be a Mock Disaster Exercise for Urban Forest Strike Team Task Specialists in Leominster, MA. Stay tuned for details.

The [DCR Arbor Day Poster Contest](#) theme for 2017 is **Trees are Terrific...from Berkshires to Bay!** Find out more about this contest for 5th grade students at www.mass.gov/dcr/urban-and-community-forestry and click "Branching Out" at right.
