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COMMUNITY & URBAN FORESTRY

CUF Links Bi Weekly Update

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Greetings! You are reading the first attempt to update the Indiana urban forest community on events, opportunities, and challenges that occur almost on a daily basis. To date, I have been sending this pertinent information in the form of emails to specific groups in my email database. That has been cumbersome for me, and difficult for you to sort through the vast array of material that may be coming across your computer mail system.

To alleviate this problem, we are going to condense the information and send it to you every other week in this format via e-mail. The entire urban forest community will receive the CUF Link update. If you decide that this is not something you want, just e-mail me, and you will be removed from my email list.

You can help with this by sending me information you would like to announce or share regarding community and urban forestry activities in your area. This will help us all tell our story better. And, we need to do a better job of communicating what we do and who we serve.

Items we need to deal with immediately will be sent to specific audiences in a timely manner and not included in the CUF Link.

As always, the CUF staff is available to serve your community and urban forestry needs at any time. Do not hesitate to contact us.

\$ Urban Forest Conservation Fund grant

The grant application is ready, the deadline is November 7, 2005 for start up in March 2005. Projects will run until July 31, 2007.

Library Releaf resource kit grants are being offered again, and the LR applications have been sent to all the main libraries in the state. The deadline for that grant is October 12 with approval by November 9, 2005. These projects end May 31, 2006. This is the second year for LR. Successful applicants will receive more than \$1375.00 worth of references. The library will, in turn, have an urban forestry display with the references, and promote urban forestry and Arbor Day.

Neither of these projects would be possible without a 2005 urban forestry grant provided to DoF by the USDA Forest Service Northeastern Area. The 2005 funding amount for urban forestry in Indiana is **\$278,000.00**. That number is down from last years **\$315,000.00**

Tools available

- Last months **Threats to the Urban Forest** was successful, and for those of you who were unable to attend, CUF prepared a CD that contains a toolbox of information on storm planning, working with FEMA, and exotic/invasive issues. To request you copy, just drop me an e-mail.
- An excellent publication produced by Hoosier Heartland RC&D and partners, **Your Yard Your Trees**, is a helpful tool for homeowners and covers all tree care selection, planting, and maintenance practices in detail. The colorful publication is available free from CUF. For communities who would like large orders, contact Paula Baldwin at Hoosier Heartland RC&D (HHRC&D) at hhrccd@hhrccd.org.
- **2005 Indiana Big Tree Register** is now available. This project was co sponsored by the Indiana Urban Forest Council and would not have been possible without their support.
- **Benefits of TREES** CD includes a PowerPoint presentation, talking script, definitions, and PDF files for handouts speakers may want to distribute. It is free from CUF.

All of these products and projects have been made possible by the USDA Forest Service Northeastern Area urban forestry grant and the CUF Program. If you would like any of these products, just contact me.

Learn, learn, and then learn some more....

The national urban forestry conference, sponsored by American Forests, is in Charlotte, NC November 17-18. Entitled **Urban Ecosystems**, it is a great opportunity to learn about urban forestry outside of Indiana. What is going on nationally? What is Hawaii doing? What is Puerto Rico doing? There are folks from all over that come to this conference. What new tools are coming up that will help you promote urban forestry in your community, or do more comprehensive street tree in-

ventories, or motivate volunteers? How can we ensure that urban forestry is connected into all infrastructure and ecological restoration projects within your community?

These questions and more can be answered at this national conference.

<http://www.americanforests.org/conference/>

\$And, if you are short on budget dollars or strapped for travel cash, if you are a member in good standing of the Indiana Urban Forest Council you can apply for Continuing Education funds. The IUFC will pay 1/2 of expenses up to \$500 for registration, travel, and lodging. Check the IUFC out at www.iufc.org!

Indiana Urban Forestry Federal Review

CUF is preparing for the USFS five year review of the CUF Program. The review team will be in the week of September 19th. We will be traveling to Gary checking out the USS Steel Gary Works Habitat Restoration project in cooperation with the Wildlife Habitat Council, then on to Tall Tree Arboretum to look at the interpretive signage and trail project, then to Newport to discuss plights of small towns who have some of the same big city pressures but on a smaller scale, then to Terre Haute which has an urban forestry non-profit, a tree board, and a city forester, and Indianapolis where we will visit two non profits and the city forestry staff. It will be a week filled with comment and discussion about the CUF program. Questions addressed will include: Are we meeting our federal mandate? Are we reaching all we can reach with the resources we have? What are we doing really, really well? What do we need to improve? The week will end with an exit interview with John Seifert, State Forester.



Opportunities for continuing education

August

24 Dialog on Diversity-Sponsored by CUF and Ni-source- at Merriville Nisource headquarters.

September

13 Communities at the Crossroads VIII conference at IUPUI, University Place Conference Center; Contact: Jamie Palmer, 317-261-3046; jpalmer@iupui.edu

28 Root Physiology sponsored by Purdue University Forestry and Natural Resources (FNR) and Indiana Arborist Association (IAA). Contact Rita McKenzie at ritam@fnr.purdue.edu or 765-494-3625; location Indianapolis

14 Lafayette Tree Stewards begins sponsored by CUF and IUFC

24 Evansville Big Tree Tour-Shawn Dickerson, City Forester, sdickerson@evansvillepublicworks.com

October

1 Basic Tree Care, Pokagon State Park, Angola, sponsored by CUF and Steuben and LaGrange Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

12 Indiana Urban Forest Council 14th annual fall conference—**ALL ABOUT TREES**—Garrison Conference Center, Indianapolis. Contact Nancy Anderson at 765-608-1941; nanderson@iufc.org; Register on line at: www.iufc.org

19 How Trees Live and Die, sponsored by Purdue FNR and IAA.

27 Gibson County Basic Tree Care sponsored by CUF, Gibson CO. SWCD and CUF

November

3-4 Indiana Grantmakers Alliance Conference; Sponsored by Indiana Grantmakers Alliance; Phone: 317-630-5200; www.indianagrantmakers.org

15-16 Arborist Certification Conference sponsored by Purdue FNR and IAA

17-18 American Forests Urban Ecosystems, Char-

lotte, NC. <http://www.americanforests.org>

Emerald Ash Borer Update

And where is our little, green, non-friend these days? The EAB survey in Indiana, which will be wrapped up later this month, will tell us more about what the EAB has been up to and where it may have traveled.



Check out the EAB website at:

<http://www.emeraldashborer.info/>

Indiana has:

568 cities and towns

51 tree cities

23 city foresters

40 tree boards

250 certified arborists

Over 500 Indiana Community Tree Stewards

Over 100 Indiana Urban Forest Council members

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