

Urban Forestry Council Meeting
USFS FOREST PRODUCTS LAB ROOM 500
711 Highland Ave. Madison, WI 53705

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2014

Council Members in attendance: Wendy Braun, Todd Chwala, Christopher Deegan, John DuPlissis, Marla Eddy, Kristin Gies, August Hoppe, Leif Hubbard, Tom Landgraf, Shirley Brabender-Mattox, Tony Nowak, Art Ode, David Sivyver, Jordan Skiff, Dwayne Sperber, Blake Theisen, Jeff Treu, Kelli Tuttle, Les Werner, Curt Witynski, Jeff Wolters,
Ex Officio (non-voting) members in attendance: Dick Rideout, Jeff Roe, Brian Wahl
DNR in attendance: Collin Buntrock, Sabina Dhungana, Elizabeth Dierickx, Anna Healy, Steve Hubbard, Scott Lyon, Olivia Shanahan, Andy Stoltman
ABSENT: Bruce Allison, Patty Dreier, Tom Dunbar, Mark Freberg, Brea Grace, Kevin Westphal, Jill Johnson (ex officio)
Public Guests in attendance: Fred Matt, Amy Jahnke, Tim Allen

Agenda Summary:

8:30	1. Call Meeting To Order
9:00	2. Update From Division Of Forestry
9:40	3. Forest Inventory Analysis
10:10	4. DNR Forest Products Team
10:50	5. WAA Roundtables
11:00	6. TED Talk
11:10	7. Council Awards
11:20	8. DNR Science Services Research Priorities
12:00	Lunch
12:30	9. DNR UFWG Reporting
12:45	10. Issue Groups Reporting
1:30-2:00	Adjourn

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

8:30 – 9:00	<u>Lead</u> MARLA, CHAIR	<u>Length</u> 30 MINUTES	<u>Type</u> DISCUSSION + APPROVE MINUTES
<u>Description:</u> Call To Order. Introductions. Council on Forestry Report <u>2015 Meeting Dates</u> March: Wednesday, 18 th or 25 th Depends on availability of Capitol Building. June: Tuesday & Wednesday, 23 rd & 24 th CTMI, Stevens Point. Night of 23 rd Dinner/graduation, 24 th Meeting September: TBD, Council on Forestry Joint Tour, Milwaukee November: TBD			
<u>Outcome:</u> Approve September 22 Meeting Minutes			
<u>Preparation:</u> Review September 22 Meeting Minutes (Sent with November Agenda)			
<u>Discussion Comments:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban wood discussions and council on forestry • 2015 Meeting dates 			
<u>Decisions ([Method]):</u> September minutes approved, 2nd			
<u>Action Items:</u> 2015 Meeting Dates	<u>Person Responsible:</u> Marla	<u>Deadline:</u>	

2. UPDATE FROM DIVISION OF FORESTRY

9:00-9:40 9:00-10:15	<u>Lead</u> PAUL DELONG, CHIEF STATE FORESTER	<u>Length</u> 40 MINUTES	<u>Type</u> INFORMATIONAL
<u>Description:</u> Report on Council on Forestry; Updates on Strategic Direction; DNR Budget Request; Response to UFC Reports and Requests			
<u>Outcome:</u>			
<u>Preparation:</u> Read the “Stormwater Letter” (Attached to November Agenda),			
<u>Discussion comments:</u> DNR 2015-2017 Biennial Budget Request: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submitted to Natural Resources Board (NRB) by September 1; With NRB approval, goes to Legislature. (DNR and DATCP both send their budgets for agency board approval first) 			

- Details of 2015-2017 Biennial Budget: a “Cost-to-Continue” Budget. Included: a minimal net increase (<1%); Reduction of one FTE in Department; Forestry: only increases are in general operational costs
- Mid-Term Election Effects: No change in Governor’s office; synchronized budget guidance and formulation processes. DNR is funded by over 100 sources; Forestry has effectively no general purpose funding; Condition of segregated fund (Forestry Account): lagged rebound from reduced intake of mill tax due to decrease in property values.
- New legislature in the assembly and senate. Gov. sent out expectations of all agencies to reassess budgets. Forestry will demonstrate value and return on investment.

Updates and Responses:

- UFIA and Urban Forestry are Strategic Plan directives for the Forest Service. An increase in investment was proposed, likely result in reduction in other FS programs.
- Stormwater letter: follow-up will continue to occur with the water division
- Urban Forestry Grant Manager position has been filled: Su DaWalt
- Urban Wood: Complete DNR Forest Products team; engagement has been productive
- EAB: Rhinelander and Oneida County, disappointing due to impact on rural and urban forestry. Stretching resources statewide
- Forestry Strategic Direction (SD): Council should offer an evaluation of UF program as it follows SD. 1. Successful implementation? 2. Reaching intended outcomes?

Decisions ([METHOD]):

Action items:

Person responsible:

Deadline:

Break 10:15-10:30

3. FOREST INVENTORY ANALYSIS

<p>9:40–10:10 10:30 – 11:00</p>	<p><u>Lead</u> DICK RIDEOUT, UF Partnership And Policy Specialist ANDY STOLTMAN, Rural And Urban Forest Inventory Analyst</p>	<p><u>Length</u> 30 MINUTES</p>	<p><u>Type</u> INFORMATIONAL</p>
<p><u>Description:</u> Update</p>			
<p><u>Outcome:</u></p>			
<p><u>Preparation:</u></p>			
<p><u>Discussion comments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andy: Update on UFIA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -A lot of momentum in past year - The Major Components: 1.Plot based continual inventory: ecosystem services 2. Traditional FIA: timber and wood value 3. Canopy cover 4. UFORic 			

- Farm Bill: 11 suggestions of what FIA should be doing. Not funded and no timeline but come up with a plan. How to expand budget through partners.
- Start with cities over 200,000
- Spring 2015 plot measurements start in Milwaukee and Madison
- This can be a measurement for DNR UF program. Canopy increase or decrease
- Dick:
 - UFORic: Combine the data we already have
 - Forest Service was not receiving the data they want, because it was intended for forest health and that was not being captured
 - Precise data: counties, species diversity, tree size....
 - Andy to hire ½ specialist to aggregate data DNR UF currently has
- Research in Phil Townsend for canopy and UW-Stevens Point to test out i-Tree Canopy Analysis, do the values coincide with our geographic area. i-Tree is interested in customizing its analysis geographically.
- Model Inventory in 2002 and 2012 the data
- New i-Tree Landscape development
- Liaison for Urban FIA in Northeast Area
- Andy:
 - What is Urban? Some cities, villages and town do not meet requirements as urban in census
 - What should the intensity of plots be and how much can be afforded?
 - Communication Avenues: How is this information being disseminated internally and externally

Decisions ([METHOD]):

<u>Action items:</u>	<u>Person responsible:</u>	<u>Deadline:</u>
1. Council Members to comment on Wisconsin's UFIA Communications 11/2014 Plan	-All council members	When available

4. DNR FOREST PRODUCTS TEAM

10:10–10:40 11:00-11:40	<u>Lead</u> STEVE HUBBARD, Forest Products Team Leader	<u>Length</u> 30 MINUTES	<u>Type</u> INFORMATIONAL
<u>Description:</u> Introductions and roles. Program update			
<u>Outcome:</u>			
<u>Preparation:</u>			

<u>Discussion comments:</u>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation: The Forest Products Services Program: Who we are and where are we going? • Is Urban included in the Industry Database? Currently this may be minimal, but expanding through regional contact staff 		
<u>Decisions ([METHOD]):</u>		
<u>Action items:</u>	<u>Person responsible:</u>	<u>Deadline:</u>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide PowerPoint to council 2. Written response to Council Questions related to urban wood 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dierickx 2. DuPlissis send questions to Steve Hubbard, FP team 	With minutes

10:40 — 10:50 BREAK

5. DNR SCIENCE SERVICES RESEARCH PRIORITIES

<i>11:20—12:00</i> <i>11:40 -12:20</i>	<i>Lead</i> <i>Carmen Hardin, DNR</i> <i>Science Service Section</i> <i>Chief</i> <i>Trisha Knoot, DNR</i> <i>Science Services</i> <i>Technician</i>	<i>Length</i> <i>40 MINUTES</i>	<i>Type</i> <i>DISCUSSION</i>
<u>Description:</u>			
<u>Outcome:</u>			
<u>Preparation:</u>			
<u>Discussion comments:</u>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PowerPoint: Updating the Division of Forestry’s Research Agenda • Forestry Research Priorities Discussion with Urban Council input sheet • Brainstorming 			
<u>Decisions ([METHOD]):</u>			
<u>Action items:</u>	<u>Person responsible:</u>	<u>Deadline:</u>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Send PowerPoint presentation to Council 2. Send research priority suggestions to 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dierickx 2. All Council members 	With minutes Tuesday, November 18th	

Tricia.Knoot@wisconsin.gov or Jeff.Roe@wisconsin.gov		
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12:00—12:30pm 12:20-12:50pm LUNCH

6. TED TALK

12:50-12:55	<u>Lead</u> <i>Executive Committee</i>	<u>Length</u> <i>10 MINUTES</i>	<u>Type</u> <i>INFORMATIONAL</i>
<u>Description:</u>			
<u>Outcome:</u>			
<u>Preparation:</u>			
<u>Discussion comments:</u>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Video</i> 			
<u>Decisions ([METHOD]):</u>			
<u>Action items:</u>	<u>Person responsible:</u>	<u>Deadline:</u>	

7. WAA ROUNDTABLES

12:55– 1:05	<u>Lead</u> <i>AUGUST HOPPE, JORDAN SKIFF</i>	<u>Length</u> <i>10 MINUTES</i>	<u>Type</u> <i>DECISION</i>
<u>Description:</u> Introduce roundtable issues for council approval or suggestions for Annual Conference			
<u>Outcome:</u> Roundtable issues decided			
<u>Preparation:</u>			
<u>Discussion comments:</u>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -A300: ANSI for urban wood -Two tables for nurseries: Split contract growing and diversity • Next steps: solicit moderators for each table topic 			

<u>Decisions ([METHOD]):</u>		
<u>Action items:</u>	<u>Person responsible:</u>	<u>Deadline:</u>

8. COUNCIL AWARDS

<i>1:05 – 1:20</i>	<u>Lead</u> JEFF TREU	<u>Length</u> 10 MINUTES	<u>Type</u> INFORMATIONAL
<u>Description:</u> Reminder about forwarding requests.			
<u>Outcome:</u>			
<u>Preparation:</u>			
<u>Discussion comments:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Solicitations for council members to join awards committee -Todd Chwala, Kristin Gies, Shirley Maddox, Donald Merkes 			
<u>Decisions ([METHOD]):</u> Kristin Gies added as council award committee member.			
<u>Action items:</u> Send nominations by December 31	<u>Person responsible:</u> All UFC Members http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/UrbanForests/awards.html	<u>Deadline:</u> December 31, 2014	

9. DNR UFWG REPORTING

<i>1:30—1:45</i> <i>1:20-1:35</i>	<u>Lead</u> Brian Wahl/Jeff Roe	<u>Length</u> 15 MINUTES	<u>Type</u> DISCUSSION
<u>Description:</u>			
<u>Outcome:</u>			
<u>Preparation:</u>			
<u>Discussion comments:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UFWG report/verbal -CTMI, with the 20 communities participating almost .5Mill in population will be reached -Grants: removed 105,000 from grant funds that was allocated toward storm grants; we were oversubscribed by 30% for funding -Networking meeting -Rhineland confirmed EAB, Don is working county officials and conducting workshops 			

-NE & WC chainsaw & tree id workshops -Council reports will shift to coincide with internal DNR reporting -DNR staff at Partners in Community Forestry Conference -Staff changes: Casey retirement, Wyatt at UW, Miller at Extension -Jordan Skiff & Rideout presented to League of Municipalities on Tree Benefits -Eau Claire urban wood developments		
<u>Decisions ([METHOD]):</u>		
<u>Action items:</u>	<u>Person responsible:</u>	<u>Deadline:</u>

10. ISSUES GROUP REPORTING

2:45 – 3:30	<u>Lead</u>	<u>Length</u> 45 MINUTES	<u>Type</u> Information
<u>Description:</u>			
<u>Outcome:</u>			
<u>Preparation:</u>			
<u>Discussion comments:</u>			
<u>Decisions ([METHOD]):</u>			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Stormwater: Jordan: New studies on water quality and nutrient loading in works; opportunity to speak of trees and water quality Tree Diversity: Jeff: has disseminated a lot of information to be shared at the round tables in January Annual Conference Urban Wood: Dwayne: DNR UF Grant project to report and support Kettle Moraine waste to resource. Wood is being donated to a community building project, to talk about Milwaukee wood, and document of specs of urban wood for building projects. -September meeting/Council on Forestry joint meeting: Kettle Moraine Hardwoods, Mequon Forest Preserve, and Colectivo Coffee, Hoppe Wood Lab Advisory Issue Group: -Jeff and Marla are committed to meeting on a consistent basis to be on the same page on issues -Always take the opportunity to talk to local elected officials -Council members are welcome to meet with elected officials representing themselves, but not to represent the UF Council. UF Council members report only to State Forester and DNR Secretary 			
<u>Action items:</u>	<u>Person responsible:</u>	<u>Deadline:</u>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Stormwater Issue Group report Share urban wood specs., 	2. Dwayne Sperber	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Send as an example with the reminder for next meeting or 	

<p>WUW link and magazine article link with council members</p> <p>3. Use reporting form</p>	<p>3. All committee members</p>	<p>sooner.</p> <p>3. For Next meeting – a reminder will be sent</p>
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1:30 – 2:00 2:10pm ADJOURN