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### Tree Management Grows to New Levels in Eighteen Wisconsin Communities!

By Jeff Rice and Cindy Cary, Urban Forestry Coordinators  
DNR Division of Forestry

The Wisconsin Community Tree Management Institute is a unique program produced by the Department of Natural Resources to help meet the need for improved urban forest management in Wisconsin's communities. The course is designed specifically for municipal parks, public works, planning and similar staff responsible for public tree management but without a strong background in urban forestry.

CTMI is delivered in three separate two-day sessions spanning seven months. Lessons address fundamental and contemporary tree management topics such as: legal issues related to municipal trees, the why and how of urban forest management plans, developing and working with tree boards, urban tree benefits, program budgeting, partnering with electric utilities, protecting trees during construction, and much more. Students also complete an out-of-class forestry project suitable for their community.

CTMI is neither a conference nor a workshop. It differs from typical training in several respects. Although the curriculum was developed by DNR, UF program

staff, a cadre of instructors—including consultants, university faculty, experienced city foresters and even previous CTMI graduates—produced and teach the lessons. Not only does the exposure to various perspectives give students a well-rounded training experience, but including seasoned city foresters and course graduates in lesson delivery heightens credibility and maximizes instructor-student rapport.

Another CTMI distinctive is the focus on support-network development, achieved through small class size, the retreat-like setting at Green Lake Conference Center where two of the sessions are held and the curriculum's focus on interactive learning. Students won't learn everything about urban forestry in the six days of instruction but can use their CTMI connections with peers and support resources throughout the state to continue expanding their skills long after the course ends.

A second group of students recently completed their CTMI experience, culminating with a graduation ceremony at UW-Stevens Point on June 19, 2012. Students spent the evening with Wisconsin Urban Forestry Council representatives, making connections and sharing with the council their issues and successes.

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Complimenting the CTMI class of 2011-12 (back row) (l to r): Dave Mitchell, Consultant; Mark Langan, Brookfield; Terry McConell, Adams; Joseph Terry, First Edwards; Doug Cox, Kenosha; Chris Handy, Wisconsin; Randy Herwig, Lodi; Paul Flinn, New Berlin; Tracy Stappert, Ashland; Thomas Riba, Franklin; Ari Huhar, Clifton; Randy Kerkman, Bristol. Front row (l to r): Heidi Krueger, Dane; Sue McQuade, Waubesa; Jacob Tison, Cottage Grove; Yusef Akari, Monona; Luanaa Batschick, Sheboygan; Roy Hoffmeyer, Pewee. Not pictured: Ann Levin, Allouez; Chuck Niaz, Whitewater



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### U.S. Forest Service Awards \$3 Million in Grants to Protect Great Lakes

The U.S. Forest Service announced today nearly \$3 million in grants to improve tree canopy, forest cover and ultimately, water quality in six Great Lakes states, including Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, New York, Illinois and Indiana. Two of the funded projects include Chequamegon Bay Shoreland Restoration and First Down for Trees here in Wisconsin. [Link](#)

### Check out the current issue of Urban & Community Forests

A Quarterly Newsletter of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Forestry Division. [Link](#)

### Emerald Ash Borer mini-workshop a huge success

By Olivia Witthun, Southeast Region

On a beautiful fall day, Southeast Region forestry staff conducted a workshop on the highly-destructive Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) for nine communities without professional forestry staff who haven't yet experienced an infestation of the invasive beetle. Seventeen participants representing a total population of almost 100,000 residents and one non-profit organization attended.

DNR Division of Forestry's Plant Pest and Disease Specialist [Bill McNee](#) and Forester [Julie Peltier](#) joined me on October 8 as we partnered with Riveredge

Nature Center near Newburg (Ozaukee County) to hold an afternoon workshop on the EAB.

Indoors, DNR staff taught basic ash tree identification, EAB identification and discussed the current status of EAB in the state. A hands-on outdoor session soon followed. Because EAB was found at Riveredge Nature Center in 2008, workshop attendees were able to see a heavily-infested area with trees in various stages of infestation and decline. All of the typical EAB signs and symptoms were visible. Participants even got a chance to peel trees with a drawknife and find live larvae and galleries. Footnote: [Olivia Witthun](#) is an urban forester stationed in Plymouth.



*DNR Forest Health specialist Bill McNee talked about EAB next to an infested tree that had been flecked by woodpeckers. DNR Photo*

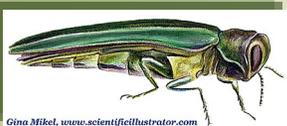


*DNR Field Forester Julie Peltier assisted Village of Fredonia forestry staff Tom Sheppard in identifying EAB galleries and larvae. DNR Photo*

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### Purdue Extension: Emerald Ash Borer in Indiana

Use this Website to find out where EAB is located, how to combat this invasive pest, and what you can do to preserve ash trees in Indiana. [Link](#)

### Cost of saving trees a factor in battle with ash borer

The good news in the battle against the emerald ash borer is there is hope for the future. The bad news is, the Naperville area still is in the midst of what is an infestation of historic significance. [Link](#)

### Ash borer continues to chow through Great Lakes trees; drought increases vulnerability

The threat from a metallic green beetle is quickly spreading throughout the ash trees of the Great Lakes region, despite a recent national [report](#) that said fewer trees died in 2011 from harmful insects in the U.S. than previous years. [Link](#)

### Your Ash Tree & EAB Pamphlet

A checklist from The Morton Arboretum for homeowners dealing with the destructive Emerald Ash Borer. [Link](#)

### Stay informed with news and information updates...

Subscribe to EAB News Alerts. [Link](#)



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Apply for Funding: [Proposal and Funding Information](#)

### eLEARN Urban Forestry

An interactive online introduction to urban forest management. State-of-the-art online, distance-learning program geared specifically toward beginning urban foresters and those allied professionals working in and around urban and urbanizing landscapes, including service foresters, natural resource planners, landscape architects, city officials and public works employees. [Link](#)

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Always check our calendar at the DNR Urban Forestry Webpage. [Link](#)

Wisconsin Arborist Association Fall Conference

October 3

West Bend, WI

[Link](#)



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Community Emerald Ash Borer Workshop (EAB 2.0) Grayslake, IL <a href="#">Link</a>	October 26
Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference La Crosse, WI <a href="#">Link</a>	October 29-31
Forestry Field Day Middleton, WI <a href="#">Link</a>	November 3
Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA) Expo Baltimore, MD <a href="#">Link</a>	November 8-10
Society of Municipal Arborists Conference & Trade Show Sacramento, CA <a href="#">Link</a>	November 12-13
Partners in Community Forestry National Conference Sacramento, CA <a href="#">Link</a>	November 14-15
Women in Horticulture 2012 Conference Milwaukee, WI <a href="#">Link</a>	November 3
Urban Forest Strike Team - Task Specialist Training Workshop Detroit, MI <a href="#">Link</a>	November 7-8
Municipal Forester Institute Nebraska City, NE <a href="#">Link</a>	February 17-23
<b>Webinars</b>	
U.S. EPA Brownsfields Area - Wide Planning Grant Guidelines <a href="#">Link</a>	October 22 at 2:00pm (Eastern)
Science to Inform Open Space Conservation: Land use changes, forest fragmentation, and the wildland-urban interface <a href="#">Link</a>	October 24 at 2:00pm (Eastern)

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