

The Wisconsin Urban Forestry Insider

An electronic bulletin of breaking news and valuable information for the Urban Forest community in Wisconsin and beyond.

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Tracy Salisbury (middle), DNR Urban Forestry Coordinator, is presented the 2011 Outstanding Contribution to Sustainable Forestry Award. Also pictured are DNR Division of Forestry Deputy Administrator Darrell Zastrow (left) and Paul DeLong (right), Division Administrator.

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Bur oak blight update

Since the 1990s, bur oak blight (BOB) has been reported in Midwestern states, including Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska and Wisconsin. The disease is believed to be caused by a new species of *Tubakia* fungus. Kyoko Scanlon, DNR Plant Pest & Disease Specialist, shares an update on the disease and findings in Wisconsin.



[BOB update](#)

Salisbury presented 2011 Outstanding Contribution to Sustainable Forestry Award

The 2011 Outstanding Contribution to Sustainable Forestry Award recipient is Tracy Salisbury, Northeast Region Urban Forestry Coordinator, a position she has held since 1998.

Salisbury has successfully leveraged new and existing partnerships to effectively and sustainably increase tree canopy in our communities. Salisbury worked with the Green Bay Packers and came up with "First Downs for Trees" (FDFT), a program which expands the urban forest by planting and increasing the number of trees in Brown County communities based on the number of first downs the Packers earn during their regular season games. She also continues to work with several other urban forestry programs like the Taking Root Campaign.

Timothy Bauknecht, Village Forester for Ashwaubenon, wrote, "Tracy has been a conduit for information that many of the Northeast Region professionals rely on to improve the quality and health of the urban forests they manage."

[News release](#)

Disposing of Imprelis contaminated wood chips

The DNR has received inquiries from landfill operators regarding whether they can accept chipped wood from [trees killed by Imprelis](#), a turfgrass herbicide from DuPont that was found last year to kill certain non-target tree species. This chipped wood would ordinarily be subject to the landfill ban on yard materials. However, the material [cannot be composted or used as mulch](#) because compost or mulch containing Imprelis tainted material is likely to kill trees and broadleaf

plants. Although there may be other options for use, landfill disposal is the safest and most practical option in most cases.

After discussions with technical and legal staff, the consensus is that the **DNR will allow landfill operators to accept yard materials contaminated with Imprelis, using enforcement discretion.** This is comparable to how DNR handled disposal of invasive plants, prior to the statutory change that exempted invasive plant materials from the landfill ban.

This exception to the landfill ban should be a temporary situation; DuPont stopped sales of Imprelis last year. We do not know how long it takes for the active ingredient in Imprelis to become ineffective, but it seems likely most of the removal of affected trees will occur this year.

DNR also expects the need for landfill disposal of these materials to be limited. Imprelis was only used by licensed pesticide applicators—it was not available over the counter to the public—and it was expensive. DuPont reports about 2100 damage cases in Wisconsin, including some 50 golf courses.

DNR will send landfill operators a letter informing them that they may accept yard materials that the generator represents as having been contaminated by Imprelis. They will be encouraged to utilize these materials in cover applications where possible, consistent with the intent of the statute. DNR will also notify the licensed compost facilities of this temporary policy. DATCP has been in contact with landscapers and will inform them of the policy as well, and the DNR Division of Forestry has been notified about this issue as well.

This approach will maintain the integrity of the landfill ban on yard materials while providing a needed safety valve for material that might otherwise create serious problems at commercial and municipal compost facilities.

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WGIF scholarship awarded to horticulture student

The Wisconsin Green Industry Federation scholarship is awarded annually to a college student involved in, or pursuing a career in the Green industry. Janet Clark, a La Crosse resident, has been selected to receive the \$500 scholarship from WGIF and WGIF member company West Bend Mutual Insurance Company.



Janet is enrolled at Western Technical College (WTC) in La Crosse, pursuing a degree in Landscape Horticulture. Janet has worked at several nurseries in recent years, including Anderson Tree Farm, Linda's Flowers, and Fimrietes Sunset Gardens. Janet's education and scholarship will come in handy as she and her family are purchasing a tree farm, with the goals of managing the leasing and harvesting of various tree species.

A member and officer of the Landscape Horticulture Club at WTC, and a committee member of both the Tree Campus USA and Sustainability committees, Janet's education has given her the opportunity to pursue her passion in the fields of horticulture and sustainability.

Janet's school work has introduced her to a broad range of topics that have captured her attention. "My interests have greatly expanded from the Program requirements to include urban gardening, farmer's markets, permaculture practices, ecological farming and agricultural practices, arboriculture, and others."

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New bills introduced with urban forestry interest

Two new bills that expand and support the [Wisconsin Main Street Program](#), which promotes redevelopment of communities' downtown business districts, were introduced this month in the Assembly. Trees have been part of some of the Main Street redevelopments, so urban forestry and green industry businesses could benefit from the expansion proposed in these two bills.

[AB-532](#), relates to the creation of a neighborhood business revitalization loan guarantee program. [AB-533](#) relates to the state main street program and business area revitalization services. Both were introduced on February 7, 2012 and referred to the committee on Rural Economic Development and Rural Affairs.

For those tracking the outdoor advertising vegetation bill (AB-216) relating to maintenance and removal of vegetation obstructing the view of outdoor advertising signs, view the bill history at <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/2011/data/AB216hst.html>.

Treating Milwaukee's ash trees

Despite confirmed emerald ash borer infestations in bordering communities, Milwaukee has never seen the invasive pest within its city limits. Since 2008, Milwaukee has treated 27,000 ash trees with emamectin benzoate, marketed

under the brand name Tree-Age, which it injects into the trunks every other year. [Read more.](#)

Recycling of urban ash trees

BRIGHTON, MI— They start out looming large over city streets, then are hauled away on flat beds. Most urban trees, including millions killed by the emerald ash borer, are turned into mulch or discarded as waste. However, Paul Hickman, the owner of Urban Ashes, has found a way to preserve them for generations. [Read more and watch a video.](#)

Economic analysis of EAB management options

Emerald ash borer plays a significant role in the health and extent of management of ash species in urban forests. An economic analysis of management options was performed to aid decision makers in preparing for likely future infestations. The analysis compares a control option (do-nothing approach, only removing ash trees as they die) to three distinct management options: 1) preemptive removal of all ash trees over a 5 yr period, 2) preemptive removal of all ash trees and replacement with comparable non-ash trees, or 3) treating the entire population of ash trees with insecticides to minimize mortality. [Read about the findings.](#)

EAB national news

Robin Usborne, Communications Manager with Michigan State University, shares links to national news coverage regarding emerald ash borer. Be sure to review recent news articles. [EAB University](#) webinars are also available for viewing on demand.



Read these [latest news stories and many more](#):

- Arlington Heights, IL, set to spend \$11.5 million battling EAB
- Golden Valley, MN, plans for EAB
- The EAB fight continues in Wisconsin.
- Taking proactive steps to prevent EAB infestation in Macomb, IL
- Trees are wrapped in ribbons to remind Arlington Heights, IL, residents about EAB infestation.

Call for Community Forest Program grant applications

The USFS Community Forest Program will be holding a call for projects until May 15, 2012. The [Community Forest Program](#) provides grants to local governments,

non-profits and tribes to establish community forests that establish continuing and accessible community benefits. Total nationwide funding for the program is \$3.15 million and individual grants may not exceed \$400,000. This program requires a 50% non-federal cost-share match.

Applications can be submitted electronically to [Nicole Potvin](#). If applications are submitted electronically a hard copy must also be submitted. For more details see the [federal register notice](#). You can also contact Forest Legacy Coordinator [Nicole Potvin](#) at (608)266-2388 or [Amy Singh](#) at 608-266-9805 for more information.

Applications should be submitted to:
Nicole Potvin
WDNR Division of Forestry
101 S. Webster Street
PO Box 7921
Madison, WI 53707

More funding opportunities

The Alliance for Community Trees is pleased to highlight funding opportunities that may be of interest to those in the urban greening community. See below for the latest available grants. Visit <http://actrees.org/site/resources/funding/> for more grants and funding opportunities.

2011-12 Chesapeake Bay Green Streets-Green Jobs Initiative

Deadline: March 9, 2012

The grant program is open to local governments and non-profit organizations in urban and suburban watersheds in the Chesapeake Bay region of Maryland, D.C., Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia who are interested in pursuing green streets, green infrastructure, and green jobs as part of their community or watershed planning. Grant assistance up to \$35,000 is available for infrastructure project planning and design, and up to \$100,000 for implementation and construction.

[2011-12 Chesapeake Bay Green Streets-Green Jobs Initiative](#)

American Water 2012 Environmental Grant Program

Deadline: March 9, 2012

Established in 2005, our annual Environmental Grant Program offers funds for innovative, community-based environmental projects that improve, restore or protect the watersheds, surface water and/or groundwater supplies in our local

communities. This funding is available to community partners, while leveraging local resources and capabilities to make a positive impact on the environment.

[American Water 2012 Environmental Grant Program](#)

Constellation Energy EcoStar Grants 2012

Deadline: March 10, 2012

Environmental stewardship is one of Constellation Energy's foundational values. The EcoStar Grant program was launched in January 2010 with a request for applications from nonprofit organizations seeking funds for environmental projects in their communities. EcoStar Grants are available to projects that fit into one or more of five stewardship categories: pollution prevention, education and outreach, energy efficiency, conservation and community activism.

[Constellation Energy EcoStar Grants 2012](#)

Northeast Region forest health update

The latest forest health news on insects and diseases in northeast Wisconsin are compiled by Linda Williams, DNR Forest Health Specialist.

[Forest health report](#) (February 2012)

Southern Region forest health update

The latest forest health news on insects and diseases in southern Wisconsin are compiled by Mark Guthmiller, DNR Forest Health Specialist.

[Forest health report](#) (February 2012)

West Central Region forest health update

The latest forest health news on insects and diseases in west central Wisconsin are compiled by Mike Hillstrom and Todd Lanigan, DNR Forest Health Specialists.

[Forest health report](#) (February 2012)

Webcast: "ALB in Massachusetts: The Battle Continues"

*Wednesday, February 29
10:00-11:00 a.m. (Central)*

This webcast will provide an update on the continued advancement of the Asian longhorned beetle in Worcester County, Massachusetts. The infestation is the largest and most widespread occurrence of ALB to date in the U.S., and has been the focus of a multi-agency control and eradication effort.

In this presentation, Julie Coop, the ALB Incident Commander for the Massachusetts Dept. of Conservation and Recreation will review the history of the infestation, provide insights into the complexity of managing response efforts in a major metropolitan area and discuss the current initiatives that are underway related to the technical measures being taken, public education efforts and coordination of activities at various levels. Additionally, discussion of the logistical elements of staging a multi-agency control and eradication effort will be provided.

The infestation of ALB in this Central Massachusetts region is nearly four years old, and many lessons have been learned, and the presentation will provide an opportunity to learn what you might face if a disaster or invasive infestation occurs in your locale.

Webcast connection details: <http://www.unri.org/webcasts>

2012 Pesticide Applicator Training– Turf & Landscape

March 7 – Eau Claire

March 8 – Green Bay

March 22 – Madison

March 29 – Waukesha

April 2 – Waukesha

To register for training or find more information on the University of Wisconsin-Extension Pesticide Applicator Training (PAT) program, go to <http://ipcm.wisc.edu/pat/>.

WI ASLA Spring Conference

“Your Environment. Designed.”

March 29-30, 2012

Madison, WI

The annual spring conference of the Wisconsin Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects will be hosted at the newly completed Union South in the heart of the University of Wisconsin-Madison. This is Wisconsin’s largest event solely focused on landscape architecture and the breadth of the profession. This year, the focus is on “Our Environments”—the various scales they represent and how we can design with them more appropriately.

Some conference topics include:

- Native Landscaping
- Roof Gardens
- Riverfront Park Design
- Urban Stormwater Management
- Rethinking RURAL
- Plaza Design
- Contractor vs. Consultant
- Irrigation Approaches

Contact WI ASLA at secretary@wiasla.com for the conference program or registration form. The registration deadline is March 16, 2012.

Minnesota Shade Tree Short Course

March 20-21, 2012

Arden Hills, MN

A two day course for everyone involved in urban forestry and arboriculture and an opportunity to learn from those in the profession. ISA Certified Arborist CEUs are available for most sessions.

[More information](#)

More Conferences & Seminars

For more conferences, seminars and upcoming events, check out the [DNR Urban Forestry](#) Web site and the [Alliance for Community Trees](#) Web site.

Horticulture Diagnostic Assistant (Brown County)

Brown County Extension is recruiting for a [Horticulture Diagnostic Assistant](#). This position will provide education and information by responding to consumer horticulture questions via phone and electronically and prepare educational materials for horticulture consumers. The position will be based at Brown County UW-Extension and Green Bay Botanical Garden.

The application deadline is **March 3, 2012**. Candidates can forward their resume and a cover letter to "Horticulture Educator", Brown County UW Extension, 1150 Bellevue Street, Green Bay, WI 54302 or through email at: vijai.pandian@ces.uwex.edu.

Urban Forestry Specialist and Trainee (City of Milwaukee)

The City of Milwaukee is currently recruiting for full-time arborists. They have two positions available. The [Urban Forestry Specialist](#) position is for proficient production climbers interested in municipal arboriculture.

The [Urban Forestry Specialist Trainee](#) position provides paid 6-9 month training for those with limited or no climbing experience. The training program is designed to prepare and train employees to become an Urban Forestry Specialist.

About the Insider

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