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# Wisconsin Forestry Notes

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## First Down for Trees

*Thanks to a winning season by the Green Bay Packers, 312 new trees will be planted in Northeast Wisconsin this spring!*

An innovative project called “First Down for Trees” will be increasing the number of trees planted in Northeastern Wisconsin. Through this joint effort between the Green Bay Packers’ Green Team, Wisconsin Public Service, the WDNR and forestry departments at 22 local entities, the Packers will provide a tree to be planted for each first down the team earned during this past regular season. A combination of sugar maples, hackberry, honey locust and flowering crab are among the 312 trees that will be planted this spring in the towns of Holland, Scott, Humboldt, Lawrence, Ledgeview, Morrison, Eaton, Pittsfield, and Rockland; the villages of Allouez, Hobart, Howard, Suamico, Ashwaubenon, Wrightstown, Bellevue, Denmark, Pulaski; the cities of DePere and Green Bay; Brown County and on Oneida Tribal lands. The project is a win-win proposition for all of these partners. The Green Bay Packers were looking for ways to offset the 450 tons of carbon dioxide per year they produce during travel to away games and the local governments were looking for assistance to get more trees planted! For more information about the project, contact [tracy.salisbury@wisconsin.gov](mailto:tracy.salisbury@wisconsin.gov)

## DNR Division of Forestry Honors Friends

*Former legislator Don Friske, logger Aaron Burmeister and Lower Wisconsin State Riverway leader Mark Cupp received 2010 “Friend of Forestry” awards from the DNR Division of Forestry*

The DNR Division of Forestry has presented “Friend of Forestry” awards to these external partners.

Former State Representative Don Friske (R-Merrill) provided leadership on Wisconsin forestry issues during his ten years in the legislature. Friske chaired the Assembly Forestry Committee for six years and served as ranking member for another two years. He promoted a bi-partisan approach to addressing the issues and challenges facing Wisconsin’s forests and the benefits they produce for the people of Wisconsin. Given the importance of the forest products industry to Wisconsin’s economy, Friske worked tirelessly to ensure his legislative colleagues understood the impact of proposed legislation on the state’s forests and their ability to support jobs and a healthy environment. He served on the Wisconsin Council on Forestry from 2003 until his retirement from the legislature in 2010.

Aaron Burmeister, from Seymour Wisconsin, has been a logging professional for more than thirty years, building trusting relationships with private landowners and foresters. Burmeister understands, practices and tirelessly promotes sustainable forestry. He was in Wisconsin’s first class of Master Loggers and runs his business by the seven tenants required of Master Loggers. Burmeister has been a long standing leader in the Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association, constantly working to raise the bar higher on the standards in his profession as well as being active in the Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association. He has organized many Log a Load for Kids projects (a national program that raises funds for the Children’s Miracle Network) and has been a Boy Scout leader for years.

Since the inception of the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway (LWSR) in 1989, Mark Cupp has been influential in the promotion of sustainable forestry in Southwestern Wisconsin. As Executive Director of the LWSR Board, Cupp has dealt extensively with the unique aesthetic protections associated with timber harvests in the LWSR. He has been instrumental in organizing annual meetings between public land managers, private landowners, and forest product industry representatives to discuss forest health threats in the LWSR. Over the twenty year history of the LWSR the regulations protecting the view from the river have become an accepted and appreciated part of the project, in large part due to Cupp’s communication and leadership.

## Urban Forestry Leaders Honored

*Awards presented at the annual urban forestry conference (cosponsored by DNR and the Wisconsin Arborist Association) honored leaders in urban forestry across Wisconsin.*

The Wisconsin Urban Forestry Council presented the following awards at the annual Wisconsin Urban Forestry Conference in Green Bay on February 1. David Liska, who served as the Waukesha city forester for 30 years, received the Lifetime Achievement award in recognition of his arboricultural leadership. The Distinguished Service award went to Mike Wendt in recognition of leadership in arboriculture education and training at Milwaukee Area Technical College. Madison Alderwoman Marsha Rummel received the Distinguished Service award to an elected official for leadership in the protection of Madison's urban forest and adoption of construction specifications to protect Madison's street trees.

"Taking Root" – a project of the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation, City of Oshkosh, and Ranger Services – received the Project Partnership award for developing a tree planting fund, raising more than \$350,000 and planting 1000 trees in 2010. Another Project Partnership award went to We Energies and the City of Waukesha's forestry program for leadership in an ash removal/tree replacement project that addresses emerald ash borer and utility pruning issues. The Innovations in Urban Forestry award honored the Forest County Potawatomi Tribe for their innovative and comprehensive approach to managing their community forest with a strategic plan. A second Innovations award recognized the team that conducted a demonstration of mechanized harvesting and processing of urban trees (City of Oak Creek, DNR's Terry Mace, DATCP's Anna Healy and consultant Don Peterson).

For additional details about these award winners, contact Laura Wyatt by phone at 608-267-0568 or email at [Laura.Wyatt@Wisconsin.gov](mailto:Laura.Wyatt@Wisconsin.gov)

## Many Educational Opportunities Early in 2011

*Start your new year off by learning something new at one of the many conferences and workshops during the first quarter of 2011.*

A workshop called Ties to the Land explores succession planning, focusing on ways to maintain family ties to the land from generation to generation. The two-session workshop includes practical exercises to walk forest landowners through the succession planning process. This workshop is being held in nine locations throughout the state in February, March and April. Also, the woodland owner conferences held regionally each year in various parts of the state are taking place during the first part of 2011. For dates, costs and registration information about these conferences and workshops, contact Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association, P.O. Box 285, Stevens Point, WI 54481; 715-346-4798; email: [nbozek@uwsp.edu](mailto:nbozek@uwsp.edu); or online at [wisconsinwoodlands.org](http://wisconsinwoodlands.org)

The Society of American Foresters and the Wildlife Society are co-sponsoring a March 2-3 conference in Wisconsin Dells. Presentations will explore management and implications of Wisconsin's maturing forests, especially the loss of early succession forests, as well as focusing on specific forest and wildlife management issues. For a registration form, visit [http://www.wisaf.org/agendas/2011\\_SAF\\_registration\\_packet.pdf](http://www.wisaf.org/agendas/2011_SAF_registration_packet.pdf)

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