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## NC URBAN WOOD GROUP

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### In this Issue

This month, we answer the age old question of “When is a tree a tree?”. We have a film of Detroit urban wood utilization in 1928. There is a link for Wisconsin Urban Wood, a non-profit that is utilizing urban wood as a local product. We look at where the longleaf pine lumber is. And finally we have 2 events scheduled, the NC Urban Forestry Conference and the upcoming WERC webinar.

My email address is below and at the end of the newsletter for joining or unsubscribing. Please contact me direct for your questions and concerns.

Thanks!

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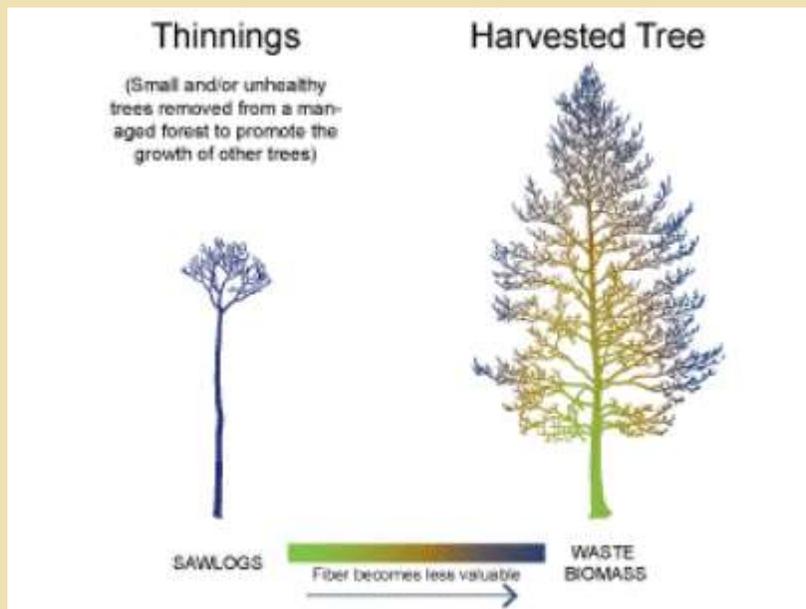
## [When is a tree a tree, when is it 'waste' and why does it matter for the Clean Power Plan?](#)

Elizabeth Harball, E&E reporter

ClimateWire: Friday, July 24, 2015

When presenting the case for wood energy use under the Obama administration's proposed Clean Power Plan, the Biomass Power Association created a simple diagram to answer a complicated question: When is a tree a tree and when is it "waste biomass"?

The diagram, which the BPA said it has presented to a number of Washington, D.C., policymakers, depicts two plants, one a shorter sapling and the second a taller, more tree-like tree. The small limbs and the top of the taller tree are blue, which the diagram categorizes as "waste biomass," while its trunk and larger branches are green, which the diagram categorizes as "sawlogs," more valuable wood used for purposes like home construction.



[+] "I think that I shall never see a poem lovely as a tree," was the beginning of "Trees," a poem by Joyce Kilmer in 1913. Now, 102 years later, the very definition of a tree is part of a fight between the biomass industry and environmental groups. Kilmer, who was killed by a sniper in World War I, also understood fighting, but his poem still enjoys a life of its own. Graphic courtesy of the Biomass Power Association.

The slim sapling is entirely blue, meaning that the BPA considers it to represent 100 percent "waste biomass."

## On Line Resources

Five thousand trees removed from streets to make room for widening are being sawed into lumber at Belle Isle saw mill. Nothing is wasted as slabs are cut into cordwood. 1928  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R40h534Yl8Y>

### Could Urban Trees Become A Source Of Lumber?

by Cassandra Profita OPB/EarthFix | July 2, 2015 2:45 p.m. | Updated: July 9, 2015 8:31 a.m.  
Along the fence line between two houses in Southeast Portland, an arborist cuts through the trunk of a cherry tree with a chainsaw. He's clearly not in a forest. But he is, arguably, logging. Urban lumber advocate David Barmon is watching. He's waiting for a crane to lift sections of the tree trunk out of the yard and into his trailer so he can mill them into tabletops.  
<http://www.opb.org/news/article/advocates-push-for-growing-urban-trees-for-lumber/>

### Urban forestry charge will soon appear on Madison services bills

The charge partially aims to address increased forestry costs related to the emerald ash borer and came out of a year-long work group that explored alternative sources of revenue for the city given state caps on property taxes. It is unclear whether the city would continue the charge into next year and whether it would increase or maintain the level of revenue from the charge.  
[http://host.madison.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/urban-forestry-charge-will-soon-appear-on-madison-services-bills/article\\_01d3dfd5-1ce2-5b63-97d8-11c4e6403200.html#ixzz3fQG0fOZ5](http://host.madison.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/urban-forestry-charge-will-soon-appear-on-madison-services-bills/article_01d3dfd5-1ce2-5b63-97d8-11c4e6403200.html#ixzz3fQG0fOZ5)

This group got started with a \$25,000 competitive grant and charges \$200 for a paid membership. Seems to be a sustainable non-profit.  
<http://www.wisconsinurbanwood.org/>

### Salvaging a Long-Lasting Wood, and New York City's Past By VIVIAN YEE JULY 21, 2015

The blue-collar shop floors fall silent, find new life as artists' studios, then exchange their 19th-century guts for 21st-century wine cellars, marble bathrooms and private gyms: So goes the story in a city where time does not stand still for long, and where a neighborhood's shifting fortunes can be told through its old warehouses and factories.  
In the process, the city coughs up timbers that were logged and hoisted into place when it was almost young. New York is the country's largest repository of the lumber that formed the spine of the Industrial Revolution – a five-borough safe deposit box for New England white pine and spruce, Pacific Northwest Douglas fir and, especially, Southern longleaf pine.

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## Announcements

Register Today: The Great NC Tree Conference

September 17-18, 2015 Greensboro, NC

The 8th Annual NC Urban Forestry Conference is coming your way. This year we have Dr. Ed Gilman from the University of Florida as the keynote speaker. Dr. Gilman wrote "Illustrated Guide to Pruning" and has published more than 120 scientific peer reviewed journal articles on roots and pruning trees in his 30 years in academia and industry. He will take us back to the basics of tree care.

Join us on the 18th for the first ever Field Day in which Dr. Gilman will demonstrate the different pruning practices with climbers in the tree. We will also have other demonstration stations for you to get hands-on, live experience with other topics such as root excavation, urban wood use, nursery stock selection, proper planting, and the Asplundh Volts Wagon.

The conference has been approved for:

ISA: A total of 11 CEU's (5.75 hrs Day 1, 5.25 Day 2)

SAF: A total of 10.5 hours Category 1-CF credit (5.5 hrs. Day 1, 5.0 hrs. Day 2)

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AICP and landscape architect credits have been applied for.

[Register Now!](#)

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Quarterly Urban Wood Utilization Webcast Tuesday, October 13, 2015

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Eastern

**Join the Webcast**

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