

NC URBAN WOOD GROUP

This email was sent to: NCFS.Urbanwood@lists.ncmail.net

In this Issue

Online Resources, News from NC and an Outdoor Safety Tip... Believe it or not, too many pictures! Wait for the special photo edition!

As always, articles and photos are always welcome!!!

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!
Eric
Eric Muecke
NCFS Urban Forestry Specialist
eric.muecke@ncagr.gov
828-432-7920

August 2016



The NC Urban Wood Group is a combined effort of the NCFS Urban & Community Forestry Program and the NCUFC



Have you checked out the New Urban Wood Exchange Website yet???

<http://www.urbanwoodexchange.org/>



On Line Resources

City Counting Down to First-ever Urban Forest Inventory

NEWTOWN SQUARE, PA, June 20, 2016 - This month, the city of Pittsburgh and the USDA Forest Service's Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) Program began a first-ever urban inventory of trees, green space, and ground cover on public and private land for the greater Pittsburgh metropolitan area. "More than 80 percent of the Nation's population lives in urban areas, where urban forests are helping clean the air, reduce energy costs, and give people a vital connection to nature," said Tony Ferguson, Acting Director of the Northern Research Station and the Forest Products Laboratory. "The Forest Service's Urban FIA Program is expanding to deliver knowledge that everyone engaged in urban nature resources can use to make forests healthy and sustainable."

Assessment of Urban Tree Utilization & Forestry Programs of Richmond, VA and Raleigh, NC

Lead Author: Dr. Steve Bratkovich Publish date: 04.26.2016
This project examined urban tree utilization and the urban forestry programs in the communities of Richmond, Virginia and Raleigh, North Carolina. Individual reports for each community were prepared which include summaries of existing urban tree utilization, urban forestry programs, case studies of specific partnerships and opportunities, and results of stakeholder consultations. Urban forests provide diverse and essential benefits and services to communities. When trees are removed, the wood is most often mulched, composted, or sent to a landfill site. But, in the U. S, urban forests offer the potential for enhanced utilization with estimates of annual availability ranging from 16 to 38 million green tons.

Serious about addressing climate change? Build with wood

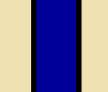
By Paul Lansbergen
In North America, the building sector accounts for about 37% of carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions. That represents a tremendous opportunity to reduce climate change by building more, and specifically taller, wooden buildings. A recent study by a team of scientists from Yale University and the University of Washington estimated that global CO2 pollution could be reduced by between 14% to 31% by using wood in place of steel and concrete. Clearly, it's a massive opportunity.

Safety Note: It is Hot Out There!!!

As many of the people reading this newsletter work outside, keep hot weather safety in mind...



For the first time ever, the Urban Wood Movement will make its presence felt at the International Woodworking Fair in Atlanta.



HEAT EXHAUSTION	OR	HEAT STROKE
Faint or dizzy		Throbbing headache
Excessive sweating		No sweating
Cool, pale, clammy skin		Body temperature above 103° Red, hot, dry skin
Nausea or vomiting		Nausea or vomiting
Rapid, weak pulse		Rapid, strong pulse
Muscle cramps		May lose consciousness
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Get to a cooler, air conditioned place Drink water if fully conscious Take a cool shower or use cold compresses 		<p>CALL 9-1-1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take immediate action to cool the person until help arrives

News from NC

NCSU study: Harvesting for wood pellets has no impact on woodland life

By Stephen Ginley
Harvesting wood debris from areas that have been clear-cut of timber does not affect the animals that live there, according to a study from researchers at N.C. State University. Chris Moorman, a professor of forestry and environmental resources, and his students spent four years cataloging small animals such as mice, toads, bugs and mourning doves at loblolly pine plantations. They found that the populations in clear-cut sites were unaffected regardless of how much wood debris was removed.

Read more here: <http://www.newsobserver.com/news/local/education/article87658682.html#storylink=cpy>

About TreeHugger Forestry

TreeHugger Forestry was established in 2004 in Walkertown, North Carolina. The company is a family owned and operated tree farm. Our mission is to provide our customers with beautiful hardwood flooring and other wood products, while using truly sustainable and environmentally friendly practices to harvest and prepare the wood.

We make it our goal to bring you beautiful products that are grown, harvested, kiln dried and turned into tongue & groove wood flooring, countertops and molding right here in Walkertown, NC. Right from our backyard!

Wood is a beautiful yet limited resource on this planet. Trees are vital to our ecosystem because they keep our air breathable and play an important role in maintaining bio-diversity. Treehugger Forestry knows that we can enjoy the benefits of wood products without damaging our environment nor endangering our children's futures.

Saving trees or endangering neighborhoods? City considers overhauling ordinance

BY ELY PORTILLO elyportillo@charlotteobserver.com
Is a rule meant to save trees putting neighborhoods in jeopardy? That was the question Monday night, as Charlotte City Council considered modifying a regulation intended to preserve trees that some neighbors say developers are using as a loophole to subdivide and over-build on single-family residential lots. Known as the tree-save ordinance, the regulation requiring developers to preserve a certain percentage of trees on new building sites was first adopted in 1978. In 2002, City Council revised the ordinance, allowing developers to build more houses on smaller lots in single-family areas - if they agreed to save more trees.

Read more here: <http://www.charlotteobserver.com/news/business/biz-columns-blogs/development/article90412527.html#storylink=cpy>

NC Urban Wood Group member Scott Farmer had a great article in the Charlotte Business Journal. Due to subscription limitations I can't put in much more than a link: <http://www.bizjournals.com/charlotte/news/2016/06/25/on-becoming-a-craftsman-how-a-local-woodworking.html>

Congrats Scott!!!

Photo Contributions

Holy smokes did I get the photo contributions!!!

A special photo edition with all the bragging rights will be out shortly!!!

Thanks to all who sent in pictures!

Remember, you can send pictures, links and articles at any time...

Eric Muecke, R.F.
NCDA&CS North Carolina Forest Service
Urban Forestry Specialist - Western Region
Firewise Program Assistant - Region 3
Cell - (828) 432-7920

To be added or removed from this list, please reply to eric.muecke@ncagr.gov. Thank you!

E-mail correspondence to and from this address may be subject to the North Carolina Public Records Law and may be disclosed to third parties.