



NC URBAN WOOD GROUP

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In this issue we have 2 upcoming workshops, the feature film “City Trees” on Netflix, a webcast re-view and urban trees for power and biochar...

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!

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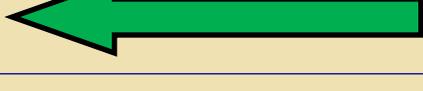
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Have you checked out the Urban Wood Exchange Website yet???

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



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



Two Workshops Coming Up

[July 26, 2017 Small Woodlot and Urban Wood Workshop 9:00–4:00 \\$30.00](#)

For details about the workshop and the project partners: go.ncsu.edu/no-wasted-wood

Join us on Wednesday, July 26, 2017 to learn and network with fellow foresters, arborists, processors, artisans, craftsmen, waste managers, municipal colleagues, and others to build long-term viability in North Carolina’s local supply chains for urban and small woodlot trees.

The workshop will address the business case for small woodlot and urban wood utilization; challenges and solutions for diverting wood from landfills into high-quality products; and the branding and marketing potential for local materials and small businesses. Local businesses are invited to display samples of products derived from small woodlot and urban wood sources for the “No Wasted Wood Gallery” and exhibit area.

Speakers range from wood market experts, small business owners, wood removal and processors, forestry consultants, and State-level leaders working to create a viable supply chain to reduce the amount of usable wood currently destined for landfills.

Who Should Attend?

This workshop seeks to bring together two audiences in need of one another; the opposite ends of the supply chain that the workshop hopes to bring together.

Wood Resource Providers: anyone engaged in the removal / transport of trees from sources such as private property, municipal greenways, right-of-ways, and professionals such as land developers, arborists, soft-touch foresters, and horse- and mechanized loggers.

Wood Resource Users: small scale forest product businesses such as firewood, shredded and chip producers, independent and mobile sawyers, artisans, and culinary professionals.

Professional continuing education contact hours will be provided for ISA Certified Arborists, NC Registered Foresters, and SAF Certified Foresters. For more details about the workshop content and objectives, call Kelley McCarter at NC State University, College of Natural Resources at 919-515-9563 or send an email to kelley_mccarter@ncsu.edu

The deadline for registration is Friday, July 21, 2017.

The workshop is sponsored by the North Carolina Forest Service Urban & Community Forestry Program, through funding from the USDA Forest Service, and in partnership with North Carolina State University and Dovetail Partners.

Mid-Atlantic Urban Wood Conference

August 15, 16 2017

Richmond Marriott Short Pump

4240 Dominion Boulevard Glen Allen, VA 23060

Topics include: Opportunities for Urban Wood in the Mid-Atlantic, Marketing Products, Developing a Business Model and Successful Case Studies from the Region

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CEUs will be requested from ISA, SAF & SHARP Logger

Online Resources

["City of Trees" Releases On Netflix](#)

The award-winning documentary film, [CITY OF TREES](#), which was screened at the 2017 Partners in Community Forestry Conference, is now on Netflix! Also available on iTunes, Amazon Video, and Google Play. After streaming the film at home, bring the conversation about trees and environmental justice to your own communities and non-profits by purchasing the full [Community Screening Kit](#).

[October 2016 Urban Wood Utilization Webcast](#)

Presentation topics included an update on the Tree Care Industry Association's draft urban forest products standard; update on an urban wood seminar held at the International Woodworking Fair in Atlanta, GA; an example of urban wood utilization in Charlotte, NC; overview of the Southeast Forest Products Exchange; and updates from Illinois, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and Michigan.

[Why Virginia Forests need Community Wood Energy](#)

Imagine a kind of energy that increases acreage of high quality forests, provides good local jobs, and improves our air, rivers, streams, and wildlife. Using local trees to generate local heat and electricity with new, clean burning technologies improves our own health, the health of our economy, and nature. We call this [Community Wood Energy](#), meaning using wood to heat and power our communities’ buildings. Although wood has been used for many centuries to heat homes, it’s use in commercial and public buildings for not just heat, but also for electricity, is what makes this new.

[Biochar as an Innovative Wood Product: A Look at Barriers to Realization of its Full Potential](#)

In the previous Dovetail Report Biochar 101: An Introduction to an Ancient Product Offering Modern Opportunities (Groot et al. 2016) the bottom line was: “Biochar is a product with clear benefits but many questions yet to be answered.” That remains the case. However, ongoing research has expanded the knowledge base, and the debate about biochar’s value and cost effectiveness is narrowing as more is known.

A barrier to further market growth is that the industry producing biochar is unsettled, with little agreement regarding product standards, message, or carbon accounting.

There is an opportunity for more collaboration to resolve these issues, especially among the mid to large-scale producers.

Safety Notes

[Avoiding and Treating Work-Related Insect Bites and Stings](#)

This WorkCare Fact Sheet describes workrelated bite and sting risks, symptoms, treatment and preventive measures. Bites and stings are a relatively common occurrence for people who work outdoors and in enclosed environments where bees and wasps, fire ants, insects and arachnids (spiders, scorpions, ticks and mites) feel at home.

Employers and workers are encouraged to understand exposure risks, how to recognize and respond to stings and bites, and what they can do to prevent them. Under 29 CFR Part 1904 - Recording and Reporting Occupational Injuries and Illnesses, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) considers bites and stings to be recordable when an employee who is bitten or stung while working receives medical treatment beyond first aid. First aid is defined in [1904.7 \(b\)\(5\)\(ii\)](#).

Thousands of people in the U.S. are stung or bitten each year. In a study of bite - and stingrelated workplace fatalities and injuries that occurred from 1992-1997 in the U.S., 39 of 42 deaths were attributed to stings. During the same period, arachnids and insects inflicted 36,100 reported non-fatal occupational injuries and illnesses. Outdoor workers accounted for the majority of incidents.

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