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NOW IS THE TIME FOR ACTION

Spring and summer is greening, growing and action oriented. With schools soon being let out and working parents hoping to find positive growth experiences (nice things to do) for their kids, now is the opportunity to start up a local natural resources and sports club. One of the best youth programs I have personally observed was the YCC - Youth Conservation Corp. It had a wonderful balance of work, play and recreational learning. (Recreational learning is the type of situation that you get into and you leave smarter or more insightful than you came yet all the time you just thought you were having fun.)

Trees and forest exploration can be a healthy part of any summer youth program or family activity. Families can build experiences and bonding by taking a simple hike. It's always fun to remember when your tough big brother danced on a stump like a leprechaun just because a stick happened to pop up through the leaves in front of him.

When those ornery twigs are behaving, forests provide a wonderful peaceful ambiance, a place of reflection and solitude after a hard days work or play. To have a butterfly land on your knee when you are taking a short rest during that treacherous mole hill climb, is a moving experience. Here's to wishing that butterflies came in larger sizes and provided carrier service.

Take time to enjoy the natural resources in and around your community. Think about becoming a volunteer who can take action by helping to manage or maintain unique natural resources around your community. You could volunteer to organize a big tree planting event or fund raiser for trees in your community. There is no better time than the present to reach out and make your community a better place to live and play.

See pages 5-7 to see how local citizens have worked with The National Tree Trust, a national organization that provides free seedlings that are great for school and youth based projects. Just think of the possibilities!

ENJOY TREES! THINK COMMUNITY! LOOK TO THE FUTURE!

Written by: Reinee Hildebrandt, Urban Conservation Program Administrator, IDNR, Division of Forest Resources.

MONEY MATTERS

ILLINOIS Urban and Community Forestry Grants

The Urban and Community Forestry Grant program put on hold until further notice.

TECHNICAL UPDATE

TREE CITY USA - Learn About the Participating in the Program

Contact your local District Forester or call 217-782-2361 and request a Tree City USA packet.

District Foresters are available to assist communities with tree planting demonstrations, tree pruning demonstrations, Arbor Day Celebrations, tree inventories (for communities with less than 5000 trees), help organize local tree boards and establish local tree care ordinances.

Your Regional Forestry Offices can also help you find assistance. Their locations and phone numbers are:

Kurt Bobsin, 217-278-5773

Tom Gargrave, 815-476-0256

Tom Lamer, 618-462-1181

Matt Siemert, 815-625-2968

Gary Stratton, 618-438-6781

YEAR 2002 IDNR - Tree Inventory Service to Small Communities

Sign up for the FY'02 Illinois Department of Natural Resources on-line tree inventory and management plan development service by contacting Reinee

Hildebrandt at 217-782-236. Please leave your name, community's name, address, phone, county, community population and mention the IDNR/Davey Tree Inventory program.

DNR provides staff to assist community volunteer groups in conduct tree inventories and data entry. The result of participation will be a database file of your communities trees and a management plan. .

IDNR - Educational Services Has Resources Available

IDNR ENTICE teacher training is nearly full for the summer sessions. Teachers can enhance natural resources curriculum in the classroom by attending the teacher training at the Wildlife Prairie park in Peoria, IL. For more information call Troy Gilmore at 217-557-6798 or send an e-mail to illinoisentice@dnrmail.state.il.us or visit the website at www.illinoisentice.org

RECOGNITION, AWARDS AND CONTESTS

ARBOR DAY POSTER CONTEST

The State of Illinois 5th grade Arbor Day Poster Contest theme for year 2002 is "Trees are Terrific ... Inside and Out!" To view the 2001 winning poster please visit Illinois Department of Natural Resources web page.

<http://www.dnr.state.il.us/lands/education>

Congratulations to the 2001 winner:

Katrina Maborang, Cass Jr. High, Darien, IL.

Other winners include: Brittany Johnson, Christian

Nevins, Joe Bonokollie, Nichele Nebergall. Check out the winning poster on: <http://dnr.state.il.us/lands/education/classrm/poster.htm>

TREE CITY USA RECIPIENT LIST, 2000

<u>CITY</u>	<u>#of Years</u>
ADDISON*	13
ALGONQUIN	5
ALTAMONT	15
ALTON	7
ANTIOCH	9
ARLINGTON HEIGHT	16
AURORA	8
BANNOCKBURN	10
BARRINGTON	15
BARRY	3
BATAVIA*	4
BELLEVILLE	8
BENSENVILLE	13
BERKELEY	2
BERWYN	14
BLOOMINGDALE	6
BLOOMINGTON	14
BOLINGBROOK*	11
BROOKFIELD	20
BROOKLYN*	4
BUFFALO	15
BUFFALO GROVE	13
BURR RIDGE	7
CAMP LINCOLN	3
CARBONDALE	20
CARROLLTON	11
CENTRALIA	13
CHAMPAIGN*	16
CHANNAHON	4
CHICAGO*	19
CHILLICOTHE	11
CLARENDON HILLS	11
COLLINSVILLE	18
COUNTRY CLUB HILLS	11

DAKOTA	3
DAVIS...NEW	1
DECATUR*	20
DES PLAINES	14
DOWNERS GROVE*	17

*Communities with BOLD lettering and a * are GROWTH AWARD COMMUNITIES.*

<u>CITY</u>	<u>#of Years</u>
EAST PEORIA	9
ELBURN	2
ELGIN*	11
ELK GROVE VILLAGE	16
ELMHURST*	21
EVANSTON*	17
FORRESTON...NEW	1
FORSYTH	5
FRANKFORT	5
GALESBURG...NEW	1
GALVA	16
GENEVA	3
GENOA*	7
GIBSON CITY	6
GLEN ELLYN*	17
GLENCOE	17
GLENDALE HEIGHTS*	4
GLENVIEW*	16
GRAYSLAKE	7
GREENVILLE	6
GRIDLEY	3
GURNEE	4
HANOVER PARK	16
HAZEL CREST*	16
HENRY	5
HICKORY HILLS*	5
HIGHLAND*	12
HIGHLAND PARK	21
HINSDALE	9
HOFFMAN ESTATES*	11
HOMewood*	3
INDIAN HEAD PARK	11

INVERNESS	10
IRVING	7
ITASCA*	16
JACKSONVILLE	3
JOLIET	10
KANKAKEE	5

<u>CITY</u>	<u>#of Years</u>
LA GRANGE	18
LA GRANGE PARK	14
LAKE BLUFF*	5
LAKE FOREST	21
LAKE ZURICH*	6
LANARK	8
LIBERTYVILLE	8
LINCOLNSHIRE*	12
LINCOLNWOOD	3
LINDENHURST*	4
LISLE	9
LOMBARD	11
LONG GROVE ...NEW	1
LYONS	18
MACHESNEY PARK	15
MACOMB	9
MARQUETTE HEIGHTS	10
MARSHALL	9
MARTINSVILLE	7
MATTESON	10
MCHENRY	7
MIDDLETOWN	11
MOLINE*	10
MOUNT CARROLL	13
MOUNT PROSPECT	16
MOUNT VERNON*	7
MOWEAQUA*	13
NAPERVILLE*	11
NEW LENOX...NEW	1
NORMAL	2
N. BARRINGTON...NEW	1
NORTHBROOK*	7
NORTHFIELD	16

O'FALLON	3
OAK LAWN	5
OAK PARK	17
ORLAND PARK*	15
OSWEGO	7
OTTAWA	2

<u>CITY</u>	<u>#of Years</u>
PALATINE	16
PALOS HEIGHTS	11
PALOS HILLS*	13
PALOS PARK*	8
PARK RIDGE*	17
PAXTON	12
PEKIN	11
PEORIA	16
PETERSBURG*	8
PLAINFIELD	10
PLEASANT PLAINS	7
PRINCETON	12
PROSPECT HEIGHTS*	3
QUINCY	15
RANTOUL	15
RIVER FOREST*	3
RIVER GROVE*	6
ROCK ISLAND	11
ROLLING MEADOWS*	12
ROSELLE	15

SALEM	11
SCHAUMBURG	12
SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE	8
SKOKIE*	15
SPRINGFIELD	13
ST. CHARLES*	3
ST. ELMO	9
STELLE	16
STREAMWOOD	9
SUGAR GROVE	8
TAYLORVILLE	13
TOWER LAKES	8
URBANA*	25
VERNON HILLS	9
VILLA PARK	16

<u>CITY</u>	<u>#of Years</u>
WARRENVILLE	15
WAYNE	4
WESTERN SPRINGS	17
WESTMONT	5
WHEATON	15
WHEELING	11
WILMETTE*	17
WINNETKA	8
WOODRIDGE	10
ZION	6

2000 TREE LINE USA AWARDS

Alliant Energy (Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin)

Ameren (Illinois, Missouri)

City of Batavia Municipal Electric Utility (Illinois)

Commonwealth Edison CETV (Illinois)

Illinois Power Company (Illinois)

Springfield City Water Light and Power (Illinois)

RECOGNITION, AWARDS, CONT.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

undergraduate forestry program has been re-accredited by the Society of American Foresters, the field's largest professional organization. Accreditation means that SIU has the necessary faculty, research facilities, and resources to produce graduates who will meet the expectations of the profession and the public at large.

DR. GEORGE WARE - The May/June Morton Arboretum newsletter recognized "MR. ELM", none other than George Ware. Dr. Ware was also recognized recently for his contributions to society with the Award of Merit by the American Association of Botanic Gardens and Arboreta. Congratulations Dr. Elm. Oops! I mean Dr. Ware!

INSECT AND DISEASE

Check out the following website:
<http://www.ag.uiuc.edu/~vista/horticult.htm>

PARTNERSHIP CORNER

NATIONAL TREE TRUST

The National Tree Trust has provided resources to several Illinois-based agencies, groups, organizations, and schools. Below are the 2000 Illinois Participants in the National Tree Trust Community Tree Planting Program:

City of Dekalb

City of Warrenville - Natural Areas Commission
 Ecology Action Center
 Fox Ridge State Park
 Hazel Crest park District
 Illinois Department of Natural Resources
 Kiwanis Key Club, Rock Falls High School
 Lucent Technologies Pioneers
 Nelson Ridge School
 O'Fallon IL Urban Forestry
 Park District of Highland Park
 Peoria County Highway Department
 Saint Peters School
 Southern Illinois University, Carbondale
 US Army Corps of Engineers
 US Fish and Wildlife Service
 Village of Bloomingdale
 Village of Dolton
 Village of Glendale Heights
 Village of Richton Park
 Women's Self Help Center

The typical practice is to plant these trees in containers and when they have reached an appropriate size they are planted to the desired location.

NATIONAL TREE TRUST YEAR 2001

This Spring the following communities, organizations, agencies, and schools have received Community Tree Planting Program seedlings for the projects listed:

Andalusia Club Scouts Pack 220, Andalusia, IL - Local Cub Scouts will plant the 100 seedlings at their local elementary school building and the Lion's Club Park where their meetings are held.

(Village of) Bloomingdale, Bloomingdale, IL - Residents who volunteer will help plant and care for the 100 seedlings for planting on parkways.

(Village of) Carpentersville, Carpentersville, IL - In cooperation with the Mighty Acorns program from Perry Elementary and the high school students from Dundee-Crown High School, 100 seedlings will be planted.

Crystal Lake Park District, Crystal Lake, IL - 300 trees will be planted by volunteers during Crystal Lake Clean-up and local school field trips. Veteran Acres Woods will be the site for the seedling planting and restoration projects.

Darien Park District, Darien, IL - Scouts, Senior clubs, and the City of Darien Environmental Committee Members will plant 100 seedlings at the Darien Park District Office and a local park.

(City of) Dekalb - A partnership project between 300 students from District 428 schools, Univ. of IL Master Gardeners, Com Ed, McDonald's, Walmart will result in 500 seedlings planted

Elba Salem Park District, Yates City, IL - 100 trees will be planted at local schools as a part of their junior high science classes.

Fox Valley Park District, Aurora, IL - Two local nurseries will have 1,000 National Tree Trust seedlings planted on nursery land and cared for until school groups and scout groups need them for special tree planting projects.

Frankfort Park District, Frankfort, IL - To celebrate Arbor Day seven classes of preschool helped plant 800 seedlings in the northwest corner of their 60 acre park.

Genoa Township Park District, Genoa, IL - The area Lions Club, high school Environmental Club, and girl and boy scout groups will plant 300 seedlings on a 20 acre property adjacent to the soccer field complex and in Chamberlain Park.

Havana Park District, Havana, IL - Twenty seedlings each will be planted in the following parks: Oake Grove, Riverfront, Scarboroughm 10th Street Ball Diamond and Rockwell Park. A local boy scout group will maintain the tree planting.

Kiwanis Key Club, Rock Falls High School, Rock Falls, IL - 600 seedlings will be planted around public buildings and other public easements. Local club

members will assist in finding locations for public tree plantings.

Mason County University of IL Extension, Havana, IL - The Mason County Fairground will get 100 trees planted on the grounds while 4-H members and other participants will be provided with workshops based on Project Learning Tree Curriculum through the American Forest Foundation, and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the 4-H Forestry Curriculum.

(City of) Moline, Parks Dept. - Volunteers from the Moline Park dept. and Sylvan Island will plant 1,000

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Carlye, IL - Using volunteers from local high schools, Corp lands benefit from the planting of 7,000 seedlings for a reforestation project around Carlye Lake.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Thomson, IL - Audubon Society, and Friends of the Upper Mississippi Natural Area Guardians will plant 500 seedlings in the Upper Mississippi River National Fish and Wildlife Refuge.

Women's Self Help Center, Springfield, IL - In cooperation with local churches and K.I.C.K.S - "Kids in Community Kindness and Service", 100 seedlings will be planted.

Overall, the National Tree Trust has provided 18,000 seedlings for educational purposes and community greening on public lands. Visit your local nursery and add to your communities greening effort by planting a tree in your yard. Planting season in Illinois is from March to June (depending on location within the state) and September to December (depending on location and moisture content). Your local forester can tell you when to plant trees in your area.

For more information call: 1-800-UGO-TREE and ask about the many programs provided by the National Tree Trust.

NATIONAL ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION (NADF)

In 2002, the Department of Natural Resource, Urban Forestry Program and NADF are in the initial stages of discussion on jointly hosting a Trees and Utilities Conference. To be added to the conference mail list: send an e-mail titled: ATTEND TREES AND UTILITIES Conference to: rhildebrandt@dnrmail.state.il.us

Or contact June Parsons, Director of Conference Program Development at 402-474-5655x205 or fax 402-474-0820 or e-mail her at jparsons@arborday.org

Lied Conference Center, Nebraska City, NE Call: 402-474-5655 for more information.

ILLINOIS ARBORIST ASSOCIATION

The Illinois Arborist Association gets a new Executive Director. Her name is: April Toney. Her address is P.O. Box 860, Antioch, IL 60002. Phone: 877-617-8887. Fax 262-857-6677. Email: ctoney1@earthlink.net June 1st was her first day on the job. Call her if you need anything!

IAA is currently looking for an editor for the "Illinois Arboriculture" newsletter. If interested call Peggy Drescher at 630-469-6756.

U.S.D.A., FOREST SERVICE - CARA FUNDS FOR ILLINOIS' URBAN FORESTRY PROJECTS

There were two categories of funding: Title VIII and Inner City. Illinois received two projects with the Cara Light - Title VIII grants. Chicago Dept. of Planning and a joint Indiana/Illinois project based out of Gary, In both received funding. The total funding requested by large Illinois communities was \$1.2 million. There was \$1.4 available for the 20 Northeastern states. Illinois projects received a total of approximately \$400,000 for the two projects.

The Cara Light Funding - Title VIII ranged from \$75,000 to \$200,000 for major regional initiatives that would help area officials better manage their urban forest resources. Inner City projects ranged from \$25,000 to \$75,000 and focused on improving under-served, low income areas of cities by planting trees and conducting educational outreach.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

If you wish to contact the Community Forestry Volunteer Coordinator about receiving technical assistance within the southern 36 counties, please contact Dave Close at 618-453-3341 or dclose@siu.edu.

REGIONAL URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY COUNCILS (RUCFC) UPDATE

Funding for the Regional Council Initiatives has been put on hold until FY'02.

NORTHEAST ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL ARBORIST'S - The Municipal Committee of the Illinois Arborist Association

The Northeast Illinois Municipal Arborist will meet on June 12th. For more information contact: Heather Green @ the City of Park Ridge to be added to the mailing list:
@ Phone (847)-318-5231
@ Fax (847)318-5562

DATES TO REMEMBER

CONFERENCES, EVENTS AND MEETINGS
June 2-3, 2001, *Summer Hiking Theater Series*
Morton Arboretum, Lisle IL,
630-719-2465

June 3-5, 2001, *Making Locally Led Conservation Work!* National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City
Nebraska, 888-448-0820

June 8, 2001, *Twilight Tree Walk Member's Dinner*
Morton Arboretum, Lisle, IL
630-719-2457

June 28, 2001, *Partnering for a Healthy Environment*, Gateway Center, One Gateway Drive, Collinsville, IL USEPA 800-621-8431x60995

June 29, 2001, *Construction Contracting For Public Entities in Illinois*, Lorman Education Services, Peoria, IL 715-833-3959

September 5-8, 2001, *2001 National Urban Forestry Conference*, American Forests, Washington, D.C. www.americanforests.org (Click on Trees, Cities, Sprawl, then on 2001 conference)

September 24-26, 2001, *BROWNSFIELDS 2001*, McCormick Place Convention Center, Chicago, IL www.brownfields.org

December 4-5, 2001 *Illinois Arborist Meeting* at Pheasant Run in St. Charles, IL.

December, 31 - *Tree City USA applications are due*. Send your completed application to: Reinee Hildebrandt, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forest Resources, 524 South 2nd Street, Springfield, IL 62702-1787.

March 19, 2002 - *Tree City USA Conference and Awards Ceremony*, Springfield, IL (tentative)

March 21, 2002 - *Tree City USA Conference and Award Ceremony*, Lisle, IL (tentative)

April 26, 2001 - *ARBOR DAY* in ILLINOIS

Let us know about dates and events that might be of interest to communities, urban forestry/arborist professionals, horticulturalist/urban gardeners/landscapers, community tree boards, gardening clubs, and openspace or urban greening enthusiast. Fax information to: 217-785-5517 or e-mail it to rhildebrandt@dnrmail.state.il.us Please label it or clearly mark it with the title "FOR PRAIRIE TREE COMPANION NEWSLETTER CONSIDERATION".

Please send us articles of local Illinois community projects relating to trees. We will review your article for publishing consideration.

A PLAY ON WORDS

Think about trees,
While you look at your community,
And future enjoyment.

Look at the trees,
While you enjoy your community,
And think about the future.

Enjoy trees as you,
Think about your community,
And look to the future.

PLANT TREES FOR TOMORROW ! rh

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BRENT MANNING, DIRECTOR

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