

Illinois Urban Forestry Work Plan

Revision: 8/31/16

Priority	UF Plan Goal	Recommendation	Product/Program	Needs	Budget	Assignments	Comments
1	1.2.C and 1.3.A	Promote and educate about the benefits of trees and species diversity at state, regional and local levels	Produce an educational piece that can be distributed to public and private landowners across the state and be posted to websites.	Volunteer to collect information. Design professional to design educational piece for pdf and hard copy. Print copies to be distributed to all communities and park districts. (Distribution to be undertaken regionally by Committee members.) Pdf to be posted to state urban forestry page and interested partners.	\$2,000	Beth (Chair), Stephanie, Steve, Debbie, Reinee, Tom	Visit Urbana Website, review IA diversity piece, TMA will have Benefits lit review published soon.
2	3.1	Increase the number of certified or credentialed individuals in urban and community forestry. Work with ISA, IAA and others to expand offerings, program content, locations and opportunities for arborist training. Create a scholarship program to reduce financial barriers for certification and credential acquisition.	Illinois ISA Certification Scholarship Program	Volunteers to work with ISA to expand program opportunities and outreach. Volunteers to assist in distribution of opportunities. Help to start a scholarship program. Suggestion that option be provided at time or renewal or at conference registration to donate to others. (Scholarship provided by the Illinois Urban Forestry Committee?)	\$1,000	Steve (Chair), Beth	Need application, review and award process defined. Who will administrate \$\$?
3	2.4	Provide access to climate adaptation strategies as being developed by the Northern Institute of Applied Climate Science, the US Forest Service, Field and Arboretum.	Urban Forestry Climate Adaptation web page with link to NIACS Climate Change Response Framework and Resources.	Volunteer to collect information on the Climate Adaptation information and provide to web page developer.	\$500	Lydia (Chair), Tom, Rob	LS provided research - is it on IDNR U&CF website? Where else should we share?
4	4.0	Support and promote recognition and learning opportunities associated with forest invasive species.	NEED NEW PROGRAM			Tricia Bethke (Chair), Chris Evans, Bob	
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Committee Budget Request:

\$3,500

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Related Efforts for the Urban Forestry Committee							
5	5	Expand engagement and participation in the Illinois Urban Forestry Committee. Build partnerships and information sharing state-wide.	Have a stable active Illinois Urban Forestry Committee.	Establish a base number of participants. Encourage consistent attendance. Hold regular meetings (quarterly or bi monthly). Establish annual and five year goals and objectives for group. Provide consistent reporting to the IFDC.		Mike (Chair), Steve, Lydia	Done - but now need to start recruiting fresh members
6	6	Host an Illinois Forestry Summit to engage all interested individuals and organizations to build support and improvement of our urban forest.	Urban Forestry Summit (annual?)	Develop an exploratory committee, Find a funder. Volunteers to determine agenda and topics. Find location. Promote the Summit. Food and refreshments.		Illinois Forestry Development Council (Chair), April Toney, Stephanie, Reinee	
7		Host the Municipal Forestry Institute in Illinois	MFI in Illinois	Work with SMA to host MFI in Illinois. Work on logistics and location. Develop scholarship program for Illinois participants. 60 participants annually. Only 4 IL MFI Certified out of 450		Beth, Steve, Mike	Submitted application to host 2016. Will need to apply annually.

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2	2.2.B and	Provide access to guidelines and management practices for the care, planting, selection and preservation of trees.	Resource list from key experts, ISA, Morton, USFS, SMA, TCIA and others.	Volunteers to develop a list of standards providers. Obtain permission to use copies of this information and/or links to these resources. Develop a list of these resources which can be posted to state urban forestry page and interested partners. (Budget to be used to update state urban forestry page.)		Reinee and Mike(Co-Chairs), Bob	
4	3.1 and 3.	Support use of volunteers, stewards and organizations in urban forestry programs. Promote training programs.	Volunteer section on IDNR website	Committee members to provide information to centralized location where one individual will forward information along for inclusion on IDNR website.		Reinee, Beth (Co-chair), Debbie (Co-chair), Tom	
4	4	Support and promote recognition and learning opportunities associated with forest invasive species.	2016 ISAM Conference assistance	Collaborate with IDNR Invasive Species program. Develop and fund an annual conference for landowners and managers. Determine who, what, when and where. (May?)		Chris Evans, Tricia Bethke (Chair), Bob	Done. Conference held in 2015 and 2016 - new direction for forest pest outreach.