

2017 Illinois Urban Forestry Work Plan

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| 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. | 2017 is to Determine content for educational piece. Future goals: 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. | Determine the Topics to be covered |
| 2 | 3.1a 3.1b | 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. | Letter of Support Develop Illinois ISA Certification Scholarship Program and or support existing scholarship programs | 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 | Rob (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. | Encourage use of the link to NIACS Climate Change Response. Framework and Resources on Partners webpages. | Volunteer to collect information on the Climate Adaptation information and provide to web page developer. | \$500 | Lydia (Chair), Rob | LS to provide research for IDNR U&CF website. Information should also be posted on the USDA Forest Service Field House Museum and Morton Arboretum websites. |
| 4 | 4.0 | Support and promote recognition and learning opportunities associated with forest invasive species. | Need new program | Monitor and report back to the council about the activities of the state Invasive Species Council and provide support as appropriate. | | Tricia Bethke (Chair), Chris Evans. | |
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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. | | Rob (Chair), Steve, Lydia and Mike. | 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 | Unsuccessfully submitted application to host 2016. We will need to apply annually. |
| 2 | 2.2.B | 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. | Continue to provide DNR and others with resources which can be posted to state urban forestry page and interested partners. | | Reinee and Mike(Co-Chairs), Bob and Sravya | Done: 1. Via DNR website technical assistance tab 2. Support for the canopy publication |
| 4 | 3.1 & 3.3 | Support use of volunteers, stewards and organizations in urban forestry programs. Promote training programs. | Volunteer section on IDNR website | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a possible volunteer tab on DNR website to direct people to volunteer training opportunities provided by partner organizations. Committee members to provide information to centralized location where one individual will forward information along for inclusion on IDNR website. Add a Nursery Master Naturalist to the committee list. Then continue to supply DNR with Urban and Community Forestry contact list updates. | | Reinee, Sandy (Co-chair), Debbie, Beth and Daniella? | Done: 1. Via DNR UCF State contact tabs. 2. DNR core funding going to Openlands, Morton Arboretum and Trees Forever for training 3. Via DNR UCF Calendar |
| 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. |