

# TechTransfer

## highlights

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### Dear Readers:

I want to take this opportunity to personally thank each of you for your feedback on February's premiere issue of the Technology Transfer Highlights. We received many encouraging comments from colleagues and partners around the country. A special thanks to the National Technology Transfer Team, for having the vision to create this document, the commitment to implement it, and the consideration to share it with a broad audience. With your continued feedback and assistance we plan to provide many high quality future issues. Below are just a few comments we received from readers:

Sincerely Yours,

Larry Payne  
Director  
Cooperative Forestry

*"You are brilliant!"*  
Gina Childs, Group Leader  
Information Management  
and Analysis

*"Thank you very much for the Tech Transfer. Its compilation and format are very impressive". "I would like to be able to take articles from it to circulate to the Municipal Arborists here in the UK".*  
Ian McDermott

*"This is a good publication"*  
Ann Loose, Director  
Conservation Education

### This Month's Feature:

## The Northeast Center for Urban & Community Forestry

The USDA Forest Service Northeast Center for Urban & Community Forestry at Amherst, Massachusetts is one of three Urban and Community Forestry 'Centers of Excellence' serving the Northeastern Area. The Northeast Center for U&CF at Amherst represents a cooperative partnership between the Forest Service Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry, the University of Massachusetts' Department of Natural Resources Conservation, and the seven states of New England and New York. The two other regional U&CF Centers of Excellence are located at the St. Paul Field Office and at Keystone College, LaPlume, Pennsylvania. The three Centers serve as technology transfer hubs for the Northeastern Area

An eleven-member Advisory Board provides input into the strategic direction and mission of the Northeast Center for U&CF. The Advisory Board is comprised of representatives of the State Foresters in New England and New York, as well as a representative of the utility industry, commercial tree care, and community based programming. Additionally, a representative of the University of Massachusetts and the Durham Field Office serve on the Advisory Board. The Northeast Center for U&CF was established in 1996, as a grant program to the University of

Massachusetts, and was named a Forest Service unit in 1999. David Bloniarz serves as the Project Director of the Northeast Center for U&CF, and has worked at the Center since its establishment.

### Our Mission

The Northeast Center for U&CF responds to urban and community forestry information needs, facilitates and supports new and existing research, and coordinates the exchange of information among states, that contributes to healthy sustainable communities. The principal focus of the Northeast Center is Urban Forest Management, including the transfer of technology related to the development of more effective municipal tree care systems.



*Hazard Tree Workshops Include Demonstrations of State-of-the-Art Technology*

### Our Goals

The Northeast Center for U&CF aims to provide effective technology transfer delivery through a variety of methods. The Goals of the Center include:

- Assist state Urban & Community Forestry Programs by focusing on common information needs, services, and research.
- Providing a point of access for research, information, and technology relating to urban and rural communities.

