

The Northeast Center for Urban & Community Forestry

Transferring Technology to New England & New York

The Challenge

Urban and community forestry plays an important role in improving the quality of life for city and community residents. The quality of the city's and community's environment also influences residents' decisions to experience other natural environments. The nature of the environment plays an important role in people's interest in, and use of forests, as well as their participation in natural resource management activities. The delivery of information and state-of-the-art technologies to urban areas has been challenging, and the efficient use of limited staffing, and programming resources, presents a continued management issue for urban and community foresters, greenspace managers, community organizers and local and state agencies.

The Solution

The Northeast Center for Urban and Community Forestry is a cooperative partnership among the USDA Forest Service, Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry, the University of Massachusetts/Amherst, and the seven states of New England and New York. The Center serves as the leading technology transfer initiative in the New England/New York region. The Center responds to urban and community forestry needs, facilitates and supports new and existing research, and coordinates the exchange of information among the states in the region. Working with professionals, community groups, state, federal, and local governments, and other organizations, the Center is an integral component of the Forest Service technology transfer initiative, which includes two other regional centers, located in St. Paul, Minnesota and at Keystone College, Pennsylvania.

- The Northeast Center assists state Urban and Community Forestry programs by focusing on common information needs, services, and research.

The Northeast Center for U&CF serves as a leading technology transfer initiative in the New England/New York region.



Web resources from the Northeast Center for U&CF can be found at www.umass.edu/urbantree.

- Provides a point of access for research, information and technology relating to urban and rural communities.
- Fosters community participation and volunteerism in the stewardship of healthy sustainable communities.
- Supports partnerships among Federal, State, and local officials, green industry and utility professionals and volunteer groups.

Resulting Benefits

- New tools and state-of-the-art technologies developed and distributed to users throughout the region.
- Improved distribution of research findings, information and products to end users.
- Increased awareness and value of the urban forest by urban populations.

Sharing Success

- Developed web site for distribution of technology transfer products.
- Developed and distributed state-of-the-art tools for urban forest management.
- Advisory Board represents agency, professional and community constituents.



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