

SPECIAL REPORT
of the
ACADEMIC MATTERS COUNCIL
concerning

**NAME CHANGE OF AN EXISTING PROGRAM FOR MAJORS
IN THE STOCKBRIDGE SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE:**

Arboriculture and Park Management to

Arboriculture and Community Forest Management

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STOCKBRIDGE SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE

Change in the Name of the existing Program for Majors in Arboriculture and Park Management to Arboriculture and Community Forest Management

- I. Background/Rationale.** For many years, the Department of Natural Resources Conservation (NRC) has been actively involved in assisting the Stockbridge School of Agriculture in the two-year Associate Degree Program in the field of Arboriculture and Park Management for majors of the Stockbridge School. While this has been a fine Program for our students over the years, important developments have occurred both nationally, and on the Amherst campus. On the Amherst campus, the Park Management component has been weakened substantially with the elimination of Leisure Studies and Resources a few years ago. Nationally, the trend has been to move away from Park Management to Community Forest Management. This is a consonant with employer/student interests across the country. The new emphasis is on Community Forest Management.

Through the Director of the Stockbridge School, the NRC faculty and the Head proposed that the present name of the major program be changed to reflect the evolving new realities. The Academic Matter Council (AMC) reviewed the Proposal. This Report contains AMC's observations and recommendation.

II. AMC Observations.

- (a) This is not a new Program. The curriculum has been modified to reflect the new emphasis (Appendix). A total of 65-67 graduation credits is fully consistent with requirements for the Stockbridge Associate Degree.
- (b) This is the only 2-year Associate Degree in the field of Arboriculture and Community Forest Management in New England.
- (c) The Stockbridge School was awarded the highest honor by the National Arborists Association in 1999 with its Award of Merit for "positively influencing the practice of Arboriculture." This national recognition testifies to the quality of the program, and the dedication of the faculty.
- (d) It is pleasing that part of an endowed chair was funded on the Campus by New England professionals in the field.
- (e) The student enrollment (~40) is not expected to be affected by the name change.
- (f) The change in the title of the major will serve to improve recruiting efforts at the Stockbridge School.
- (g) No new courses/resources are needed.

- III. AMC Recommendation.** The Council commends the Stockbridge School on its achievements and recognition. The name change of the major does indeed reflect the new emphasis and vitality of the Program. Accordingly, AMC voted unanimously in favor of the new title, and the following MOTION.

MOVED: That the Faculty Senate approve the present Stockbridge major in Arboriculture and Park Management be changed in title to Arboriculture and Community Forest Management, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 50-01

APPENDIX

Arboriculture and Community Forest Management
 Department of Natural Resources Conservation
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This program prepares students for positions in the parks, community forestry, and tree care industry with expertise in planting, mechanical injuries, insect and disease control, and removal of storm damaged or undesirable trees.

FIRST SEMESTER		CREDITS
ENVDES 335	Plant Materials 1	4
FOREST 102	Aerial Techniques	1
FOREST 210	Principles of Arboriculture I	3
PLSOIL 102	Introductory Botany	4
PLSOIL 105	Soils	4
	Total 16	
SECOND SEMESTER (EIGHT WEEKS)		CREDITS
ENT 104	Insects and Related Forms	2
ENVDES 193C	Microcomputer Applications	2
FOREST 191	Seminar in Arboriculture and Park Management	2
FOREST 210	Principles of Arboriculture II	2
LDCONT 105	Landscape Drafting	2
STOCK 191A	Marketing Agricultural Crops	2
	Total 12	
APRIL THROUGH AUGUST		CREDITS
FOREST 198	Cooperative Work Training	4
THIRD SEMESTER		CREDITS
ENT 105	Insects of Ornamentals	3
FOREST 305	Private Tree Business	3
NRC 100	The Environment and Society	4 (Elective)
MATH	Algebra	3
MICBIO 104	Horticultural Plant Pathology	3
MICBIO 106	Microorganisms on Woody Plants	
	Lab	1
PLSOIL 230	Introductory Turfgrass Management	3
ELECTIVE	(Optional)	2-3
	Total 19-20	
FOURTH SEMESTER		CREDITS
ENGL 120	English Composition	3
ELECTIVE	(Restricted - approval of coordinator)	2-3
FOREST 110	Introduction to Forestry	3
FOREST 310	Urban Forestry	3
RES EC 142	People in Organizations	3
NAREST 264	Park & Recreation Maintenance	
	Management	3 (Elective)
	Total 14 or 15	

Grand Total 65-67 credits