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Location *TBD*

State Forester/ Director  
Colorado Forest Service, *Fort Collins, CO*

Plant Pest & Disease Specialist  
WI DATCP, *Madison, WI*

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## SPOTLIGHT

### WI Urban Forestry Council Members in American Forests Video

Two members of the Wisconsin Urban Forestry Council are featured in a video created by American Forests. View the [Benefits of Urban Forests](#) video at [www.americanforests.org](http://www.americanforests.org) to see Ken Ottman and David Sivyer Oscar nominating performances.

American Forests also published a 108-page narrative book, [Urban Forests Case Studies: Challenges, Potential and Success in a Dozen Cities](#), where they researched the urban forest activities of 12 cities (includes Milwaukee) throughout the country and compiled the lessons learned. You can read the flip-book and each case study on the website.

Enjoy!

*Laura Wyatt*

### Tree City USA Applications Deadline



Tree City, Tree Line and Tree Campus USA application deadlines are right around the corner! You can access information and application materials for these Arbor Day Foundation recognition programs from the DNR Urban Forestry website, <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/UrbanForests/treecity.html>. Tree City and Tree Campus applicants are encouraged to use the online application form, though hard-copy applications are available. **Deadline December 31**

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## SPECIFICALLY WISCONSIN

### WDNR Forest Health Updates and Publications

- Northern Region: [November](#)
- Southern Region: [November](#)
- Northeast Region: [October](#), [November](#)
- West Central: [October](#)

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# EMERALD ASH BORER

## Recent EAB Webinars Worth Watching

Bill McNee, DNR Forest Health

In the past few weeks [Emerald Ash Borer University](#) has run two great webinars featuring case studies of EAB impacts in communities with advanced infestations – cities such as Detroit, Chicago and Fort Wayne. These presentations will show you what happens when most of your ash trees die within a few years, and why long-infested communities stress the importance of having a tree inventory and preparing for EAB ahead of time. Fortunately, nearly all Wisconsin communities don't yet have EAB or are in the early infestation stages, and have more management options available than the cities featured in the webinars. You may be able to see your community's fate if you aren't preparing for EAB impacts ahead of time!

These webinars discuss some interesting consequences of EAB infestation that you may not have heard of before, such as:

- How much sidewalk damage occurs during large-scale tree removals
- Having to remove sprouts obstructing the sidewalks
- How many complaints abundant stumps generate
- Some people selling their homes because they are now exposed to full sunlight
- Increased storm damage in the future if EAB eats up your pruning budget

The webinars have been recorded and are available for online viewing at [Emerald Ash Borer University](#). Those with forestry job responsibilities or another interest in EAB will find them well worth the time to watch. Webinars dating back to 2009 can also be viewed, and might make good agenda items at tree board, nature center or other community meetings.



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## TOOLS & RESOURCES

### Invest from the Ground UP: Growing Trees Make Great Neighborhoods

“Invest From the Ground Up” is a project of the California Urban Forests Council. At the Council we work to make California's communities cleaner, healthier and more prosperous by supporting urban forestry (the care and management of trees within our communities). As the nation's oldest urban forest council, we have seen the many ways in which urban forestry has improved communities across the state and over the decades. [Link](#)



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## Energy-Saving TREES

Energy Saving Trees is a research-based tool intended to educate and help homeowners and utility companies save energy and money by strategically planting trees. [Link](#)

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## CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS & WEBINARS

Always check our calendar at the DNR Urban Forestry Webpage. [Link](#)

Northern Green Expo  
Minneapolis, MN

January 9-11

[Link](#)

Mid America Horticulture Trade Show  
Chicago, IL

January 16-18

[Link](#)

Dane County UW-Extension Winter Seminar Series  
Madison, WI

January 10, 17, 24, 31

[Link](#)

WAA/ DNR Annual Conference & Trade Show  
Green Bay, WI

January 27-29

[Link](#)

Wisconsin Nursery Association: Winter Workshop  
Oconomowoc, WI  
Call: (414) 529-4705

February 7

New Partners for Smart Growth Conference  
Kansas City, MO

February 7-9

[Link](#)

Municipal Forestry Institute  
Nebraska City, NE

February 17-22

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## Webinars

Open TreeMap: “Exploring Data Preparation and Visualization Tools for Urban Forestry”

[Link](#)

December 12 at 1:00pm (Eastern)

Planning for Growth and Open Space Conservation Series

[Link](#)

December 12 at 2:00pm (Eastern)

Urban Tree Risk Index—Risk Zones, assessments and mitigation

[Link](#)

December 13 at 2:00pm (Eastern)

Urban Wood Utilization and Marketing Webcast/Conference Call

[Link](#)

January 8 at 10:00am (Eastern)

Urban Tree Risk Index—Vegetation Risk Management Plan

[Link](#)

January 9 at 2:00pm (Eastern)

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## ABOUT THE INSIDER

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