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## Arkansas Urban Forestry Council New and Renewing Individual Membership

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## Business Membership The Tree Marshall

## Past Events - Fall 2017



**Emerald Ash Borer Seminar**  
October 5, 2017  
Arkansas Tech University  
Russellville, AR

**ARBORJET**  
Revolutionary Plant Health Solutions



**How Trees Benefit  
Stormwater in the  
Natural State  
Workshop**  
October 24, 2017  
IRWP Learning Center  
Cave Springs, AR



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## Call for Nominations for 2018 (see page 2)

- 1. Board of Directors**
- 2. Individual, Business or Organization Deserving of Award**

## Urban Forestry Strike Teams Mobilized



**Texas A&M Forest Service Mobilizes Urban Forestry Strike Team** (October 6, 2017). Texas A&M Forest Service recently mobilized Urban Forest Strike Teams to the coastal Texas towns of Rockport, Fulton, Refugio and Victoria to assess damage to the trees on public property resulting from Hurricane Harvey.

Impacted communities deal with many post-storm issues, one of which includes destruction to public trees. To assess their storm-damaged trees, the communities called upon the expertise of Texas A&M Forest Service and the Urban Forest Strike Team.

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**13-15 ISA TRAQ Course, Bentonville, AR. (Registration closed)**

**15-16 Partners in Community Forestry Conference, Tulsa, OK.** See <https://www.arborday.org/programs/pcf/>

**15-19 Society of American Foresters Convention, Albuquerque, NM.** See <http://www.eforester.org/safconvention>

**17-19 Women's Tree Climbing Workshop, Camp Texlake, TX.** See <http://www.womenstreeclimbingworkshop.com/>

## JOB OPPORTUNITY

### Experienced Tree Climber

Denton, TX

ONLY EXPERIENCED CLIMBERS NEED APPLY \* Ideal candidate will have experience working on a tree crew. \* Performs all required ground, climbing, and aerial lift duties. \* Able to perform proper application of approved knots. \* Able to perform proper rigging techniques. \* Valid Drivers License required \* Must have reliable transportation to and from work \* CDL is a BONUS but not required \* Pay is competitive and based on experience \* Relocation assistance available \* Please call us at 940-595-3335. [marcus@samuelstreeservice.com](mailto:marcus@samuelstreeservice.com)

### Congratulations to Alison Litchy

Join us in congratulating Alison Litchy, Arkansas Forestry Commission, on her promotion to Urban Forestry Coordinator. She serves as AUFC's Ex-Officio.

## Call for Nominations for Annual Awards 2018



Do you know of an individual, business, or organization that works to build stronger communities by practicing urban forestry and encouraging others to do the same?

AUFC wants to honor those persons or organizations. We are taking nominations for the 2018 annual awards through December 31, 2017.

In March, an Awards Ceremony and Arbor Day Celebration 2017 was held at the Arkansas Governor's Mansion, where AUFC honored six for outstanding work in planting and managing trees in their communities. We were privileged to have Governor

Asa Hutchinson and Joe Fox, State Forester, in attendance to present the awards. A tree was planted by all.

To nominate an individual, business or organization, go to <http://arkansastrees.org/apply-for-grants/> or contact AUFC at 501-625-3710 or [info@ArkansasTrees.org](mailto:info@ArkansasTrees.org).

## Call for Nominations for Board of Directors 2018

Requirements to serve as an AUFC Board Member:

- Resident of Arkansas
- Dues-paying AUFC member
- Attend quarterly BOD meetings in Little Rock & a retreat once a year
- Volunteer to help with AUFC-related events
- Serve a three-year term

To nominate online, go to <http://arkansastrees.org/nominations/> by December 31. Contact AUFC (see below) to request a paper nomination form.

For more information about the AUFC Board of Directors or to see a current BOD list, go to <http://arkansastrees.org/board-of-directors/>

To learn more about AUFC and its mission, go to [www.ArkansasTrees.org](http://www.ArkansasTrees.org), email [info@ArkansasTrees.org](mailto:info@ArkansasTrees.org) or call 501-625-3710.



The Arkansas Forestry Association advocates the sustainable use and sound stewardship of Arkansas' forests and related resources to benefit the state's forestry community and all Arkansans, today and in the future.

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## ISA CERTIFICATION EXAM SCHEDULE

**December 19 2017  
Springfield, MO**

**Deadline to register: December 1, 2017**

ISA Certified Arborist Exam

<http://www.isa-arbor.com/certification/exams.aspx>

## NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING RATES

Annual rates are as follows:



Business-card size advertisement.....	\$160
Quarter page advertisement .....	\$175
Half-page advertisement .....	\$250
Full page advertisement .....	\$350

To place an advertisement in *We Speak For The Trees*, please contact Cathy Slater, 501-625-3710 or email [info@arkansastrees.org](mailto:info@arkansastrees.org).

## TREE TIPS



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### Recommended species:

Red Maple

(*acer rubrum*)

Mature size: 50-80 ft. height  
30-50 ft. spread

Features: medium to large tree; trunk prone to forking; fall leaf color is red; known for its rapid growth and attractive form; grows in full sun to partial shade; produces seeds loved by many children who play "helicopter" with them.

### Tree Care Tip:

Tree Streets, Inc., a Little Rock-based urban forestry non-profit, has planted red maples between the sidewalk and street curb since 1997. The organization has found the red maple contributes much needed color to barren city blocks. For this reason, the group frequently plants red maples as the entrance trees to a block. The tree tends to fork as it matures in height making a straight, non-compromised leader difficult to achieve. A donut of mulch (none of which is to touch the trunk) at the time of planting is the only "maintenance" performed at the time the red maple is planted. Occasional pruning ("limbing up") in the early years is required to provide for clear sidewalk and street passage.

### Pro/Con About Tree:

Pros: Beautiful tree that grows quickly, has a long life, and provides abundant food for urban wildlife habitat.

Cons: Requires repeated pruning to achieve a straight, non-forked leader. The roots of the red maple seem to surface more frequently and with greater density than oaks and poplars also planted by the organization. We also have found red maples to be less heat and drought tolerant as compared to oaks planted by the organization.

**Helpful Website:** Tree Streets:

[www.treestreeets.org](http://www.treestreeets.org)





# National Campaign To Restore Hurricane Ravaged Forests And Communities

*By Conni Kunzler | October 30, 2017*

Source: “The Arbor Day Foundation Launches National Campaign to Restore Forests and Communities Ravaged by Recent Hurricanes,” News Release



Lincoln, NE (October 18, 2017) – The Arbor Day Foundation unveiled a hurricane tree recovery campaign to get millions of trees back in the ground in the wake of hurricane devastation in Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico.

The initiative — which will engage and mobilize public and private partners — aims to plant and distribute 5 million trees over the next five years. The Arbor Day Foundation is already engaging with city and state leaders to ensure long-term recovery across the affected regions.

“The people of Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico have suffered great personal and physical loss,” said Dan Lambe, Arbor Day Foundation president. “By replanting, we strive to bring healing and hope to the people and the communities in which they live. Over time, these trees will restore the canopy and beauty to these cities. They will also provide immense conservation benefits such as preventing soil erosion caused by the storm, enhancing water filtration and creating critical habitat for birds and other types of animals that thrive in these states.”

In August and September, hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria left a path of devastation in Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico, impacting homes and critical infrastructure. The hurricanes damaged and destroyed millions of trees in yards, parks and forests across the states and territory. Insurance will often cover the cost to rebuild structures, but not the trees and landscapes of a community.

“We appreciate the Arbor Day Foundation’s desire and collaborative efforts to help bring trees back to our state in the wake of Hurricane Harvey,” said Tom Boggus, Texas state forester. “Trees and forests not only play an essential role in creating healthy, thriving communities where our citizens live, work and play but are also critical to the economic engine of Harvey-impacted areas and essential to our recovery efforts.”

The Arbor Day Foundation will be working with the Texas A&M Forest Service, the Florida Forest Service and many city and community leaders to help replant and distribute trees for planting over the next five years to help restore canopies damaged and lost due to the hurricanes.

“Recovery from a hurricane always takes public and private partnerships,” said Jim Karels, Florida state forester. “We are proud to work with the Arbor Day Foundation to help residents, cities and our heritage forest lands recover from Hurricane Irma.”

The hurricane tree recovery campaign, which is part of the Arbor Day Foundation’s Community Tree Recovery program, will not only be helping the states of Florida and Texas and the territory of Puerto Rico but will also be assisting other communities devastated by natural disasters that occurred in 2017.

“Our phones have been ringing since late August from members and the public asking how we are going to help bring trees back to the areas affected by the hurricanes,” added Lambe. “We are asking our members and partners, as well as our friends and neighbors, to step up and help bring these communities back to life. It may take years for these canopies to be restored, but now is the time to begin. While it could be months until final disaster numbers are reported, what we do know is that these events and our need to act are dire.”

To see how you can get involved and make an immediate impact, visit [arborday.org/hurricanes](http://arborday.org/hurricanes).

## Urban Forestry Strike Teams Mobilized

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A 10-member strike team spent a few days at each location sizing up the damage to the community trees, documenting types of damage, location and whether the tree posed a risk to the community. The trees were geospatially mapped and information was provided to the communities for use in applying for FEMA public assistance and debris removal funding.

“Initial findings in these areas show that Live oaks were particularly hard hit with damage most commonly occurring in the crowns of the trees and being fully or partially blown over,” said Paul Johnson, Texas A&M Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Program Coordinator. “This type of damage was caused by high winds and small tornadoes associated with the storm.”

In addition to winds, flooding may also cause damage to urban forests. Later this month, the Urban Forest Strike Team will survey Houston’s public trees and assess any damage that may have occurred there due to the inundation of water.

According to Johnson, flood damage may not be as apparent as a broken limb or blown-over tree. Flood damage could include tree roots being underwater and suffocated by both salt and fresh water for extended periods of time. Survivability may not be known for several years.

“Once we assess the Houston trees, we may need to monitor mortality for the next three to five years,” said Johnson. “That’s typical with trees when the roots have been saturated with salt water.”

Texas A&M Forest Service works with communities year-round to care for their urban forests – but especially in times of natural disaster. That’s how the Urban Forest Strike Team came to be.

The Urban Forest Strike Team program has been active for 10 years. It is a nationwide collaborative effort among state forestry agencies funded and trained through the U.S. Forest Service’s Urban and Community Forestry Program.

Since 2007, the Southern Urban Forest Strike Teams have been activated 10 times and have mobilized hundreds of team members across the South in response to disasters such as Hurricanes Gustav, Ike, Irene and Matthew, tornadoes in Georgia and Missouri and ice storms in Oklahoma, Arkansas and Kentucky.

Currently, strike teams have once again been activated and are responding not only to Hurricane Harvey in Texas, but are soon to deploy to the Florida coast where Hurricane Irma hit Sept. 10, 2017.

See the strike team in action in Rockport, Texas in October at <https://youtu.be/j671iaxQ6Zw> and <https://youtu.be/02g5ufAWi3Q>. Learn more about the Urban Forest Strike Team program at <http://www.southernforests.org/urban/ufst>.



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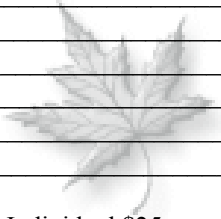
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Membership benefits include a quarterly council newsletter, a one-year AUFC membership, voting privileges for the current year, reduced registration fees on our educational events, share of common interest with a network of peers and professionals, and opportunity to gain information/education resources about trees.

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