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The Northeast Center for Urban & Community Forestry is a cooperative partnership among the USDA Forest Service's Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry, the University of Massachusetts, and the seven states of New England and New York. Two other regional centers are located in Chicago, Illinois and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The Center's Mission ...

The Northeast Center for Urban & Community Forestry 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 Center's Goals are to ...

- Assist state Urban & Community Forestry Programs by focusing on common information needs, services, and research.
- Provide a point of access for research, information, and technology relating to urban and rural communities.
- Foster community participation and volunteerism in the stewardship of healthy sustainable communities.
- Support partnerships among Federal, State and local officials, green industry and utility professionals and volunteer groups.



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Additional Center Information

Research

The Northeast Center is presently developing a strategic plan that will include research initiatives that will provide opportunities to incorporate research activities into the work of the Center. Presently two areas are serving as the focus of the initial research activity of the Center, including field testing of City Green GIS software in two communities in the New England/New York region and a study of new planting survival rates based on planting techniques. Under consideration are research projects that include the development and monitoring of permanent urban forest health plots, and an evaluation of the urban ecosystem and reforestation efforts in Greenpoint/Williamsburg, New York City.

Center Cooperators



The Northeast Center for Urban & Community Forestry represents a partnership that has been initiated by the USDA Forest Service Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry, and incorporates organizations, agencies, and cooperators at various levels of public and private service. The Center has a fourteen member Advisory Board comprised of the state Urban Forestry Coordinator from each of the seven states served by the Center and representatives from the Forest Service, Green Industry, and volunteer initiatives.

University of Massachusetts



The Center is part of the University of Massachusetts/Amherst Department of Forestry & Wildlife Management, and is one component of the Department's Arboriculture and Urban Forestry program. The University of Massachusetts/Amherst provides urban forestry education, offering Associate, 4-Year, and Graduate Degrees in Arboriculture and Urban Forestry. In recent years the UMass program and its graduates have attained national professional recognition; graduates serve in various capacities in public, private, and educational institutions across the country.

The Urban Forest Diagnostic Lab at UMass/Amherst Provides professionals in the green industry diagnostic services related to insect, disease and cultural problems of shade trees and woody ornamentals. UMass Extension provides outreach and education to green industry professionals, municipalities, and public agencies in Massachusetts. Faculty and staff from UMass, the Diagnostic Lab, and the Northeast Center for Urban & Community Forestry provide support and are an active partner in these extension efforts.

How to Contact the Center

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