

# Putting Trees to Work in Your Community - May 1, 2008

## Workshop Context

Urban trees improve our lives by benefiting our economy, our environment, and our health. You can improve your community by being proactive, developing natural resources infrastructure, and putting trees to work for your community. Conservation of urban forests, working forest, and green space is a low-cost, multiple-benefit community investment. Thriving communities that invest in their natural resources infrastructure improve the economic, social, and environmental wellbeing of their citizens.

For local governments to achieve multiple benefits through investment in their natural resources infrastructure they will need to know what authorities exist to protect trees, how these may be applied to public and private property, how ordinances may be developed while incorporating the science around tree protection, and how and why flexibility should be offered to encourage the continued management of working open space. Governments also need to be aware of the funding opportunities available for both the development of ordinances and the planning and protection of trees and working open space.

## Speakers

- Robert Bardon, NCSU Dept. of For. & Env. Res.
- Richard Ducker, UNC School of Government
- Ted Feitshans, NCSU Dept. of Ag. and Res. Econ.
- Leslie Moorman, NC Division of Forest Resources
- Mitch Renkow, NCSU Dept. of Ag. and Res. Econ.
- Steve Smutko, NCSU Dept. of Ag. and Res. Econ.

## Agenda

8:30 a.m. Registration and Morning Beverages

9:00 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.  
Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program

- Overview of program and services and opportunities available to local governments

9:20 a.m.-10:45 a.m.  
Developing effective tree ordinances

- Process of developing tree ordinances
- Language of tree ordinances
- Achieving results

10:45 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Break (provided)

11:00 a.m.-11:50 a.m.  
Costs of community services studies: comparing costs of land uses

- Sources of revenue
- Costs of services
- Commercial, residential, and working open space land uses

11:50 p.m.-12:50 p.m. Lunch (provided)

12:50 p.m.-1:40 p.m.  
Zoning and land use regulation of forestry

- Zoning and tree protection regulations
- Clarify regulation of forestry
- Annexation and extraterritorial jurisdictions
- Municipal regulation of farming and forestry

1:40 p.m.-2:30 p.m.  
Regulation and Protection of Working Open Space

- Bona fide farms
- Present use value
- Farmland preservation programs
- Farmland protection planning

2:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.  
Wrap up and evaluation

## Registration Deadline

April 23, 2008

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