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Washington Metropolitan Urban Wood Utilization Workshop

Presentations by Pioneers and Practitioners in the Field



*Hosted by COG's Community Forestry Network (CFN)
Sponsored by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
U.S. Forest Service and the USFS Wood Education Research Center*

Friday, June 29th 2012
10:00 to 4:00 p.m.
COG – 1st Floor Training Center

Lunch provided for all registered attendees

Agenda

- 10:00 - Call to order - Brian LeCouteur - COG / Todd Bolton, CFN Chair**
- 10:10 - Al Steele - U.S. Forest Service (WERC) -** Mr. Steele works with the Wood Education and Resource Center for the U.S. Forest Service. He will discuss examples of successful demonstration projects and efforts by the Forest Service to encourage better utilization of urban wastes through partnerships with state/local governments, the private sector, NGO's and others.
- 10:30 - Building a Sustainable Municipal Tree Utilization Program - Stephen Bratkovich - Dovetail Partners, Inc.** A successful municipal tree utilization program is more than a single energetic business person turning urban trees into value-added products. A host of key ingredients or success factors must be present for the utilization program to be sustainable in the long-term. This presentation will highlight the key steps to success that are important to municipalities, private and public arborists, entrepreneurs, government officials and others.
- 11:15 - Community Woodlands Alliance, National Capital Demonstration Project: Urban Waste Wood Recovery and Utilization**
Chris Holmgren - Seneca Creek Joinery / Brian LeCouteur - COG
USFS -WERC funded a urban timber utilization project in 2007 with Seneca Creek Joinery and COG as partners. Chris and Brian will provide highlights of the projects milestones and achievements through this five year experiment to establish and sustain an urban timber utilization project in the National Capital Region.

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12:00 – Dr. Monica Lear – DC Urban Forestry Administration – Dr. Lear will present some of the Districts efforts to manage “waste wood” and highlight success stories in managing urban timber. She will also present some of the difficulties in finding land for woody debris management in a highly competitive real estate market amid legal issues and zoning concerns.

12:30 – Lunch

1:15 - Brian Knox – Urban Hardwood Value Improvement Project

The Hardwood Value Improvement Project (HVIP) is a training program that integrates field, classroom and computer simulation techniques, developed by Dr. The goal of HVIP is to increase the value and quality of hardwood logs in the eastern hardwood region by improving the log bucking skills of loggers and yard workers. The HVIP training program was funded by U.S. Forest Service's Wood Education Resource Center.

1:45 - Dan Rider – MDNR Forest Service – Forest Products Utilization & Marketing

Mr. Rider will briefly discuss several recent, current, and future projects of the Maryland Forest Service enhancing forest stewardship and improving wood utilization. He will discuss the marketing challenges of portable sawmills, the success and failure of the Working Woodlot Initiative, wood-to-energy opportunities, and the promises (and challenges) of green labeling wood products.

2:15 – Panel Discussion:

Chris Holmgren – Seneca Creek Joinery / Community Woodlands Alliance

Bill Merckle – NeighborWood is a nonprofit organization that turns urban waste wood into useable products and trains and employs urban youth enabling them with woodworking skills.

Stephen Bratkovich – Dovetail Partners, Inc.

Marcus Simms - Treincarnation - uses only 'salvage' logs to honor and value the trees while creating beautiful pieces custom designed for my clients. The logs salvaged died a natural death in the forest, were blown over in a storm or struck by lightning.

Don Outen – Baltimore County

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3:15 - Economics of starting a wood recovery business - TBA

3:45 - Workshop Summary and Survey - *Brian LeCouteur - COG*

4:00 - Future Activities / Adjourn