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From the Urban and Community Forestry Division of the Colorado State Forest Service

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Urban and Community Forestry Tidbits

Tree City USA/Arbor Day-91 applications were processed for Tree City USA consideration in 2012. Although the list below isn't official until notification from the Arbor Day Foundation is received, we don't expect any problems with the submissions. Thanks everyone for working hard to maintain Tree City status in your communities and to make Arbor Day events fun, unique and educational this year!

Community	Years
Air Force Academy	20
Alamosa	23
Arvada	22
Aspen	21
Aurora	29
<i>Basalt*</i>	2
Berthoud	30
Boulder	29
Brighton	27
Broomfield	24
Brush	23
Buckley AFB	8
<i>Buena Vista*</i>	24
Campo	9
Canon City	33
Carbondale	19
<i>Castle Rock*</i>	26
<i>Cedaredge*</i>	19
Colorado Springs	36
Commerce City	22
Cortez	21
Crested Butte	12
Delta	29
Denver	27
Dillon	15
<i>Durango*</i>	33
Eads	19
Eaton	29
Elizabeth	14
Englewood	28
Erie	15
Estes Park	16
Evans	29
Florence	29
Fort Carson	26

Fort Collins	35
Fruita	20
Glenwood Springs	28
Golden	23
Grand Junction*	30
Grand Lake	23
Greeley*	33
Greenwood Village	24
Gunnison	23
Hayden	8
Highlands Ranch	25
Holly	4
Ken-Caryl	23
La Junta	32
La Veta	27
Lafayette	18
Lake City	25
Lakewood	31
Lamar	22
Limon	22
Littleton	26
Lone Tree	11
Longmont	33
Louisville	32
Loveland	24
Lyons	27
Milliken	10
Montrose	24
Monument	19
New Castle	9
Northglenn	23
Olathe	21
Olney Springs	8
Ordway	10
Palmer Lake	31
Parker*	20
Peterson AFB	19
Platteville	9
Pleasant View	11
Pueblo	33
Rocky Ford	21
Saguache	24
Salida	26
Schriever AFB	15
Silt	15
Springfield	22
Steamboat Springs	22
Sterling	25
Superior	10
Swink	15
Thornton	26
Trinidad**	1

Westminster	28
Wheat Ridge	34
Windsor*	32
Woodland Park	21

***Growth Award Applicant**
****1st Year**

A Million Trees and A Million Solar Roofs: Can We Have Both? With solar energy systems dropping in price, there's never been a better time to go solar. But in urban areas, trees are also important in providing economic, environmental and social benefits. What happens when trees shade roofs? What are solutions to the conflicts that arise when your neighbor's tree shields your solar panels? How can we develop both a lot of rooftop solar energy and a dense urban tree canopy? This video explores real world conflicts and shows how win-win solutions were achieved.
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NRK_vOdwI8g&feature=player_embedded#!

Denver Named a Top City for Urban Forests-When it comes to a commitment to care for greenspaces in the nation's leading cities, conservation organization [American Forests](#) has found that some urban areas are doing much better than others. Through a combination of an in-depth survey, independent data and a vote by a blue-ribbon panel of leading urban forest experts, the nonprofit has named the [10 best U.S. cities for urban forests](#): Austin, Charlotte, Denver, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, New York, Portland, Sacramento, Seattle and Washington, D.C.

Urban Wood Utilization Publication from the USFS-A new manual released by the US Forest Service provides guidance on how best to use the millions of dead and dying urban trees infected by invasive insects in the United States. The free publication, developed by the Forest Service Forest Products Laboratory and the University of Minnesota Duluth offers insight into the wide variety of products and markets that are available and practical advice for considering the many available options for using insect-killed wood. Uses include lumber, furniture, cabinetry, flooring, and pellets for wood-burning energy facilities.
http://www.fs.fed.us/research/publications/fpl/fpl_2012_brashaw001.pdf

Attention Current and Future Colorado State University Students-A newly revised class in urban and community forestry will be offered during the Fall 2013 semester. HORT 466 will be on the books for students to take and learn more about managing trees where people live, urban forest inventory methods and management planning. Students, here's your chance to explore a new and rewarding career option in urban forestry! For more information contact Keith Wood or Jamie Dahl at the Colorado State Forest Service.

Insect and Disease Update

2012 Report on the Health of Colorado's Forests-On Feb. 20, Joe Duda, interim state forester and director of the Colorado State Forest Service, spoke at the annual Joint Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee Hearing at the State Capitol and released the [2012 Report on the Health of Colorado's Forests](#). The report provides a comprehensive overview of forest insect and disease concerns in the state.

Colorado Tree Coalition Tidbits

Colorado Tree Coalition Grants Update- Through the Colorado Tree Coalition (CTC) grant program the CTC has provided over \$696,000 to plant 68,600 trees in communities across Colorado since 1991. These grants have been matched with over \$7.6 million in community money and/or time. This year 15 grant projects have been chosen for funding thanks to funding from the USFS, CTC, Xcel Energy Foundation, Xcel Energy Vegetation Management and ReForest Colorado. In total over \$82,000 will be distributed in community forestry grants this year.

CTC Community Forestry Grant Projects (\$20,708)

CSFS La Junta District
Institute for Environmental Solutions
Yampa Valley Sustainability Council
City of Trinidad
Town of Fraser
City of Thornton
Needham Elementary-Durango
Town of Olathe
Town of Walsh
Fairmount Heritage Foundation
City of Pueblo
Palmer Tree Coalition

Xcel Energy Foundation Grant Projects (\$24,000)

City of Littleton
Highlands Ranch Metro District
City of Commerce City
City of Greeley

Xcel Energy Vegetation Management (\$3,000)

Town of Poncha Springs

ReForest Colorado Grant Project (\$10,000)

City of Colorado Springs

USFS Community Forestry Grant (\$25,000)

City of Colorado Springs

Since 2004, Xcel Energy Vegetation Management Program has provided \$16,000 for utility tree planting demonstration projects. Since 2009, the Mile High Million program has provided over \$96,000 to the CTC grant program. Since 2011, the Xcel Energy Foundation has provided \$75,000 in funded projects.

Bring Back the Blue!-The CTC has a standing \$500 reward for the person who finds a Colorado blue spruce that exceeds the measurements of the current national champion blue spruce. There are two states that claim the blue spruce as their state tree, Colorado and Utah. The reigning champion is in the Ashley National Forest near Duchesne, Utah. It is 127 feet tall and the diameter is five feet across measured at DBH (diameter at breast height). To learn more about measuring trees and the CTC Champion Tree program go to <http://www.coloradotrees.org>.

Front Range Urban Forestry Council-The Front Range Chapter of CTC will be meeting on March 21 at the Boulder County Parks and Open Space offices. A program on what is happening with the ex-National Champ plains cottonwood is on tap as well as

information on Xcel Energy tree programs. For more information contact Keith Wood at keith.wood@colostate.edu.

2013 Poster Contest-The theme of the 2013 contest is “Celebrate Trees in Our Community” for 5th graders in Colorado! The entry deadline for school winning posters will be April 5, 2013. Details on the program can be found at <http://www.coloradotrees.org/programs.php#poster>.

Don't Forget to Follow the Colorado Tree Coalition on their Facebook and Twitter sites and sign up at the Colorado Grove
<http://thegrove.americangrove.org/group/coloradogrove>

Happy Arbor Day April 19th!!