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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 2011. 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. 67 communities (74%) submitted their applications on-line! 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	19
Alamosa*	22
Arvada	21
Aspen	20
Aurora	28
Basalt	1
Berthoud	29
Boulder	28
Brighton	26
Broomfield	23
Brush	22
Buena Vista	23
Campo	8
Canon City	32
Carbondale	18
Castle Rock	25
Cedaredge	18
Colorado Springs	35
Commerce City	21
Cortez	20
Crested Butte	11
Delta	28
Denver	26
Dillon	14
Durango*	32
Eads	18
Eaton	28
Edgewater	21
Elizabeth	13
Englewood	27
Erie	14
Estes Park	15
Evans	28
Florence	28

Fort Carson*	25
Fort Collins	34
Fruita	19
Glenwood Springs	27
Golden	22
Grand Junction	29
Grand Lake	22
Greeley	32
Greenwood Village	23
Gunnison	22
Hayden	7
Highlands Ranch	24
Ken-Caryl	22
La Junta	31
La Veta	26
Lafayette	17
Lake City	24
Lakewood	30
Lamar	21
Leadville	16
Limon	21
Littleton	25
Lone Tree	10
Longmont*	32
Louisville	31
Loveland	23
Lyons	26
Milliken	9
Montrose	23
Monument	18
Northglenn	22
Olathe	20
Olney Springs	7
Ordway	9
Palmer Lake	30
Parker	19
Peterson AFB*	18
Platteville	8
Pleasant View	10
Poncha Springs	3
Pueblo	32
Rocky Ford	20
Saguache	23
Salida	25
Schriever AFB	14
Silt	14
Springfield	21
Steamboat Springs	21
Sterling	24
Superior	9
Swink	14
Thornton	25

Westminster	27
Wheat Ridge	33
Wiggins	30
Windsor*	31
Woodland Park	20

***Growth Award Applicant**

HOA Urban Forestry Information Available-The Davey Resource Group recently released a CD-ROM containing the results and products of a project developed to educate and influence homeowners associations (HOAs) to become better stewards of trees and natural resources on their properties. The project was funded by a NUCFAC grant, developed by Davey Resource Group, and supported by national partners. Please help distribute this to the HOAs in your communities. Here is a link to the information: http://www.coloradotrees.org/tree_care/index.html.

Denver Urban Waters Projects Selected-Six proposals were submitted for consideration of Denver Urban Waters Federal Partnership funding. Over \$182,000 was requested by the six applicants, with \$100,000 available for funding. Projects submitted by the following organizations have been selected for funding: Bluff Lake Nature Center; Denver Parks & Recreation; Institute for Environmental Solutions; South Suburban Parks & Recreation.

Urban Foresters and Allies: Your Professional Society Awaits!-Founded in 1964, the Society of Municipal Arborists (SMA) is a professional organization for municipal arborists, urban foresters, consultants, parks superintendents, and affiliates. Its mission is to “lead the world in building the confidence, competence, and camaraderie of the family of professionals who create and sustain community forests.” Please see www.urban-forestry.com to learn more about the SMA, your professional Society!

Tree\$ense, Davey’s New Mobile App-Trees make sense. They add beauty to every season of the landscape, they cleanse the air, absorb CO₂, reduce rainwater runoff and shield us from sun and wind. Trees make sense. But trees also make cents. Yes, cents ... as in dollars and cents. While we don’t expect you to actually harvest \$20 bills from your leafy friends, trees do work for us in major, quantifiable ways. In fact, trees may be one of the best financial investments you make on your property. Tree\$ense is a new, free mobile app created by The Davey Tree Expert Company and powered by [i-Tree Design](#). Tree\$ense turns users into TREEconomists, who can qualify and quantify their trees’ benefits and place trees in the best positions in the landscape to maximize these perks, including how much stormwater the trees will intercept, how much carbon dioxide they will sequester and how much air pollution they will reduce. Visit value.m.davey.com with your mobile device to access the tool.

Trees for a Healthy Community and Economy-The Institute for Environmental Solutions (IES) is collaborating with the City and County of Broomfield on “Trees for a Healthy Community and Economy,” an urban forestry project to improve environmental health and economic vitality in Broomfield’s emerging civic center. IES will conduct a willingness-to-pay survey to measure the economic impact urban forestry will have on Broomfield’s emerging downtown center. A goal of this project is to develop a replicable model for community-based economic development programs centered on an expanded urban tree canopy. A community volunteer tree planting event will take place this April. Initial funding was provided in a generous grant from Xcel Energy.

Additional corporate and community partners in Broomfield and the surrounding area are welcome. For more information on this project, please contact Amory Ledyard at 610.563.7902 or Amory.Ledyard@i4es.org.

IES Board Member and Advisory Committee Openings-The Institute for Environmental Solutions (IES) is seeking two new members of the Board of Directors in 2012. If you are interested in serving on a dynamic volunteer non-profit Board and advancing practical solutions to environmental problems, please lend your support and consider joining the IES Board of Directors. There are also openings on the Tree Project Advisory Committee for those interested in integrated urban environmental improvement through tree selection and management. Contact IES Vice-President Kristen Bertuglia at KBertuglia@vailgov.com for a position description and application. More information about IES can be found at www.i4es.org.

Insect and Disease Update

2011 Report on the Health of Colorado's Forests-On Feb. 22, Jeff Jahnke, 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 [2011 Report on the Health of Colorado's Forests](#). The report provides a comprehensive overview of forest insect and disease concerns in the state and includes a special section on the riparian forests of the Eastern Plains.

Don't Move Firewood Video-The Legion of Bugs plot to infiltrate America's forests when people move firewood. The Super Park Rangers come to the rescue when they interrupt the Legion of Bug's evil plan, fight off the invasive insects and diseases before they can infest the trees, and educate a local firewood cutter on the importance of not moving firewood. Featured Legion of Bugs members include the Asian longhorned beetle, siren woodwasp, emerald ash borer, goldspotted oak borer, ambrosia beetle, and sudden oak death. This video was made by Don't Move Firewood with partial funding from USDA-APHIS and assistance from the USDA Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Research Station. Watch the video here:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y1sYKntstFo&feature=youtu.be>

Colorado Tree Coalition Tidbits

Colorado Tree Coalition Grants Update-This year 16 grant requests were received by the CTC Grants Committee and 8 of those projects have been chosen for funding. Thanks to additional funding from the Xcel Energy Foundation an additional 6 projects will be funded around the State and 1 ReForest Colorado project in the Town of Walsh. In total, nearly \$40,000 will be distributed in community forestry grants this year.

CTC Community Forestry Grant Projects

- AL District-Willow Creek Reclamation Committee in Creede and City of Alamosa
- BO District-Idaho Creek HOA in Longmont
- DM-The Park People
- DU District-Mountain Middle School in Durango
- LV District-La Veta Tree Board
- SA District-Town of Buena Vista
- WP District-El Paso County

Xcel Energy Foundation Grant Projects
AL District-City of Alamosa's carry-over project from 2011
GJ District-Towns of Fruita and Parachute
GR District-2 projects in Silverthorne and 1 in Breckenridge

ReForest Colorado Grant Project
LJ District-Town of Walsh

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 22nd at the Larimer County Fairgrounds in Loveland. A program is planned on research around nursery production and transplant success of ornamental pear trees as influenced by container types and overwintering treatments. For more information contact Keith Wood at keith.wood@colostate.edu.

2012 Poster Contest-The theme of the 2012 contest is "Celebrate Trees in Our Community" for 5th graders in Colorado! The entry deadline for school winning posters will be April 6, 2012. Details on the program can be found at www.coloradotrees.org.

Don't Forget to Follow the Colorado Tree Coalition on their Facebook and Twitter sites!

Happy Arbor Day April 20th!!