

# NAASF Urban and Community Forestry (UCF) Committee

## 2008 Work Plan and Budget

### Primary Work Issues:

1. Hold annual UCF Committee meeting as a joint meeting with Cooperative Forest Management (CFM) Committee at Grand Traverse Resort in Traverse City, MI, on May 13-15, 2008.

### Background:

As part of the Investing Where It Matters Most (IWIMM) initiative, the CFM committee was assigned several tasks involving issues relevant to the UCF including development and distribution of tools and resources for local governments. To assist with this, the UCF committee has been requested to partner with CFM on the following tasks:

- Set up national information clearinghouse of resources for local governments.
- Engage local governments in resource conservation
- Provide Information to Communities for Natural Resource Decisions

\*Progress and results will be presented and discussed jointly at this meeting

USFS and NAASF program staff are often requested to attend the annual meetings for both UCF and CFM committees. These meetings have typically been scheduled over the same dates in early May at separate locations, thus making travel logistics difficult and sometimes impossible to accommodate both groups needs.

This is proposed as a one time joint meeting with both committees resuming their standard meeting schedules/rotations in 2009, unless otherwise advised.

### Action:

- Working with members of USFS and NAASF, the executive officers from both UCF and CFM committees are developing a draft meeting agenda.
  - The meeting will include joint sessions, and 'break out' sessions to accommodate separate meeting needs of both groups (e.g. business meetings, special issues, etc. ).
  - A joint tour is being considered as part of the meeting to highlight some on-the-ground activities and/or projects.
  - Financial issues and meeting expenses (e.g. registration, lodging etc.) will be handled by each committee with assistance from NAASF
2. Need for joint training session (before May 2008) to educate members of NAASF's UCF, CFM and Planning Committees on land-use and zoning issues.

### Background:

Through this training, program staff will be better able to address forest conversion, development and fragmentation issues with local governments, all of which are emphasized in IWIMM, State and Private Forestry Redesign, and the 2007 Farm Bill. The goal is to become better-informed on land-use issues and how to create dialogue with local government officials and staff on related topics.

### Action:

- Further development is needed on this issue but one scenario would be to create a "train the trainer" session whereby staff (UCF/CFM foresters, planners etc.) will develop canned presentations and materials which are subsequently presented to local and regional planning professionals and organizations.
- State Forester approval/support needs to be requested

**Additional Work Issues:** (Specific details and actions are currently being defined by committee)

3. Identify ways to strengthen and connect advisory councils to facilitate better networking between them and with stewardship committees.
4. UCF cross-over programs. How can UCF be of value to get other program area messages out?
5. Advise NAASF to send letter to Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) in support of urban tree planting as a strategy for heat-island mitigation and carbon sequestration
6. Review ecosystem analysis and statewide assessment tools as a means to prioritize Area allocation and utilization of resources.
7. Work with USFS, states and other partners to establish and promote urban tree canopy goals.

**Urban and Community Forestry Committee Budget for FY 2008**

	<b>Estimated</b>	<b>Paid by NAASF</b>
<b>Total Estimated Expenses</b>	<b>\$12,400.00</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>
	<b>Costs</b>	<b>Revenue</b>
<b>Annual Meeting</b>		
Room rental for meeting	\$1,000.00	
Speaker allowance	\$1,000.00	
Meals, breaks, etc.	\$4,000.00	
Travel for field trip	\$2,000.00	
Other expenses	\$1,400.00	
Existing balance		\$400.00
Registration income		\$9,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,400.00</b>	<b>\$9,400.00</b>

	<b>Costs</b>	<b>NAASF</b>
<b>NAASF Summer Meeting</b>		
Travel & lodging costs for UCF Committee Chair to attend meeting	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
<b>NAASF UCF Committee Meeting</b>		
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>