University of Illinois Extension Forestry is proud to present the following Technical Forestry Bulletin to our readership. This technical assistance directory is provided as a public service to Illinois forest landowners, homeowners, citizens, and municipalities requiring the advanced technical services of a professional forester or a certified arborist.

Forests and the Forestry Profession in Illinois

Providing technical forestry assistance to 206,000 woodland owners and 12.9 million citizens is a daunting task. No worries—the small, but dedicated group of forestry professionals here in Illinois pride themselves on providing high-quality skilled services, despite extensive funding and staffing shortages within IDNR’s Division of Forest Resources. Therefore, a significant portion of the state’s professional forestry burden has been placed upon the backs of Illinois’ professional consulting foresters and ISA certified arborists.

Illinois’s professional forestry community—including state, federal, university, municipal, industry, consulting, and urban foresters—plays an integral role in advocating, conserving, and managing our state’s highly valuable rural, urban, and community forest resources. In fact, professional foresters and the forestry profession are vital to Illinois’s economic viability and stability. Take for instance Illinois’s multi-billion dollar forest-based outdoor recreation industry, which includes hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, nature photography, fall color viewing, hiking, camping, mountain biking, cross country skiing, horseback riding, geocaching, and a myriad of other forest-associated recreational uses.

And of course we cannot forget about Illinois’s $23 billion forestry and forest products industry, which includes the sale of standing timber, Christmas trees, nursery products, and our state’s often overlooked primary and secondary wood products manufacturing businesses. When all is said and done, our forests and our professional foresters are essential to the environmental and economic sustainability of Illinois!

Technical Forestry Assistance

- IDNR’s Division of Forest Resources
- Illinois Natural Resources Conservation Service
- University of Illinois Extension Forestry
- Illinois National Wild Turkey Federation
- Illinois Consulting Foresters Association
- Illinois Arborist Association

Principal State & Federal Forestry Programs

Illinois Forestry Development Act (IFDA)
- Forest Management
- Tree Planting
- Cost-share Assistance
- Tree Seedling Program
- Preferential Property Tax Assessment

USDA Farm Bill Conservation Programs
- Tree Planting Programs
  - Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)
  - Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)
  - Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
  - Wetland Reserves Program (WRP)
- Forest Management & Wildlife Programs
  - Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
  - Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)
Division of Forest Resources
Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR)
http://dnr.state.il.us/conservation/forestry/
http://dnr.state.il.us/orc/Urbanforestry/

About the Division of Forest Resources:
The Division of Forest Resources is charged with providing on-site technical forestry assistance to Illinois’s 206,000 forest landowners, encompassing all 102 counties throughout the state, via the support of 14 full-time district foresters and two regional foresters. In addition, the division assists communities and local units of government in the development and growth of local community forestry programs.

Principal Forestry Programs:
- Illinois Forestry Development Act (IFDA)
  - IFDA Cost-share Program
  - Tree Seedling Program for IFDA landowners
- USDA Farm Bill Conservation Programs
  - Technical Assistance & Program Implementation
- Urban and Community Forestry
- American Tree Farm™ System

Forestry Services:
Administration of the Illinois Forestry Development Act cost-share program; technical forestry assistance to landowners enrolled in USDA Farm Bill conservation programs such as CRP, CREP, and EQIP; technical forest management assistance to woodland owners; and urban and community forestry.

Division of Forest Resources Staff:
- State Forester (1)
- Program Staff (3)
- Regional Foresters (2)
- District Foresters (14) / Forestry Districts (16)
- Forestry Technicians (2)
- Tree Nursery Supervisors (1)

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See map on page 4; IDNR district forester office locations, service areas, and contact information.

District Forester Services:

District foresters are limited in their availability to provide on-site, technical forestry assistance due to extensive budget cuts and associated district forester vacancies. As a result of these personnel shortages, all district foresters have a significant backlog of landowner requests for on-site technical forestry assistance. Due to these circumstances, a professional consulting forester (Technical Forestry Bulletin NRES-202) may be able to provide a quicker response to landowners’ requests for on-site technical forestry assistance.

Technical Assistance Provided by District Foresters:

- Forest Reconnaissance
- General Forest Planning
- Woodland Inventory and Analysis
- Forest Management Plan Development
- Timber Sales & Timber Harvesting Assistance
- Forest Management Recommendations
  - Crop tree release
  - Timber stand improvement (TSI)
  - Commercial & pre-commercial thinning
  - Invasive species control
- Forest Plantation Maintenance and Recommendations
- Forest Health Recommendations (Insects & Disease)
- Tree Planting Plans and Recommendations
- Forestry-related USDA CRP/CREP/EQIP practices
- Herbicide Recommendations
- Illinois Tree Farm™ Program Certification
- Forest Wildlife Management Recommendations
- Urban and Community Forestry Planning

Illinois NRCS
Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
www.il.nrcs.usda.gov/

Principal Conservation/Forestry Programs:

- Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
- Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)
- Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)
- Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)

Forestry Services:

Provide statewide technical guidance for forestry-related USDA Farm Bill conservation programs. Please contact your local USDA NRCS Service Center for technical assistance related to conservation programs specific to your Illinois property:

Illinois NRCS Office Locations
http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/il/contact/local/

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Forestry USDA-NRCS Technical Service Providers:

Non-NRCS personnel who have demonstrated the technical ability necessary to develop Forest Management Plans (FMPs) consistent with NRCS criteria and guidelines. Technical assistance includes conservation planning and design, layout, installation, and checkout of approved conservation practices.

List of Technical Service Providers
http://techreg.usda.gov/CustLocateTSP.aspx
Univ. of Illinois Extension Forestry
Dept. of Natural Resources & Environmental Sciences
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
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Principal Forestry Services:
Extension Forestry provides science-based technical information, education, and outreach to woodland owners and natural resource professionals across the state of Illinois.

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National Wild Turkey Federation
Illinois Landowner Forestry Assistance
USDA Farm Bill Conservation & Forestry Programs
www.IllinoisNWTF.org

Principal Forestry Services:
NWTF foresters provide on-site technical forestry assistance for the following federal and state conservation programs: Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), and the Illinois Forestry Development Act (IFDA).

Forestry Staff (see map on page 6):
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Illinois Consulting Foresters Assoc. (ICF)
Independent Professional Consulting Foresters
www.IllinoisConsultingForesters.com

About the Illinois Consulting Foresters Association:

“Illinois Consulting Foresters Association members are full- and part-time professional foresters who provide services to forest landowners for a fee. Consulting foresters work with and for the forest landowner to achieve the landowner’s economic and non-economic goals.”

The consulting forester’s role is to assist landowners with planning and implementing forestry practices based on scientific principles and practical experience. Illinois Consulting Foresters Association members have a bachelor’s degree from a Society of American Foresters accredited university or a technical degree in forestry and four years experience working with a bachelor’s degree forester.

Common Forestry Services:

- Timber Sale Administration & Marketing
- Timber Appraisals & Timber Theft
- Forest Management Plans
- Intermediate Stand Management (e.g., TSI, Crop Tree Release)
- Tree Planting & Application of Herbicides
- Invasive Species Control & Herbicide Recommendations
- Forest Health Recommendations (insects & disease)
- Urban Forestry / Arboriculture
- Wildlife Habitat & Management
- Native Grass Plantings & Food Plots
- Prescribed Fire & Controlled Burn Plans

List of ICF Association Foresters:

Illinois Arborist Association (IAA)
ISA Certified Arborists
International Society of Arboriculture (ISA)
www.IllinoisArborist.org

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About the Illinois Arborist Association:

The Illinois Arborist Association is a non-profit organization that educates our members in proper tree care. We support research on trees. Our mission is to "Foster interest, establish standards, exchange professional ideas, and pursue scientific research in arboriculture."

Common Arboricultural Services:

- Tree Removals and Stump Grinding
- Tree Planting, Selection, and Transplanting
- Tree Care (pruning, cabling, bracing, fertilization, etc.)
- Appraisals and Tree Replacement Costs
- Tree Health (insects, disease, and environmental stress)
  - diagnoses, maintenance, and control

ISA Certified Arborists:

ISA Certified Arborists provide arboricultural services to a wide range of clients, including homeowners, neighborhood/condo associations, private businesses, and municipalities.

List of ISA Certified Arborists
http://illinoisarborist.org/services-we-provide/find-an-arborist/
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