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 family forest owners and 12.8 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 to 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’s 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 multi-billion dollar 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!
IDNR’s Division of Forest Resources

Office of Resource Conservation
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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 13.5 full-time district 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 (FDA)
  - FDA Cost-Share Program
  - No-Cost Seedling Program for FDA landowners
- USDA Farm Bill Conservation Programs
  - Technical Assistance & Program Implementation
- Urban and Community Forestry
- American Tree Farm™ System

Principal Forestry Services:

Administration of Illinois’s Forestry Development Act cost-share program; technical forestry assistance with regard to USDA Farm Bill conservation programs such as CRP, CREP, and EQIP; on-site technical forestry assistance; and urban and community forestry.

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District Foresters (13)
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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-201) 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)
Website: www.il.nrcs.usda.gov/

Principal Conservation/Forestry Programs:

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

Principal Forestry Services:

Provide statewide technical guidance with regard to 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
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USDA-NRCS Technical Service Providers (Forestry):

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National Wild Turkey Federation
Illinois Landowner Forestry Assistance
USDA Farm Bill Conservation & Forestry Programs

Website: www.IllinoisNWTF.org

Principal Forestry Services:
NWTF foresters provide on-site technical forestry assistance with regard to the following federal and state conservation programs: Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), and IDNR’s Forestry Development Act (FDA).

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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 the landowner in 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.

Principal Forestry Services:

- Timber Sale Administration & Marketing  
- Timber Appraisals  
- Forest Management Plan Development  
- 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:  
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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."

Principal Arboricultural Services:

- Tree and Stump Removal  
- Tree Planting, Selection, and Transplanting  
- Tree Care (pruning, cabling, bracing, fertilization, etc.)  
- Appraisals and 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  
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