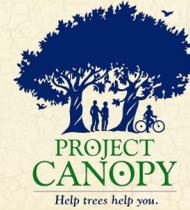


Trees on Maine Street

☞ The Project Canopy Bulletin ☛



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"Going to the woods is going home." - John Muir

Congratulations 2011 Project Canopy Grant Recipients!

Maine's Project Canopy recently awarded more than \$116,000 to 19 communities to support local community forestry efforts. The Project Canopy Assistance Program is funded by a grant from the USDA Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Assistance Program, a national initiative designed to strengthen the connections between people and their environment.

Project Canopy assistance grants support sustainable community forestry management, increase awareness of the benefits of trees and forests, and improve the health and livability of communities through sound tree planting and maintenance. In 2011, there is a strong focus on planting trees as part of downtown revitalization efforts. Bath, Camden, Cape Elizabeth, Dover-Foxcroft, Fort Kent, Gardiner, Kittery, Lincoln, the Maine Academy of Natural Sciences, Monson, Sanford, and Standish are among the communities committed to enhancing their most developed areas through sound tree planting.

In addition to supporting tree planting, Project Canopy awarded grants to Augusta, Bangor, Falmouth, Kennebunkport, Pittsfield, Rockland, and the Sanford Regional Technical Center to conduct town forest management planning, community tree maintenance, management and related education projects.



Dutton's Nursery makes major gift to Project Canopy

This year, through the generosity of Dutton's Nursery, in Morrill, Maine, Project Canopy offered a different type of tree planting opportunity. Dutton's unfortunately decided to close its retail operations at the end of the season this year. Rather than wholesaling remaining stock, they decided to give back to the communities that supported their business over the years, by donating trees to Project Canopy. Sixty cities, towns, schools, and non-profit organizations from Madawaska to Wells received free trees for community planting. In total, over one thousand trees valued in excess of \$250,000 have been planted in communities across the state to

beautify downtowns, increase wild-life habitat and shade in public parks, and reduce the amount of pollutants in our air and water.



Trees planted in Corinna, on the site of the former Eastland Woolen Mill Superfund site.

Find us on the web at projectcanopy.maine.gov, on Facebook at [facebook.com/ProjectCanopy](https://www.facebook.com/ProjectCanopy) or on twitter @ProjectCanopy

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News and Updates

Teens to Trails – Grants to Clubs Program

Teens To Trails provides small grants to high school Outing Clubs that get teens active outdoors and reconnect them with nature.

High school Outing Clubs are an effective way to engage teens in their natural world with the potential to make fun safe outdoor experiences accessible to every Maine student. Outing Clubs need our help more than ever! Established in 2008, our Grants-to-Clubs Program exists to help start new high school Outing Clubs and assist established Clubs in strengthening their programs & improving their sustainability. We know from experience that Outing Club experiences change lives – teens have told us so. All funds donated to our T3 Grants-to-Clubs Program have gone directly into support for high school Outing Clubs to engage teens in outdoor pursuits, positively impacting hundreds of Maine teenagers. These are small grants of around \$500. We hope to send out a call for grant requests each school year using funds we have been able to raise. Possible uses for these grants include...

- new gear or equipment rentals
- transportation for outings
- safety and skills training
- fees for hiring Maine Registered Guides
- recreational / public use fees
- other costs that will ensure Outing Club activities are available to ALL students, especially those with financial need.

~ Applications due on December 1st ~

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"No town can fail of beauty, though its walks were gutters and its houses hovels, if venerable trees make magnificent colonnades along its streets."

- Henry Ward Beecher, *Proverbs*, 1887

Grant Opportunities

Maine Coastal Grants Program

The Maine Coastal Program (MCP) at the State Planning Office <http://www.maine.gov/spo/coastal/index.htm> announces the availability of funds for the following activities in support of our corresponding program goals:

Ensuring Sustainable, Vibrant Coastal Communities: To help coastal communities support marine and coast-related economic growth, coastal resource protection, and maintenance of community character.

Improving Coastal Access: To create or preserve access to the shore and waterfront for traditional commercial and recreational uses.

Preparing for coastal storms, erosion and flooding, coastal hazards: To help coastal communities become resilient by developing adaptive responses to coastal erosion, coastal storm events, landslides and other coastal hazards.

Addressing the effects of land use activity on water quality: To protect and improve coastal water quality.

Restoring Coastal Habitats: To insure that Maine's coast provides healthy habitat for the full suite of coastal plants and animals for generations to come. Funds may be used for planning, ordinance development, project implementation, and outreach and educational programs.

Applications should be submitted electronically to elizabeth.hertz@maine.gov with 'Application to the 2011 Maine Coastal Program Competitive Grant Program' in the subject line. Applications will be due by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, December 7, 2011; with no exceptions permitted.

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"The best friend of earth of man is the tree. When we use the tree respectfully and economically, we have one of the greatest resources on the earth."

- Frank Lloyd Wright



Douglas-fir, *Pseudotsuga menziesii*

Douglas-Fir grows 40 to 60 feet and spreads 15 to 25 feet in an erect pyramid in the landscape. The tree prefers a sunny location with a moist soil. It is grown and shipped as a Christmas tree in many parts of the country.



FORM-BASED CODES & MORE: MTCMA

The Maine Town & City Management Association is sponsoring a three-pronged workshop that will touch on code issues, creating professional development plans and career management. The day-long event will be held at the Bethel Inn on Dec. 9. It starts at 8 a.m. and will end at 2:45 p.m.

Code expert Alan S. Manoian, who has served for 20 years in various economic development roles, will present on form-based codes in New England. Manoian, currently Bridgton's Director of Economic & Community Development, is a "proud member" of the Form-Based Codes Institute's inaugural class of 2005. He will present first. There also will be a 30-minute session on solar panels.

Richard "Gary" Stenhouse, a retired manager in New Hampshire and Connecticut, and Donald P. Bliss, a professor at the University of New Hampshire, will participate in discussions about professional development plans for municipal staffs and career management. Don Jutton, President of Municipal Resources, Inc., who is well known to MTCMA members, will moderate those discussions.

Cost is \$20 for MTCMA members and \$60 for non-members. Continental breakfast, lunch and snacks will be provided. Attendees earn six credit hours toward MTCMA certification.

Got Brush?

Wanted: Tree trimmings. Looking for a place to get rid of freshly cut brush? The Maine Wildlife Park in Gray needs browse for its resident deer and moose. If you are doing any tree trimming or harvesting and would like to help feed these magnificent animals, please contact Stephen Oliveri at the Maine Wildlife Park. He can be reached at 215-8271 or steveoliveri@maine.rr.com. Steve will accept your truckload at the Park or can travel 15 – 20 miles to pick up a truckload. Fresh cuttings only please. Maple, aspen, birch, and willow preferred but will take a mixed load.

"A man has made at least a start on discovering the meaning of human life when he plants shade trees under which he knows full well he will never sit."

- Elton Trueblood

Community Wrap-up

News from good people doing good things



Northern Research Station New Publications List 2 2011

A list of the newest publications from the Northern Research Station is now available. The Northern Research Station provides leading-edge forest science and technology applications to serve a wide range of clients in the 20-state region of the Northeast and Midwest. Check out our this link where you can view and print the online versions or order paper copies of the publications: <http://nrs.fs.fed.us/pubs/updates/>

ShadeFund.org

Established by The Conservation Fund with a lead grant from the U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities, ShadeFund enables individuals, companies and foundations to help green entrepreneurs across America grow their businesses and create jobs. Tax deductible contributions to ShadeFund are pooled and lent to qualified small green businesses nationwide. As entrepreneurs repay their loans, those same dollars are recycled to help other entrepreneurs grow their businesses. For more information, visit www.shadefund.org

Forging the Link—Linking the Economic Benefits of Low Impact Development and Community Decisions

This project documents, through a series of case studies, the advantages of Low Impact Development (LID) in the economic terms of how municipal land use decisions are commonly made.

In addition to the environmental and water quality benefits for which Low Impact Development (LID) is so commonly known, considerable economic, infrastructure, and adaptation planning benefits are also being realized through the incorporation of LID-based strategies.

Forging the Link demonstrates the substantive economic benefits—for both construction budgets and project life-cycle costs—that are increasingly being observed by municipalities, commercial developers, and others when using Green Infrastructure for stormwater management. In addition, the FTL curriculum demonstrates the use of LID as a means for building community resiliency to changing climates in a water resources management context.

For more information visit: <http://www.unh.edu/unhsc/forgingthelink>

To read the latest Forests for Maine's Future Newsletter

<http://archive.constantcontact.com/fso48/1101695341803/archive/1107316867574.html>



The sixth issue of the 2011 Conditions Reports is now available on-line: http://www.maine.gov/doc/mfs/Cond_2011_6.htm. The report is also available from the Conditions Reports index page: <http://www.maine.gov/doc/mfs/ConditionsReportsIndex.htm>. Find out what those bugs are crawling on the inside of your windowsills are....

The University of Minnesota has just published a booklet entitled, "Stem Girdling Roots—the Underground Epidemic Killing Our Trees" Download it here:

<http://www.myminesotawoods.umn.edu/wp-content/uploads/2009/12/sgr-book.pdf>

Calendar

November

30 - December 3 ASCA Annual Conference, Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe, Incline Village, NV. <http://www.asca-consultants.org/edprograms/conference.cfm>

December

6 NOFA Organic Land Care Annual Gathering, titled "Trees: Landscaping for Future Generations" For more information contact NOFA OLC office at 203-888-5146 or contact [Kristiane Huber](mailto:Kristiane.Huber@nofa.org).

January

10-12 [MTWFA](http://www.mtwfa.org) 99th Annual Conference, Sturbridge, MA

10-12 Maine Agricultural Trades Show, Augusta Civic Center

11 SWOAM Annual Meeting, Augusta Civic Center

February

1-3 [New England Grows](http://www.newenglandgrows.com), Boston

21-24 ASCA Consulting Academy, Philadelphia, PA

<http://www.asca-consultants.org/edprograms/consultingacademy.cfm>

March

3 Maine Arborist Association Annual Conference

9-12 Portland Flower show, Portland, ME

13 UMASS Tree conference, Amherst, MA

Contact us by the 15th of each month to get your community's event on the calendar

"Trees can reduce the heat of a summer's day, quiet a highway's noise, feed the hungry, provide shelter from the wind and warmth in the winter. You see, the forests are the sanctuaries not only of wildlife, but also of the human spirit. And every tree is a compact between generations."

- George Bush, U.S. President, 1989