

# The Council Quarterly

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## Regional Forestry Work Groups – A Step in the Right Direction

*Submitted by Eric Muecke - City of Tampa Parks and Recreation Urban Forestry Manager; ISA-Arborist; SAF-CUCF; ISA-TRAQ; FUFC Board member*

The Florida Urban Forestry Council's (FUFC) 2026 Urban Forestry Institute (UFI) conference has come and gone. However, the theme "Resilience, Resistance, and Recovery" continues on! When building resilience, overcoming resistance, and advancing recovery, forming a regional municipal urban forestry work group is one step in the right direction. The *Bay Area Regional Forestry* (yes, B.A.R.F) group is a great example of a regional municipal team formed to advance urban forestry within their local area. BARF is feverishly consuming and spewing tree knowledge.

A recent Bay Area Regional Forestry meeting was joined by Jeffery Eickwort, the Florida Forest Service's State Entomologist. Jeff provides statewide assistance and training when identifying, evaluating, and managing forest and shade tree insects. This work involves

coordinating forest insect surveys, prevention, and suppression programs across Florida. This particular meeting was an excellent opportunity



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for the group to learn firsthand about what's happening in the Bay Area and how to recognize early warning signs - especially after storm events.

BARF met at Fred Howard Park in Tarpon Springs. Fred Howard Park is 155 acres of park and beach located on the Gulf in Tarpon Springs. This park provides homes to wildlife including eagles, gopher tortoises and fox squirrels. Jeff shared his expertise on beetle infestations following hurricanes.

In many cases, damage from hurricane winds is obvious and straightforward. Bent, broken or uprooted trees are immediately recognizable. However, sometimes wind damage is not immediately apparent. When stems bend and twist but do not break during a hurricane, it can cause hidden damage to the internal wood structures, including the vessels in the wood that carry water up from the roots. It is also possible for a tree to be partially uprooted and then settle back into place, leaving it with broken roots that no longer conduct water or provide structural support effectively. This hidden damage can lead to the decline and death of trees for months or even years.

Water damage from hurricanes is primarily due to flooding from rainfall and/or storm surge. Tree roots that are submerged for an extended period can suffocate and lose their ability to take up water. Symptoms are very similar to those found during a drought. They may include wilting or loss of leaves, branch dieback, and/or death of the entire tree. Damage caused by prolonged water inundation can occur even when there is no standing water on the site. Saturated soil, and/or an elevated water table can remain hidden for an extended period. This phenomenon is known as "physiological drought." Different tree species vary greatly in their ability to tolerate and survive these conditions. Along the coastline, flooding from



storm surge can cause the same effects, but the salt in the sea water can cause additional long-term problems for tree species that are not well-adapted to high salinity in the soil and water. Another way that water from hurricanes can injure trees is "salt spray," when droplets of sea water are blown inland by high winds, causing leaves or needles of salt-sensitive tree species to turn brown and fall off, especially on the side of the tree facing the coast. In most cases, the tree will sprout new leaves and recover with no long-term effects.

Long after the hurricane or tropical storm, pine bark beetles, particularly Ips pine engraver beetles (*Ips Pini*) and black turpentine beetles (*Dendroctonus terebrans*), feed in the inner bark of pines that are stressed, declining, or recently dead. As a result, they are likely to be more abundant in the months and years following a hurricane. They are not likely to infest healthy trees but can smell the odors given off by stressed trees even when they have no visible problems. Typical signs of attack are small clumps of resin on the bark (known as pitch tubes, where beetles tunnel in), reddish-brown boring dust, and rapid wilting of the needles.

Southern pine beetles (SPB) (*Dendroctonus frontalis*) are known to aggressively attack healthy trees during an outbreak, but SPB

outbreaks are not likely to become more abundant following hurricanes and never occur in South Florida. In Florida, southern pine beetle activity has historically been limited to the northern half of the state, corresponding to the natural range of loblolly pine (*Pinus taeda*). SPB has never been recorded south of a line extending approximately from Pasco County to Volusia County. Pine bark beetle infestations in South Florida involve ips pine engraver beetles and/or black turpentine beetle. So, if you are noticing pine mortality after storms, look for your secondary pests. One of the steps toward Resilience, Resistance, and Recovery!

Guest speakers will be a welcome part of group meetings. Do you want to start a COOL regional municipal work group like BARF in your area? A FUGC Municipal Roundtable is a good place to start. Peer-to-peer seats at the table are reserved for municipal arborists, urban foresters, and the city teams who support them. It's a place to share what works, compare notes, and leave each meeting with something you can actually use. For more information visit, <https://fucg.org/municipal-roundtable/>.

(Information for this article was sourced from the Florida Forest Service Leaflets 1, 2, 4, and 23. All leaflets were authored by Jeffery Eickwort, Florida Forest Service's State Entomologist. As a bonus, all these leaflets and more are available here: [www.fdacs.gov/Forest-Wildfire/Our-Forests/Forest-Health/Forest-Health-Publications](http://www.fdacs.gov/Forest-Wildfire/Our-Forests/Forest-Health/Forest-Health-Publications))

# President's Message

If you look at the work inside the Florida Urban Forestry Council (FUFC) right now, there's a clear shift underway. For years, the FUFC has done a great job sharing knowledge. Conferences, webinars, and publications like this one have helped move urban forestry forward by connecting people to ideas. What we're starting to see now is the next step. We're moving from conversation to coordination.

Across this issue of *The Council Quarterly*, you'll see examples of that shift taking shape.

The beginning of a Municipal Roundtable is creating a structured way for communities to connect, align, and share real-world challenges and solutions. As part of that effort, the development of Regional Forestry Work Groups is a move toward localized coordination. Groups are forming that will bring professionals together at a regional level to align efforts and share real-time insights.

At the same time, the Urban Forestry Exploration Camp reflects something just as important: building the next generation of professionals who will carry this work forward. The Urban Forestry Institute (UFI) continues to serve as a cornerstone of knowledge exchange, bringing together diverse perspectives and professionals to push the profession forward. This year, we had participants at UFI joining from places like the United Kingdom and New Jersey.

These aren't isolated efforts. They're part of a broader movement toward a more connected, more coordinated urban forestry community in Florida and beyond. That matters.

People are noticing the work happening here and leaning in to learn more. Urban forestry challenges aren't isolated to Florida; they transcend boundaries and politics.

The challenges we face today, whether it's development pressure, storm impacts, changing regulations, or long-term canopy management, don't exist



in isolation. They require alignment between professionals, organizations, communities, and opportunities.

What we're building, step by step, is a system where that alignment becomes easier. Where information flows more freely; where professionals are better connected; and where decisions are made with greater clarity and confidence. At the end of the day, urban forestry is about outcomes, healthier trees, stronger communities, and landscapes that continue to provide value over time.

Those outcomes don't happen by chance. They are the result of informed decisions, consistent practices, and professionals who are committed—and supported—to doing the work the right way. That's what makes this community strong. It's what makes the direction we're heading so important. Strong urban forests don't happen by accident. They happen when people decide the work matters—and work together to manage the resources well.

Cheers,

*John Snow*

President, Florida Urban Forestry Council

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# Forest Friends Summer Camp: A Week-Long Urban Forestry Camp Adventure

Submitted by Elise Casey

The *Forest Friends Summer Camp Guide* provides experiences for upper elementary and middle school youth to explore the health and community benefits of urban trees, the importance of nature as part of our cities, and to introduce careers in forestry through fun experiences and guest forestry mentors. This youth education and workforce development program was developed and piloted in June 2025, with a week-long, day-camp experience at Cuscowilla Nature Center in Alachua County, with a successful outcome, based on the camper surveys and parent comments.

One parent wrote: *"I just wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt thanks for the incredible experience you gave my girls ... planting a tree, building a birdhouse, and counting the rings on a stump to learn a tree's age—they came home excited each day, full of stories, curiosity, and confidence ... they've been teaching us all kinds of fun facts ever since!"*

For Summer 2026 the *Forest Friends Summer Camp Guide* is actively being promoted statewide as an easy-to-follow (and adaptable) guide to provide



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For more information, including how you can help promote a camp in your area or how your child can attend the Urban Forestry Camp in Alachua

or Hillsborough County, contact Elise Cassie, Urban Forestry Camp Coordinator, at [elise@editype.com](mailto:elise@editype.com)

View the *Forest Friends Summer Camp Guide* at, <https://fufc.org/kids-korner/>

Download the Guide at, <https://fufc.org/downloads/Urban-Forestry-Camp-Booklet.pdf>

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# Stump The Forester

**QUESTION:** What is the FUFCC Municipal Roundtable?

**ANSWER:** The FUFCC Municipal Roundtable is a growing network of municipal arborists, urban foresters, and public-sector staff from across Florida who come together to share ideas, challenges, and practical solutions for managing community trees and urban forests.

The Roundtable was created to support municipal professionals who often work in small teams—and sometimes as a team of one. It offers a welcoming space to connect with peers who understand the realities of municipal work, from tree protection

& policy, to storm response & recovery, urban forest management, planning, and public outreach.

What began as a simple idea — to coordinate the connections between municipal urban forest personnel, to help municipal staff learn from one another, and feel less isolated—has continued to grow through regional groups. Today, active groups are taking shape in Tampa Bay, Naples, and Jacksonville, with room for more to grow across the state.

Why does it matter? Because stronger peer connections lead to stronger local programs. The FUFCC Municipal Roundtable helps communities by

giving municipal staff a place to exchange lessons learned, talk through common issues, and carry back ideas that can make a real difference at home.

For anyone looking to get involved, the first step is easy: connect with FUFCC and join the conversation. If your area does not yet have a regional group, your interest may be the seed that starts one. To learn more visit, <https://fufcc.org/municipal-roundtable/>.

*Answer provided by Shannon Brewer  
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If you would like to 'stump the forester,' see page 16 for information on submitting your question!



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# Tree of the Quarter

Submitted by Joe Anderson - JEA Veg Mgt Spc; ISA-Arborist; FUFC Board member

**BRIEF INTRO:** The olive is a subtropical evergreen in the family Oleaceae. Florida is olive friendly. Though the olive won't provide a commercial replacement for citrus, with the onset of citrus greening disease, it can provide a fruit tree alternative for ornamental landscapes, neighborhood food forest plantings, and other places looking to create diversity and curiosity.



## Olive Tree (*Olea sp*) (*Olea europaea*)

Commercially, olive production in Florida is in its infancy, but there are indications of a promising future. Olive farming is expanding in Florida and Georgia. Central and northern Florida are more favorable to fruit production and higher yields. Olive trees can thrive under the Florida sun. Success depends on location, variety, and proper care. With regards to urban forestry, under the right conditions, the olive could be the right tree in the right place. Floridians can enjoy the ornamental beauty of a medium-sized, olive shade tree. In modern urban landscape, olive trees offer fruitful rewards with attractive features to include distinctively gnarled trunks, evergreen silvery-gray foliage, and moderate size. The olive tree is being planted by the urban forestry team in Jacksonville, FL. Compared to other fruit trees, olive trees are relatively pest-resistant, but high humidity can create a risk of fungus disease. Olive trees can be messy due to fallen fruit, leaves, pollen, and occasional oil drips, but the mess can be managed with proper care, placement, and planning. The main source of litter will be the dropping of mature fruit. The olives are high in oil which can stain patios, driveways, and other surfaces. They can create slippery conditions when crushed or wet. Fallen, decomposing fruit can produce a strong unpleasant odor on a hot humid day.

Olive trees thrive in sunny, well-drained soils. Olive trees are hardy and can tolerate occasional frosts when temperatures remain above 20 degrees F. Winter climate of central and northern Florida can provide the cooler temperatures needed to meet the trees' chill hours for flowering and

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fruiting. South Florida's mild winters often fail to provide sufficient chill hours leading to poor or inconsistent fruit production. The Arbequina and Koromiko varieties are the most heat-tolerant with lower chill requirements.

Pruning is important for maintaining a healthy structure and promoting air circulation and light penetration within the canopy.

Not all cultivars can cross-pollinate. Arbequina, Koroneiki, Frantoio, Fantoio, Coratina, and Picual varieties produce perfect flowers (both male and female parts). This enables them to reproduce through self-pollination, but cross-pollination will generally produce higher and more consistent yield of fruit.

**HABITAT:** Thrives in hot coastal climate conditions. Olives are drought tolerant due to a sturdy, extensive, and robust root system. They prefer dry conditions. Olive trees grow best in well-drained, sandy soils and require full sun. They are well suited to central and northern Florida and perform best in USDA hardiness zones 8–10. Young trees may be vulnerable to frost. Olives grow best in a climate where the summer is long and hot, and the winter is cool.

**FORM:** Short, squat and spherical shape. The olive tree rarely exceeds 25–35 ft in height. The mature trunk is uniquely gnarled and twisted. With a dense and lush canopy.

**LEAVES:** Dark green top with a silvery underside. Leaves are oblong, measuring 1.5–4 inches long and 1.33 inches wide.

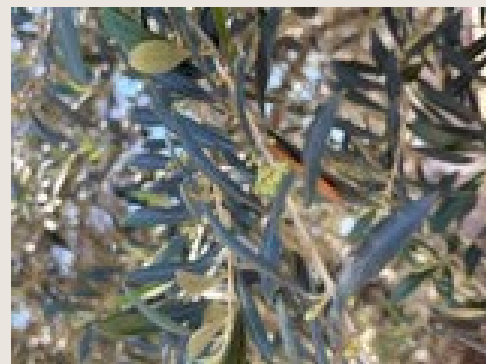
**FLOWERS:** The flowers are often numerous and highly odoriferous. Small, white to cream-colored flowers are borne generally on the previous year's wood. In Florida, flowers bloom in April and May.

**FRUIT:** Olive fruit is a small drupe. High nutritional and culinary value.

**USES:** Ornamental tree, fruit, and oil production. Wood is hard and tough, but sought after by woodworking artisans for durability, color, and interesting grain patterns.



**LITTLE KNOWN FACTS:** The olive is among the oldest domesticated fruit trees for commercial production of fruit. The olive has a symbolic and spiritual importance in various cultures. The oil extracted from the edible fruit has uses in food, lamp oil, soaps & cosmetics, lubricants, and medicine. The Seal of the United States; designed in 1782, depicts an eagle clutching an olive branch and arrows in its talons, indicating the power of peace and war, respectively.





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# UFI 2026 in Review

Submitted by John Snow

**Thank you** to the speakers who volunteered their time & expertise to share their knowledge through the Urban Forestry Institute (UFI). Their willingness to teach and engage with various professions helps raise the bar in our industry.

**Thank you** to the 2026 sponsors for their support, including Chen Moore & Associates, Earth Advisors, Natural Resource Planning Services, and the Florida Forest Service. The commitment from sponsors help make events like the UFI possible.

**Thank you** to the many volunteers, committee members, Florida Urban Forestry Council (FUFC) Board members who dedicated time throughout the year to advance the FUFC mission. The UFI is the result of many hours behind the scenes.

**Thank you** to the participants for investing time to the continued growth of urban forestry in Florida and beyond. The UFI has become one of the most important gathering of professionals & tree advocates who care about, and work with, the trees within our communities. Each year we come together to share ideas, research, and

practical experiences that help us work better.

**Urban forestry** is not a static profession. The challenges we face continue to evolve from extreme weather events, climate stress, development pressures, changing politics, and new technologies. The work of managing and protecting our urban forests has never been more complex, or more important. This is exactly why UFI matters.

Together, municipalities, state agencies, universities, and private industries shared insights on resilience, tree policy, nursery stock quality, urban forestry management strategies, and emerging technologies that are bringing change to our professions, to include AI tools, LiDAR integration, improved ordinance language, and new approaches to assessing tree risks and tree conditions.

The conversations are not simply academic. The ideas heard at the UFI help inform real decisions made by community planners, arborists, and policy makers across Florida. This lies directly with the mission of the FUFC – to promote the value, enhancement, and sound management of



urban forestry through leadership, collaboration, guidance, and education.

The goal is simple, making it easier for professionals and communities across Florida to access information needed to manage trees well. The strength of the FUFC is found in the professionals and tree advocates committed to learning, sharing, and improving how urban forestry is practiced across the state.

**Thank you** for the work you do and for being part of the FUFC community. Strong urban forests don't happen by accident. They happen because industry professionals decide that urban forestry matters.

- John Snow, FUFC Board President

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# Call for Speakers

Submitted by the Communications Committee

The Florida Urban Forestry Council (FUFC) is seeking engaging, knowledgeable, and dynamic speakers to contribute to our upcoming educational programming. For information and to be considered, visit <https://fufc.org/call-for-speakers/>.



# UFI Conference Agenda

The 2026 FUFU Urban Forestry Institute (UFI) virtual conference was held on March 12-13. The conference agenda included:

- "Welcome & Awards Presentation"  
By Jamielyn Daugherty – UFI Chair
- "Rooting for Resiliency – NYC's Tree Planting Overview"  
By Nave Strauss – Director of Tree Planting NYC Parks
- "The Importance of Stating Current Terminology in Tree Ordinance"  
By John Snow - Tree CheckUp, LLC and John Harris – Earth Advisors, Inc
- "The Florida Forest Service & Communities; How We Can Help You"  
By Todd Little – FFS Urban Forestry Coordinator; Cathy Hardin – FFS County Forester; Clark Ryals – FFS County Forester; and Dana Sussman – FFS County Forester
- "Addressing Increasing Heat & Flood Risks in Urban Forestry"  
By Jane Gilbert – Chief Heat Ambassador – Climate Resilience Cntr
- "Beyond the Clipboard: Empowering Arborist with AL and LiDAR Integration"  
By Ian Hanou – PlanIT GEO
- "Trees & The Law; Part 2 of Tree Risk Assessment and FS163.045 – Codes CAN be Enforced"  
By John Harris – Earth Advisors, Inc; and John Snow – Tree, CheckUp, LLC
- "Tree Condition Rating Methodology"  
By John Snow – Tree CheckUp, LLC
- "Urban Forestry Resilience for Climate in Goals, Programs, and Projects of Member Organizations"  
By FUFU Committee members
- "PLT – Urban Forestry Focused Activities with Youth"  
By Emily Blum – FL Project Learning Tree
- "From Planting Through Maturity: How Best Management Practices Can Impact the Success of Urban Trees"  
By Ryan Klien – University of FL
- "Engaging Volunteers at Tree Planting Events"  
By Ralph Ariza – Executive Director – Citizens for a Better South Florida
- "Outdoor Advertising (ODA) & The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)"  
By Darryl Richard – Landscape Architect, FDOT
- "Assessing Risk Factors for hurricane – Induced Tree Failure in the Naples Urban Forest Using Advanced GIS and Machine Learning"  
By Coralie Paschal – Environmental Science in the Dept of Ecology & Env Studies (M.S. Student)
- "Assessing Nursery Stock Quality and Early Tree Care of Live Oak in Florida"  
By Taylor Sherer – (M.S. Student) UF Arboriculture Lab
- "With a Little Help From Our Friends"  
By Stephanie Cadaval – UF Urban Forestry Extension Council Coordinator
- Q&A Sessions throughout
- Adjourned

## FUFU Quarterly Calendar

### APRIL

- Executive Board Meeting  
Date: April 8, 2026
- FUFU Foundational Friday Webinar:  
Engaging Private Organizations and Individuals in Urban Greening  
Date: Friday, April 24th at 12PM

### MAY

- FUFU Committee Meetings Day  
Date: May 13, 2026  
(Check the FUFU calendar for specific times)
- FUFU Foundational Friday Webinar:  
Is Your Tree Abuse the Same as Mine? Determining Whether an Abused Tree Shall be Restored or Removed.  
- presented by John Snow & John Harris  
Date: Friday, May 29th at 12PM

### JUNE

- Executive Board Meeting  
Date: June 10, 2026
- FUFU Foundational Friday Webinar:  
Trees & the Law: Why Tree Replacement Values Differ by Municipality  
- presented by John Snow & John Harris  
Date: Friday, June 26 at 12PM
- Content deadline for *The Council Quarterly* volume 3  
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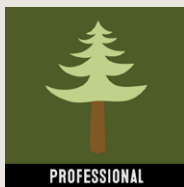
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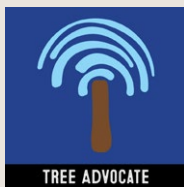
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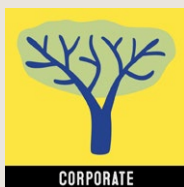
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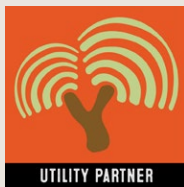
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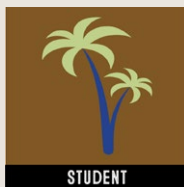
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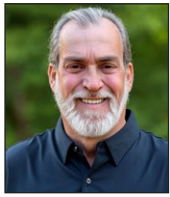
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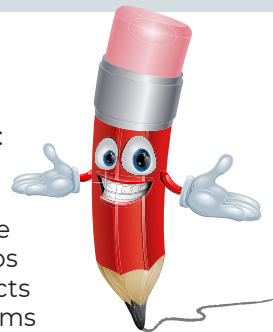
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## Request for Articles

Please let us know what urban forestry projects you have going on in your neck of the woods. The Florida Urban Forestry Council would greatly appreciate the opportunity to share your information in our newsletter.

Articles can include:

- New trends in the industry
- News about tree advocacy groups
- Volunteer projects
- City tree programs
- Letters to the Editor
- Questions for "Stump the Forester"



We look forward to hearing from you on these or any other interesting topics related to the urban forestry industry and profession. Please send articles or ideas to Joe Anderson, FUFC newsletter editor, at [andejs@jea.com](mailto:andejs@jea.com).

*Thanks for contributing!*