



URBAN FORESTRY STEWARDSHIP AWARD

Presented by the Washington Community Forestry Council

INTRODUCTION

The Washington Community Forestry Council is composed of individuals from throughout Washington State who represent the many facets of urban and community forestry. The Council believes in recognizing those who have made exemplary contributions to urban forestry. Through this award program, the Council provides individuals, businesses and organizations with deserved recognition for preserving, planting and managing community forests and trees for public benefits and improved quality of life.

WHO

If you know someone who has demonstrated exceptional leadership, creativity, cooperation and stewardship through their work in urban and community forestry, simply complete and submit the nomination form below.

We encourage nominations for individuals, as well as organizations, community groups, and businesses. Efforts that are voluntary or above and beyond typical job duties and expectations, show leadership, or are highly innovative will receive priority in our review of nominations.

WHEN

Nominations can be submitted at any time throughout the year. Review will occur on a quarterly basis or as part of a full review of nominations in December.

Awards are presented four times per year, during the Washington Community Forestry Council's meetings, in different cities across Washington State. Winners and nominators are encouraged to attend the meeting and/or help plan an event for Council members to recognize the winner

WHAT

The award will be presented to nominees who best meet the following criteria:

- Demonstrated continued interest and participation in community beautification, habitat restoration or forestry programs.
- Provided extraordinary services without the motive for financial reward.
- Is known for their leadership and services among their fellow volunteers and within their communities.
- To date, has not received a high degree of formal recognition for their contributions to urban and community forestry.
- Participated in or has been responsible for organizing an activity that is consistent with the purpose of the Washington Department of Natural Resources Urban and Community Forestry Program and the mission of the Washington Community Forestry Council.¹
- Participated in or has been responsible for organizing an activity that is consistent with the local jurisdiction's urban and community forestry objectives. The local jurisdiction may include city, county or tribal governments or authorized advisory committees such as Tree Boards.

How

There are two options to submit the nomination form:

- E-mail completed PDF form to urban_forestry@dnr.wa.gov
- Print and fill out a paper copy and mail to:
Washington Community Forestry Council, P.O. Box 47037, Olympia, WA 98504-7037

For more information:

- Call 1-800-523-TREE
- E-mail urban_forestry@dnr.wa.gov
- Visit the Washington Community Forestry Council's website at:
<http://www.dnr.wa.gov/AboutDNR/BoardsCouncils/WCFC/>

¹ The purpose of the Washington State Urban and Community Forestry Program is to educate citizens and decision-makers about the economic, environmental, psychological and aesthetic benefits of trees and to assist local governments, citizen groups and volunteers in planting and sustaining healthy trees and vegetation wherever people live and work in Washington State.

URBAN FORESTRY STEWARDSHIP AWARD NOMINATION FORM

NOMINEE

Name (First, Last) or Group:

Phone number (including area code):

E-mail address:

Street address:

City/state/zip:

NOMINATOR

Name (First, Last):

Phone number (including area code):

E-mail address:

Street address:

City/state/zip:

QUESTIONS FOR NOMINATOR

How do you know the nominee?

How did you hear about the Urban Forestry Stewardship Award?

If nominee is selected as award recipient, are you interested in attending a Washington Community Forestry Council meeting to participate in the presentation of the award?

NOMINATION LETTER (NO MORE THAN 1 PAGE)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY

Q: What is the Washington State Urban and Community Forestry Program?

A: The Washington State Urban and Community Forestry Program works to educate citizens and decision-makers about the economic, environmental, psychological and aesthetic benefits of trees and to assist local governments, citizen groups and volunteers in planting and sustaining healthy trees and vegetation wherever people live and work in Washington State. Its mission is to provide leadership to create self-sustaining urban and community forestry programs that preserve, plant and manage forests and trees for public benefits and quality of life. The program is located at the Washington State Department of Natural Resources and is advised by a statewide citizen advisory committee, the Washington Community Forestry Council.

Q: What is Urban and Community Forestry (UCF)?

A: UCF focuses on the economic, environmental and social relationships that develop between people and plants within a community. As a profession, UCF is the planting and management of trees and green-spaces on publicly-owned properties, such as parks, greenbelts, natural areas and rights-of-way. While there may be many definitions of UCF, the general goal is to create safe, healthy, sustainable and more livable communities by integrating trees and plants into our cities and towns. For more information, visit the web page for the Washington Community Forestry Council at <http://www.dnr.wa.gov/AboutDNR/BoardsCouncils/WCFC/>.

Q: From a local perspective, what are some options for funding urban and community forestry?

A: There is no simple answer to this question, but there are numerous examples of communities across the country building incredible urban forestry programs on shoestring budgets. However, having the funds is of little use if the community does not support local UCF efforts. Urban forestry has logical connections to nearly every aspect of a community, and there are numerous civic organizations, businesses, non-profit groups and municipal departments that can provide funding for trees. There are also grant dollars available not only from tree-friendly groups, but also from wildlife, watershed and soil conservation organizations. Don't underestimate the efforts of volunteers! Volunteers are your strongest and most cost-effective assets. There are no tricks or secrets-establishing funding for Urban and Community Forestry. It is simply a matter of innovation, networking, education, opportunity, patience and enthusiasm.



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