



# north carolina urban forest council

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## NCUFC eNews

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### Comments from the Chair



Hello, Everyone,

We've almost made it through summer... and the storms they bring! As communities continue to clean up after Hurricane Debby and prepare for the next storm, now is a great time to promote and practice the 3 Rs (Readiness, Response, & Recovery). We can take steps year round to help prevent and minimize tree damage, effectively respond after storms, and assess the additional steps needed to ensure the health of remaining trees. These basic steps save homeowners and taxpayers money *and* promote the health of North Carolina's urban forests and the many benefits they provide. You can find brochures, videos, and a webinar for homeowners, tree care professionals, and municipalities on our [website](#).

And if you're looking to get more great information and to talk with other green industry professionals in person, join us at our [15th Annual Great NC Tree Conference](#) in September in Hickory, NC. Our Conference has something for everyone:

- **September 25:** Municipal planners and urban foresters will discuss and problem solve tree ordinance issues at our Pre-Conference Workshop.
- **September 26:** All green industry professionals can learn more about the use of soils, biochar, pests, and safety equipment in the urban forest at our indoor education session.
- **September 27:** Everyone has a chance to examine and diagnosis tree disease from the inside out at our outdoor Field Day.

Be sure to [register for The Great NC Tree Conference by Friday, September 6th, to take advantage Early Bird registration rates.](#) You can find more details about the conference in the newsletter below.

If you haven't renewed your membership, or you are looking to join NCUFC, now is the perfect time. You will receive discounts immediately after [renewing or joining NCUFC.](#)

Please contact the NCUFC if you have any questions and keep reading for more helpful information.

Sincerely,  
Mark

Mark Livingston  
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NCUFC Board Chair

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## Event News

### NCUFC Hosts Another Successful NC Community Tree Webinar

NCUFC was happy to host another successful NC Community Tree Webinar with Dr. Joe Neal, Professor of Weed Science and Extension Specialist with NC State University, on August 21. Dr. Neal spoke to more than 50 participants from across the country about saving landscape plants and trees from herbicide injury.

Some key takeaways include:

- The most common cause of herbicide injury to landscape plants/trees is sloppy use of glyphosate.
- Only use labeled products.
- Read all application instructions carefully; check temperature use and precautions especially.

Thanks to all who participated! Check out the Resources section below for Dr. Neal's website.

## Recognizing and Avoiding Herbicide Injury to Landscape Plants

Dr. Joe Neal,  
Professor of Weed Science  
North Carolina State University



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## Upcoming Events

# JOIN US!

Early Bird Registration ends September 6!

Pre-Conference  
Workshop

Wednesday, 9/25

Education &  
Exhibitors

Thursday, 9/26

Field  
Day

Friday, 9/27

## The Great NC Tree CONFERENCE



Register online: [ncufc.org](https://ncufc.org)



### The 15th Annual Great NC Tree Conference "Digs Deeper" on Urban Forest Topics

The Great NC Tree Conference will be held September 25-27, 2024 in Hickory, NC.

This year marks our 15th Annual NC Great Tree Conference! Our theme, "Digging Deeper: Exploring Tree Systems from the Inside Out" will focus on topics including soil, nutrients, beneficial insects, biochar in the green industry, safety, and urban planning.

Register today - Early Bird Registration ends September 6! - and we look forward to seeing you in Hickory in September!

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE CONFERENCE DETAILS AND TO REGISTER](#)

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## Other News, Events, and Resources



### Welcome Sarah Hollis, NCFS Community Forestry Coordinator!

Hello! I am pleased to introduce myself as the new community forestry coordinator for the N.C. Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry (U&CF) team!

My role is to provide administrative, program coordination and communications, networking and other support for U&CF and you, our customers. Feel free to call me anytime at (919) 857-4841 and introduce yourself -- I am your new point person for state level urban and community forestry assistance.

As a North Carolina native with roots in both rural and urban areas of the state, I deeply value the natural bounty and people of this great state. My passion for people and engagement led me to earn a bachelor's degree in anthropology and journalism from UNC-Chapel Hill. Most recently, I worked at the N.C. Wildlife Federation in administration, program coordination and assisting those interested in conserving natural resources and environmental education. I look forward to boosting community engagement, natural resources, inclusion and communications with you through urban and community forestry.

The U&CF team is here to help, and we want to learn more about the trees in your community. Together, we can conserve and enhance ecosystem services and ensure the sustainable management of North Carolina's urban forests, making our communities healthy and beautiful places to live, work and play. We look forward to connecting with you!

### Next Urban Forest Connections Webinar Series: Bringing Trees to the Ground - Model Projects Funded through the Inflation Reduction Act

This webinar series from the USDA Forest Service creates a stage for experts to share the latest science, practice, and policy on urban and community forestry. While focused primarily on the needs of local advocates and practitioners, participants range from state and federal government to nonprofit, municipal, university, private industry and public health leaders.

This webinar will highlight several projects and the range of actions localities are taking to direct Inflation Reduction Act funds where needed most. Learn more about the \$1.5 billion priority investment the USDA Forest Service has made through its unique Urban and Community Forestry Program.

Webinar Date: September 11, 2024, 1:00pm - 2:15pm ET.

[Click here](#) for more information.

## Resource: Herbicide Injury Website

The NC State Extension "Weed Management" website has a Herbicide Injury page. The page has compiled fact sheets and step-by-step instructions to assist green industry professionals in recognizing and diagnosing herbicide injury when it occurs.

Website: <https://weeds.ces.ncsu.edu/weeds-herbicide-injury/>

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