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Comments from the Chair



Hello NCUFC Members and Friends, and Happy New Year!

I'm excited to serve as Chair of the Board of Directors for 2025, and would like to thank Mark Livingston for all the work he did as Chair in 2024. If we have not met before, I'll give a quick introduction. I am the Campus Arborist at Appalachian State University, an alum of NCSU Horticultural Science, and ISA BCMA and TRAQ. I have been a member of the Council for almost a decade, and this is my third year on the Board of Directors.

We have a great team on the Board this year, and we are working hard to provide a great year for y'all. We are in the planning stages for several Carolina Canopy Workshops across the state, as well as several online webinars and NC Urban Wood Group events. Our annual Great NC Tree Conference will be held in September as usual, and we are looking forward to announcing the date and location once that is finalized.

If you have not renewed your [Council membership for 2025](#), please go ahead and do that, and encourage others to as well. Your support helps us to provide all the great educational events, networking opportunities, and other projects to protect and manage trees where we live, work, and play in North Carolina.

Another exciting undertaking we have this year is the development of our next strategic plan. Throughout the year our Board and Executive Director, Kim, will be brainstorming ways to make this organization better and more effective in reaching our goals, culminating in a new Strategic Plan at our annual planning

retreat this fall. But this means we need your input! We are here to help serve you! So please let us know what ideas and feedback you have for future direction of the Council.

We will also be bringing on a new Project Coordinator in February who will be able to assist Kim in planning our events and expanding our outreach. Again, please renew your membership for 2025 if you have not already done so. And share our information with anyone in our field or adjacent ones so that we can expand our reach. Please don't hesitate to reach out to myself or Kim as needed.

We are looking forward to 2025!

Max Alff
Appalachian State University
BCMA/TRAQ
NCUFC Board Chair

Event News

2025 NCUFC Membership Drive

THANK YOU to all our valued 2024 Members! Your commitment to the Council helps us provide educational programs to industry professionals; engage with industry communities and leaders; stay up to date with industry research; and plant trees.

In return, you receive [member benefits](#) including networking opportunities, access to research, financial discounts, and more.

Most importantly, the Council keeps you connected to our industry. It takes many voices to protect and maintain the trees where we live, work, and play. It's important to work together as we deal with continuous issues affecting our urban forests, including storms, development, legislation, and industry changes. Please, renew your membership today and stay connected in 2025.

If you have renewed, THANK YOU! If you have not received your 2025 Membership Card yet, it will be emailed from the Executive Director the first week of February.

[CLICK HERE TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP](#)



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Other News, Events, and Resources

Events: 2025 Bradford Pear Bounty Events

Four Bradford Pear Bounty Events are scheduled for the Spring:

Wilson, NC - March 22, 2025

Wilkesboro, NC - March 29, 2025

Elizabeth City, NC - April 5, 2025

Hendersonville, NC - April 12, 2025

Registration opens in February. Visit the website for more information.

Website: <https://www.treebountync.com/>

Resource: NCUFC Website

The NCUFC website - www.ncufc.org - has a number of FREE resources available for tree care businesses, municipalities, and homeowners to help in protecting and managing trees where we live, work, and play, including topics:

- [Tree Ordinances](#)
- [Tree Planting](#)
- [Tree Pruning](#)

- [Tree Owner Manual](#)
- [Trees in Storms: Readiness, Response, and Recovery](#)
- [And many more Additional Resources](#)

We encourage you to use these resources among your clients, crews, and communities.

Resource: NC Disaster Information Center

NC State Extension has pulled information, resources, and tools together in one website location to assist in continued Hurricane Helene Recovery.

Website: <https://ncdisaster.ces.ncsu.edu/>

Thank you NCUFC Annual Partners!



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