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News Brief

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Lower Midwest Community Tree Guide is now Available

The 14th in our Tree Guide series, the new guide is available as a PDF [here](#). This climate zone is included with i-Tree STRATUM Version 3.4, allowing communities in Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Kentucky to obtain extensive information on the benefits and costs associated with their street tree populations. You can find more information and updates on the i-Tree STRATUM program [here](#).



Attend the Upcoming Webinar by the Climate Action Reserve

A webinar specifically focused on developing urban forestry projects will be held on May 20 by the Climate Action Reserve. This will give a detailed look at the Urban Forest Project Reporting Protocol (UFPRP), registering projects, and related topics. This webinar is designed for cities, universities, utilities and other organizations undertaking urban forestry programs and is free and open to all, and you can [register here](#).



Davis Soil's Usefulness Tested in Parking Lot study

Dr. Qingfu Xiao gives a [report on Davis Soil](#) used in a bioswale to mitigate parking lot stormwater runoff. The results show its effectiveness in trapping pollutants, increasing stormwater retention, and making water available to trees. Davis Soil is made of natural materials readily and inexpensively available in California, and Dr. Xiao's [earlier report](#) gave it high marks when compared with other engineered soils from Cornell and Carolina State.



Urban Forest GHG Protocol Applied in Santa Monica

Paula Peper and Dr. Jim Simpson are presenting alongside Santa Monica's Community Forester Walt Wariner about using the urban forest GHG protocol in Santa Monica. Speaking at the Urban Forestry: Future Perfect seminars organized by Nancy Hughes (California Urban Forest Council) and Rose Epperson (Western Chapter ISA), they introduce the Santa Monica Greenhouse Gas Tree Project. Santa Monica wants to reduce its GHG emissions to 15% below 1990 levels. Get the Santa Monica project presentation at [our past speeches](#). You can see them present again at the May 2009 WCISA Annual Conference in Reno, NV.



CUFR Staff Changes

Sadly, Kelaine Vargas has left the CUFR to join the private sector. She will be greatly missed and we wish her luck and all the best in the future.

Joining the CUFR is Aaron Crowell, who will be managing the news brief amongst other projects. Aaron has a B.S. in Forestry from Humboldt State University and will soon receive a Master of Landscape Architecture degree from the University of Massachusetts. He has worked as a forester, an arborist, and most recently as a landscape architect.



Greg has Returned from Oz

CUFR Project Leader Greg McPherson recently took a working tour of Australia. The issues Greg reports urban forest managers face in Oz sound familiar to us here in the USA with fire, drought, forest renewal, and invasive species near the top of the list. He gave three different presentations, linked here, on Feb 17th, Feb 20th, and Feb 26th. You can also read about Greg in *The Age*, and at the Australian Broadcasting Corp.'s *Science* page. In Greg's absence through June 2009, Dr. Jim Simpson is serving as Acting Project Leader and Director for the Center. Please contact Jim at (530) 759-1724 or jrsimpson@fs.fed.us.

Links

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Lower Midwest Community Tree Guide:

http://www.fs.fed.us/psw/publications/documents/psw_gtr219/psw_gtr219.pdf
http://www.itreetools.org/street_trees/introduction_step1.shtml/

Climate Action Reserve

<http://www.climateactionreserve.org/>

Trees and Engineered Soil:

http://www.fs.fed.us/psw/programs/cufr/products/psw_cufr761_P47ReportLRes_AC.pdf
http://www.fs.fed.us/psw/programs/cufr/products/psw_cufr754_StructSoilsReportFinal.pdf

Urban Forest Project Reporting Protocol:

<http://www.climateregistry.org/tools/protocols/project-protocols/urban-forest.html>
http://www.fs.fed.us/psw/programs/cufr/products/psw_cufr695_GHG_protocols_summary.pdf

Greg's Australia Trip:

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