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2011 Mid Year Report

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A Message from the President, Scott Grimes

If it's true that time flies when you're having fun, we're having a blast here at the CTC. It's hard to believe it's nearly July as I write this and we've got the CTC Tour des Poudre bike ride next week, a Board meeting in just a couple weeks and then before you know it, CTC Board elections and a new group of leaders.

So far in 2011 your CTC Board and Program Leaders have continued growing our successes and nurturing new partnerships. The Xcel Foundation/CTC grant projects were a big hit in the selected communities and Shanda Vangas, Executive Director for the Xcel Foundation, was quite impressed with Sterling's Arbor Day project and celebration. The result is another \$ 25,000 grant from the Xcel Foundation to CTC for 2012 to continue planting trees to improve community forests. Our on-going partnership with the Million Tree Initiative also reaps great rewards for community forests as volunteers throughout the Denver metro area assisted with planting hundreds of trees in eleven different communities. For 2011, Sara Davis and her Million Tree Initiative invested nearly \$ 100,000 with CTC grant projects to renew and enhance community forests.

Trees Across Colorado led by Gertie Grant provided nearly 1,700 new trees for volunteer tree planting efforts from Windsor to Colorado Springs. Thanks to Gertie's efforts, just under \$ 12,000 in net revenues is in CTC coffers to help keep us vital and support our mission. Tanya Czerniakowski, Donna Davis and Doug Schoch kept the Arbor Day poster contest alive and well with David Merriman of ArborScapes Services stepping up as a key sponsor providing financial support as well as assisting with the judging. The Front Range Recommended Tree List is a big hit and available for downloading from our website at www.coloradotrees.org. So far, CTC members have presented this collaboration at the ProGreen EXPO, the Greeley Tree Care Workshop and soon the Tough Trees Workshop in Cheyenne, WY. We're also on the agenda at the ISA/RMC Annual Conference this coming September: having the CTC brand and member involvement on this project heightens awareness of CTC and helps tout our

mission to preserve, renew and enhance community forests. With thanks to Marion Jones and Michelle Cadena, the Champion Tree Classic – Tour des Poudre heads out June 26 from New Belgium Brewery to Windsor and Greeley and back to Fort Collins. We've got over 30 riders signed up and are expecting great times supported by many sponsors including Mountain High Tree and Lawn, Phelan Gardens, Go West T-shirts, ISA/RMC, Allstate Insurance and Arbor Valley Nursery. If you couldn't make the ride this year you can still donate on-line and pencil this FUNdraising ride into your calendar for 2012.

Our Re-Forest Colorado program maintains strong support from Tagawa Gardens who included the CTC in their advertising during Arbor Week and Earth Day with a promotion that included 25% off any tree with a \$ 10 donation to the CTC. Also for Earth Day, Colorado Public Television (CPT-12) took another green step forward partnering with CTC to provide support for Re-Forest Colorado from every \$ 40 donation they received during the last half of April. Through on-going conversations with the folks at Colorado Public Television we're expecting to grow this partnership and keep our name in front of their members.

Your CTC Board is still hard at work revising our strategic plan to guide us through the next 3 – 5 years. We're working to enhance the geographic and professional diversity of our Board of Directors and need your involvement especially from outside the Denver metro area and doubly so if you have marketing, fundraising and public speaking experience. We have lots of opportunities to take advantage of and always have room and need for more people to help us reach out and further our mission and meet our goals. Things are moving quickly through 2011 and before long we'll have goals, objectives and plans developed for our next group of leaders to carry forward into 2012. As time flies along it's great to join the ride and see how far the Colorado Tree Coalition can go.

With your involvement we've got a great future ahead of us. We need you to help lead the way: we need Program Leaders for our Awards team and Marketing and Outreach committee. We need you to assist with fundraising, grant writing, grant reviews, media releases, social media development and management. We need your help and I'm waiting to hear from you. Contact me and we'll find something exciting and fulfilling for you to help with.

Thanks for letting me ramble and for providing me the opportunity to stay involved with such a great organization: I've enjoyed it.

 Scott

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Front Range Urban Forestry Council. July 13th Tough Trees Conference. High Plains Arboretum at the Cheyenne Botanic Gardens, Cheyenne Wyoming please Contact Keith Wood keith.wood@colostate.edu.

International Society of Arboriculture Annual Conference.

July 23-27th Sydney, Australia. For more info:

<http://isa-arbor.com/events/conference/index.aspx>

Colorado Tree Coalition Board of Director's Meeting. August 12th. Location TBD. Contact Keith Wood keith.wood@colostate.edu.

Western Colorado Community Forestry Conference.

October 7th, Buena Vista, Colorado. Contact Vince Urbina 970-248-7326.

ISA-RMC Annual Conference. September 30-October 1. Denver.

<http://www.isarmc.org/pro/documents/2010%20AC%20Save%20the%20Date.pdf>

Society of Municipal Arborists Conference. September 25-28th, Milwaukee, WI

For more info: <http://www.urban-forestry.com/>

Society of American Foresters National Convention.

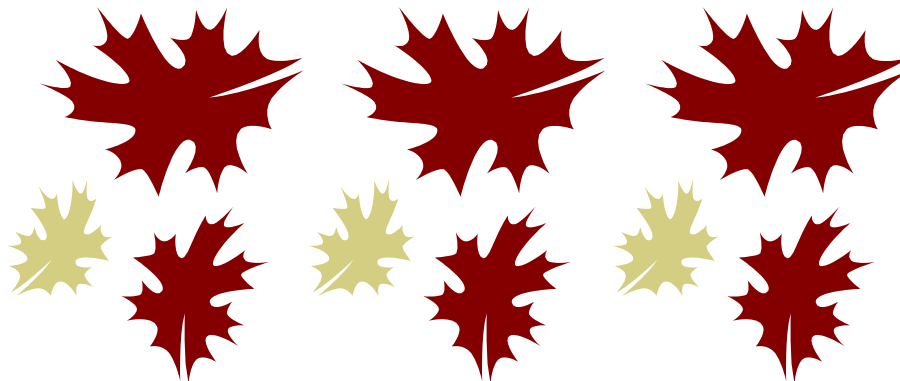
November 2-6, Honolulu, Hawaii.. For more info:

<http://safnet.org/>

Partners in Community Forestry National Conference.

November 15-17, Lake Buena Vista, Fl. For more info

<http://www.arborday.org/shopping/conferences/brochures/pcf/2010/index.cfm>.



CTC membership

For 2011/12 CTC members will once again renew their annual memberships at the end of the calendar year to take effect for the following calendar year.

We want you to remain a member of the CTC. Your support is crucial to the operations of the organization. With your membership and financial support, we continue to have:

- 🌳 A high quality website (www.coloradotrees.org)
- 🌳 An electronic newsletter
- 🌳 A Facebook page
- 🌳 Colorado Champion tree program
- 🌳 Colorado Notable tree Calendar
- 🌳 A community grants program
- 🌳 Tour de Poudre annual fundraising bike ride
- 🌳 Expansion of Trees Across Colorado
- 🌳 Monthly educational opportunities

To help the CTC save money on postage, letterhead, and envelopes, we are asking our members to stay aware of the expiration date of their memberships at the end of the year. Please take a moment at some point prior to the end of the year to send in your membership fees. To save even more trees go to our website at www.coloradotrees.org and renew on line. Your willingness to remain a member of Colorado Tree Coalition is vital and appreciated. With your support we can assist local urban and community tree programs.



"If what I say resonates with you, it is merely because we are both branches on the same tree" -W. B. Yeats

Newsletters/Web Site/Facebook Program

CTC is revamping the website this summer and will have a new design in place in the fall. The new site will be easier to navigate and have a fresher look. For website information and suggestions please contact Kamie Long @ Kamie.Long@ColoState.EDU. For newsletter information contact Becky Lamphear@ rlamphear@springsgov.com. For Facebook contact Mike McGill @ mmcgill@erieco.gov.



Colorado Arbor Day's Poster Contest



Jeneva Moreno, a fifth-grade student at Denver's Doull Elementary School was selected as the winner of the 2011 Colorado Arbor Day Poster Contest. Jeneva's poster, which depicts the importance of trees and how they benefit our community, were on display at the State Capitol from April 15 until April 21, along with the posters of the other 43 state finalists. A panel of judges from the Colorado Tree Coalition (CTC) selected the winning poster from more than 800 entries submitted by fifth graders throughout Colorado. The significance of this year's contest theme,

Celebrate Trees in Our Community, was not lost on Jeneva, who drew an apple tree filled with birds and surrounded by playing children. Jeneva was recognized on Monday, April 18 at 9:00 a.m. in a presentation near the display of the state finalists' posters in the Rotunda of the State Capitol. Additionally, Representative Jeanne Labuda, D-Denver, recognized Jeneva in front of the State House Assembly. In attendance were Jeneva's family, Doull Principal Daniel Villescás, teacher Ruth Ramsey, Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) Assistant Staff Forester Keith Wood, CSFS La Junta District Forester Donna Davis, CSFS Golden District forester Collin Wassink, Denver City Forester Robert Davis and Denver Arbor Day Poster Coordinator Doug Schoch. The 2011 Colorado Arbor Day Poster Contest is sponsored by the Colorado Tree Coalition, the Colorado State Forest Service and ArborScape Services.

CTC Scholarship Program

The Colorado Tree Coalition (CTC) has a limited amount of funds to assist people with registering to attend conferences and workshops throughout the year. Because of the limited dollars available it is required of all who request assistance to follow these guidelines:

1. Scholarship requests will be limited to a maximum of \$300, and can only be applied to cover registration costs of the event.
2. To request a scholarship please send an electronic request to Keith Wood, at keith.wood@colostate.edu. At a minimum the request should contain the name and location of the conference and what is hoped to be learned at the event, and how it will be applied in your current position. Keith will then submit the request to the CTC Board or Executive Board for their consideration.
3. Requests will also be limited to one person per community/group/organization per workshop or conference. Many workshops and conferences now offer concurrent sessions and there is a value to sending more than one person. However, the CTC will not be able to fund more than one person.
4. Those receiving scholarships will be required to supply an article or notes to be used in *Tree Talk* and/or placed on the CTC web site (www.coloradotrees.org) and/or in another electronic newsletter format so others can benefit from the workshop as well.

The board of CTC is committed to education and is seeking additional funds so the scholarship program can be expanded and more people throughout Colorado can benefit from the various educational opportunities available



Tour de Poudre

Dawn greeted 21 eager riders on Sunday June 26th as they met at New Belgium Brewery in Fort Collins for the 12th annual Colorado Tree Coalition (CTC) bike ride: Tour des Poudre. A quick greeting, some bagels and juice, a short logistics talk, a group photo and off they went on their way to the Poudre Learning Center in Greeley and back. These early risers were raising dollars for trees as they pedaled the 60 mile route along the scenic Poudre River trail. The logistics included a reminder that the Poudre River was flooding a couple of the underpasses and closed the last few miles of our route into Greeley. Unfazed, they headed down river ready for short detours and possible wet shoes.

Tour de Poudre cont.

Almost before the first group was on their way, another 30 equally eager riders arrived for the 30 mile trip to Eastman Park in Windsor and back. Again, bike check, breakfast, logistics and a photo before this group of tree enthusiasts were on the trail. Both groups were met in Windsor by Ken Kawamura, Town Forester, and Windsor Tree Board members Wendy Ball and Alison O'Connor with homemade banana bread, juice, water and smiles. They paused for photos taken by the baldcypress tree donated by Arbor Valley Nursery and perfectly suited and planted by Ken and his folks.

The early risers arrived at the Poudre Learning Center to the encouragement of CTC volunteers Susan Hardin and Robert Bond ready with snacks, water and smiles of their own. Alas, the vigorous lanceleaf cottonwood donated by Arbor Valley Nursery and planted by Shiloh Hatcher, City Forester and his Greely forestry team was 4 miles of flooded trail further east at Rover Run Dog Park. No photo opportunity with the new tree, but no complaints either as the riders filled their water bottles and turned west as the temperatures rose toward 90 degrees. Besides, halfway along the 30 mile return ride awaited more banana bread, smiles and the baldcypress to get that photo.

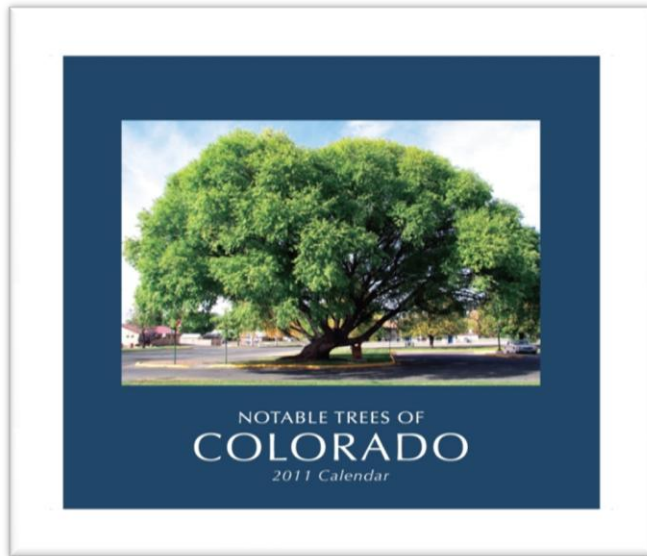
Back at New Belgium Brewery, riders and volunteers enjoyed sub sandwiches and the finest cold beverages available in the comfortable and well stocked tasting room provided by our generous hosts. Tallying up our efforts, as we toasted a great ride on a beautiful day we applauded the 51 riders that pedaled over 2000 total miles and raised over \$ 3,400. The net proceeds are shared by the educational programs of the Colorado Tree Coalition and the arboricultural research of the TREE Fund.

Thanks to New Belgium Brewery (especially Pete Carmichael and his team) for hosting, Arbor Valley Nursery for the trees and Mountain High Tree and Lawn Care, Phelan Gardens, Allstate Insurance, ISA/RMC and Little Valley Wholesale Nursery for helping cover our expenses. A special thanks to all the wonderful CTC volunteers that organize, guide and support the Tour des Poudre and are truly the heart of our success: Marion Jones, Kamie Long, Becky Lamphear, Keith & Teresa Wood, Phil & Marcia Hofer, Susan Hardin, Robert Bond, Shiloh Hatcher, Ken Kawamura, Wendy Ball, Alison O'Connor, Danielle Grimes & Eric Dixon (who introduced our youngest volunteer, five week old Dominic Scott Dixon).

For those that missed this year's good times, we're already planning our next year's event. Plan to join us and watch our website at www.coloradotrees.org or catch up with us on Facebook for details. Thanks again to all that helped us exceed our goals in funds raised for trees, numbers of riders and fun for all as we helped benefit community forests.



2011-12 Notable Trees of Colorado



The Colorado Tree Coalition would like to thank its partners and supporters for the 2011 and 2012 versions of the Notable Trees of Colorado calendar. These generous contributors donated over \$24,000 to help produce this beautiful and educational project. Please thank these folks and stop by and visit their businesses as you travel Colorado enjoying all our notable trees.

2011 Sponsors: City and County of Broomfield, Eaglecrest Nursery, Xcel Energy, University of Denver, Palisade Nursery, Mile High Million, Aspen Tree Service, Regis University, Fort Collins Wholesale Nursery, City of Lone Tree, Alameda Wholesale Nursery, ISA-Rocky Mountain Chapter.

2012 Sponsors: City of Brighton, Little Valley Wholesale Nursery, Seven Falls, Eaglecrest Nursery, Xcel Energy, Mile High Million, Fort Collins Wholesale Nursery, City of Lone Tree, Alameda Wholesale Nursery, ISA-Rocky Mountain Chapter and the USFS.

Notable Tree Tours

There are currently three Notable Tree Tour brochures in publication for the cities of Fort Collins, Boulder, and Colorado Springs. The Colorado Tree Coalition administers the Notable Tree Tour program with the support of the community and sponsors that make it all happen. The CTC would like to especially thank Alameda Wholesale Nursery for its continual support of this program. Ideas for a notable tree tour in your town or area please contact program coordinator Mike McGill at mmcgill@erieco.gov.

Bring Back the Blue!

The Colorado Tree Coalition is offering a \$500 reward to the individual responsible for “Bringing Back the Blue”. This \$500 reward is available to anyone who finds a blue spruce (*Picea pungens*) to dethrone the current National Champion growing in Utah. Find a Colorado Blue Spruce that scores higher than the 328 point total of the Utah interloper: The Utah tree is 127” tall with a circumference of 190” and an average crown spread of 43”. Colorado’s champion currently scores 289 points and is located in The San Juan National Forest. Grab your map and measuring tape and BRING BACK THE BLUE!!!!



Eastern Community Forestry Conference

The annual Eastern Colorado Community Forestry Conference was held at the Windsor Recreation Center Saturday, March 12, 2011 and was fabulously hosted by the Town of Windsor's Tree Board. Over 50 attendees participated in the conference this year including presenters, Tree Board members, interested citizens, and community and agency representatives from northern Colorado. The conference focused on providing information to tree boards and the general public on new varieties of trees to try and the latest insect and diseases to be aware of, and included a tree board poster session. Ending the day a panel of experts representing agencies and non-profits presented information on programs and services available from their organizations and took questions from the audience. Sponsors of the workshop included the Colorado Tree Coalition, the Colorado State Forest Service, Colorado State University Extension, the Windsor Tree Board, and the Town of Windsor. The Colorado Tree Coalition was able to display and hand out many items at this event and distributed and took donations for its 2011 Notable Trees of Colorado calendar.



Western Community Forestry Conference

The 21st Annual Western Community Forestry Conference will be held in Buena Vista, CO on October 7th, 2011. This year's theme is "Community Forests: Solutions for Tree Lovers and City Planners." Guest speakers include Dave Leatherman entomologist, Gary Ludwig, owner of Pleasant Avenue Nursery, Dennis Hutton, President of the Buena Vista Tree Board, Chris Forman, City Forester of Aspen, and Jason Jones, Arborist from Aspen Tree Service. For more information please contact Vince Urbina @ Vince.Urbina@ColoState.EDU.



Grant Funding Statewide

Through the Colorado Tree Coalition (CTC) grant program the CTC has provided over \$624,000 to plant 67,000 trees in communities across Colorado since 1991. These grants have been matched with over \$7.5 million in community money and/or time. In 2011 projects in 23 communities will be funded with grant support from the U.S. Forest Service, Colorado State Forest Service, Xcel Energy and the Mile High Million Tree Planting Initiative in Denver. \$89,698 in projects will be funded by the Mile High Million in Arapahoe County, Broomfield, Boulder, Edgewater, Aurora, Wheat Ridge, Littleton, Denver,



Longmont, Englewood, Thornton and the South Suburban and Foothills Parks & Recreation Districts. \$24,000 in projects will be funded by the Xcel Energy Foundation in Wheat Ridge, Alamosa, Pueblo, Sterling and Louisville. The CTC will fund 5 projects for \$7,500 in Durango, Ordway, Berthoud, Cortez and Hayden with help from a grant from the U.S. Forest Service, and the Xcel Energy Vegetation Management Program will fund a utility line tree planting project in Lakewood for \$1,477. Since 2004, Xcel Energy Vegetation Management Program has provided 13,000



for utility tree planting demonstration projects. Since 2009, the Mile High Million program has provided over \$96,000 to the CTC grant program. A new partner for 2011, the Xcel Energy Foundation, will provide \$24,000 in funded projects.

UPDATE: CTC's application for \$25,000 to the Xcel Foundation for 2012 projects in Breckenridge, Silverthorne, Fruita and Parachute was successful. If you have contacts in these communities you have been working with, please let them know the good news and to begin planning their tree planting projects for 2012!

Needham Tree Project : Another CTC funded grant project: In cooperation with the CTC and many businesses in the Durango area the "tree project" was created. Ron Stoner, Durango's City Arborist and Peter Schertz, a Needham parent organized the planting of seven trees for t he



Needham Arboretum. Species planted include two Chanticleer pears, two Pacific sunset maples, and two accolade elms. Each of Needham's seven classes, pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and first through fifth grades took part in planting a tree, which they will measure and take care of as they continue through school. The timing coincided with Earth Day and Arbor Day.

(Article compliments of Durango Herald 4-25-2011)



The entire Needham School listening to the benefits of trees

Trees Across Colorado Program (TAC)



TAC is in its 10th year, helping communities involve volunteers in tree planting. Participating in the program also provides the opportunity for community outreach with information about the benefits of trees, good species selection and proper tree planting and maintenance practices. On Tuesday and Wednesday, April 12 and 13, 2011 Trees Across Colorado provided groups with over 1,692 trees for planting in communities across Colorado. Organizers included city arborists, Tree Boards, and neighborhood organizations. Four drop sites were set up in Windsor, Arvada, Littleton and Colorado Springs where participating groups

picked up their tree orders. The majority of trees distributed through this program are low water-demand and, at 8-12 feet tall and 1 to 1.5 inches in caliper, is a good size for volunteers to plant. Trees Across Colorado continues to be a successful program in distributing low cost, high quality trees to communities and groups all over Colorado and has been a successful fundraiser for CTC as well, bringing in over \$11,000 in 2011! For information about the Trees across Colorado program, please call CTC's Trees across Colorado Coordinator Gertie Grant at 303-744-3882 or email her at gertiegrant@estreet.com.

Select Tree Program

Sensation Boxelder-*Acer negundo* 'Sensation':

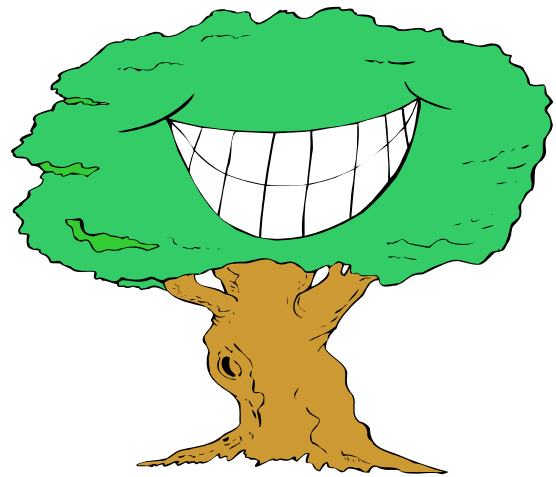


This year's participants are The City of Thornton, City of Colorado Springs, Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District, and The City of Aurora. The picture to the left are two Sensation Boxelder Maples planted on either side of the entrance to the midland trail in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Champion tree program

Submitted by Neal Bamesberger

To date we have 17 new #1 trees for 2011. Among the notables are; Cutleaf European Beech, Hoptree, Contorted Eastern White Pine, Netleaf Hackberry, Osage Orange and Crack Willow. The current state champion Douglas-fir is located in southern Colorado; it has the largest diameter of any conifer in the state at 82.5".



Front Range Tree Recommendation List

The Front Range Tree Recommendation List was developed through the collaborative efforts of 12 individuals, three from each of the four participating professional groups: the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA), the Colorado Nursery & Greenhouse Association (CNGA), municipal arborists representing the Colorado Tree Coalition (CTC), and the Colorado State University (CSU) Extension. Based on the committee's collective education, knowledge, and experience over 200 trees or varieties were evaluated and rated, resulting in a single reference list for professionals to use and share with their customers or residents.

The purpose of this project was to create a Front Range tree list for use by Green Industry professionals based on decades of actual experience growing and caring for trees in our area. This list is intended to assist those involved in the buying, growing, selling, selection, siting, and specification of trees, with the ultimate goal of a healthy, diverse, and geographically appropriate landscape and urban forest. The ratings apply to the Colorado Front Range generally defined as the region from Colorado Springs to the Wyoming border and from the foothills to the sacred plains. We encourage industry professionals to prepare similar lists for other geographic regions using this as a template.

The final list of evaluated trees was based on a compilation of six 2010 Front Range nursery catalogs plus recommendations from committee members. The group indicated each tree based upon C Critical and C Cautionary Cultural Factors, resulting in a final rating.

ASLA COLORADO **CNGA** **Colorado State University**

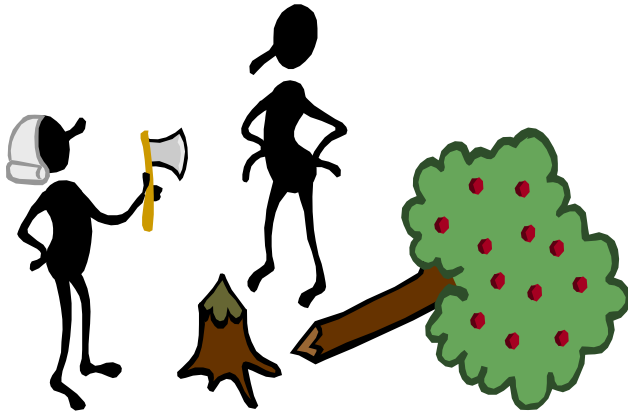
Front Range Tree Recommendation list:

Have you ever been stumped determining which species of tree to plant on the Front Range of Colorado? Well no more worries the Front Range Tree Recommendation List is here. Collaborative efforts between American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA), the Colorado Nursery & Greenhouse Association (CNGA), Municipal Arborists, and Colorado State University (CSU) Extension developed this list for use by Green Industry Professionals. The Front Range Tree Recommendation List is downloadable on the websites of CNGA, ASLA, CTC, and CSU Extension.

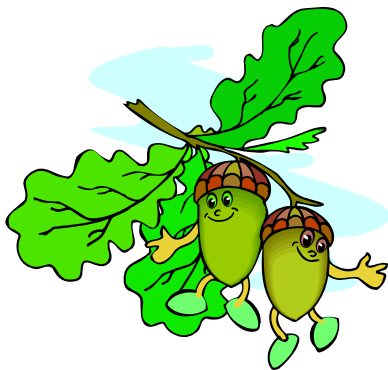
Hazard Tree Program

Submitted by Bill Cassel, Hazard Tree Program Coordinator for the CTC

The tree Risk (Hazard Tree) program is spending the summer of 2011 updating the CTC Tree Risk Program. This update will focus on the following areas: ANSI A300-Part 9 Tree Risk Management, Possible Certificate program for Tree Risk Assessment, Review of all other Risk Assessment formula to use the CTC program for prioritizing, and recreate user Power Point programs for proper assessment procedures. The “new and improved” disk will be “tentatively” ready for the ISA-RMC fall conference.



We thank all of our partners for working closely with CTC and look forward to future endeavors to work together to preserve, renew and enhance our community forests.



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