

# Ohio Department of Natural Resources

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Division of Forestry



# Urban Forestry Program

Provides community officials with technical assistance to develop and manage comprehensive tree care programs through:

- ◆ Direct Assistance
- ◆ Information Facilitation
- ◆ Grant Program
- ◆ Addressing urban forests threats and pressures
- ◆ Administering the Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City USA program



TREE CITY USA®



**URBAN FORESTRY**  
Growing Quality Programs  
SINCE 1979

# Urban Forestry Program

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Program Administrator – Tyler Stevenson

Six Regional Urban Foresters

- ❖ 1. Alistair Reynolds
  - ❖ 2. Ann Bonner
  - ❖ 3. (currently open)
  - ❖ 4. Stephanie Miller
  - ❖ 5. Wendi Van Buren
  - ❖ 6. Joe Moeglin
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# DIRECT ASSISTANCE

- ◇ Provide I-on-I assistance to enhance and expand community tree care programs
- ◇ Includes a broad range of organizational and technical assistance:
  - ◇ Management planning
  - ◇ Tree risk assessment
  - ◇ Tree commission establishment and guidance
  - ◇ Ordinance development and revision
  - ◇ Urban Site Index & Master Planting Design
  - ◇ Contract and specification development





# INFORMATION FACILITATION

Provide information through our website, workshops, and conferences to help communities implement their programs:

- ◆ **Tree Commission Academy**
- ◆ **Urban Forestry Conferences**
- ◆ **City Foresters' Symposium**
- ◆ **Tree Survival School**
- ◆ **Young Tree Training Program**
- ◆ **Urban Forestry Toolbox**

# TREE COMMISSION ACADEMY

- ◆ Basic urban forestry & arboriculture
- ◆ Series of 4 classes (Freshman through Senior)
- ◆ 12½ hours of class time & training per class
- ◆ Culminates in beginning community Urban Forest Management Plan



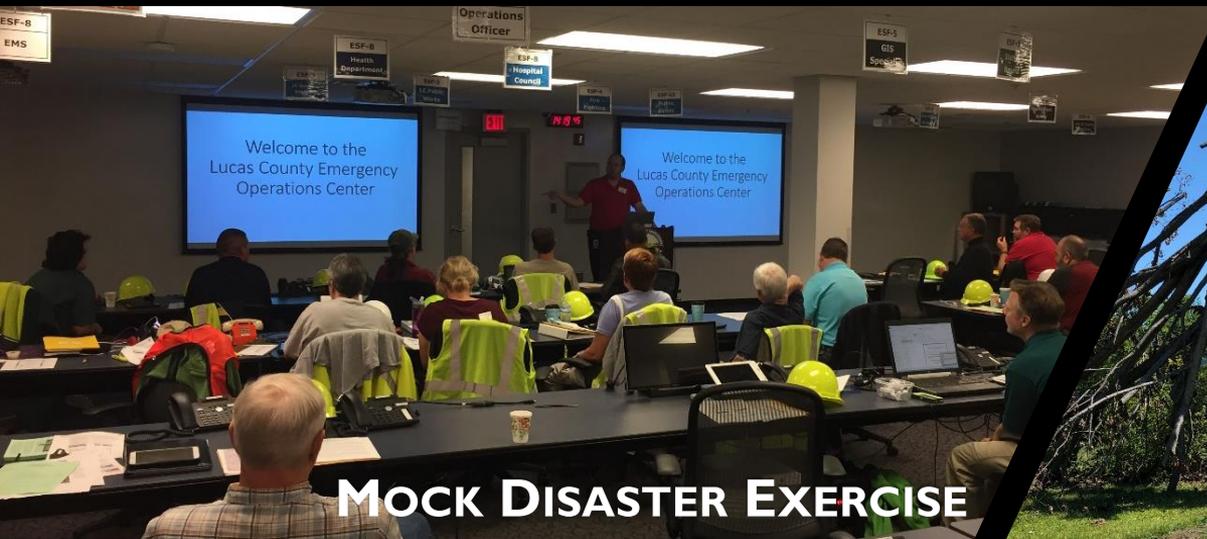
 Arbor Day Foundation

**Innovation in  
Education  
Award**





**TASK SPECIALIST TRAINING**



**MOCK DISASTER EXERCISE**



**DEPLOYMENT**



## 2019 DEPLOYMENT

- ◆ City of Dayton, Wright Patt.AFB, and City of Beavercreek
- ◆ Tree Risk Assessments
  - ◆ FEMA & ISA Standards
- ◆ Goals: Increase public safety, reduce loss of urban tree canopy, and document recovery needs
- ◆ Seven, 2-Person Crews
  - ◆ Nine Communities, ODNR, USFS, & Ohio State University





# DAYTON

- Hosted the Ohio Urban Forestry Strike Team
- Surveyed 4 impacted neighborhoods
  - DeWeese Neighborhood
  - Riverdale Neighborhood
  - Old North Dayton Neighborhood
  - Wright View Neighborhood

# HARRISON TOWNSHIP'S SINCLAIR PARK

- Successful Tree Planting of 60 trees and arrangements for their ongoing maintenance
- Management plan development
  - Service Forester Justin Law
  - honeysuckle and tree-of-heaven control



# BEAVERCREEK

- Assisted city and tree commission with Arbor Day Foundation (ADF) Community Tree Recovery proposal
- The Beavercreek Wetlands Association distributed 500 trees
  - FedEx funding \$25/tree



# WRIGHT PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE

- Received \$30,000 ADF tree planting grant and planted 100 trees at the Prairie Housing Development including tools and establishment
- Annual Arbor Day at Wright Brothers Memorial
  - 30 trees with Fairborn Students
- WPAFB Earth Day at Huffman Prairie
  - Honeysuckle removal and tree planting



# Storm Preparedness

- Have an Emergency Operation Plan ~ including trees
- Employee Responsibilities/Chain of Command
- Debris Management Plan
- Pre-Event Contracts with Tree Company ~ ISA Certification
- Tree Ordinance
- Contract Ready Specifications
- In House Expertise – City Forester/ISA Certified Arborist

## Pre-Event Contracts

There is a limited number of contractors and equipment capable of performing this type of work. During a widespread event you may have a tough time locating a qualified contractor. Worse yet, you could end up with an unqualified contractor.

***Debris  
removal  
timeframe  
6 months***

# Storm Preparedness

Once an event occurs, it is usually too late to make policy actions. Prior planning and strong policy are key to successfully integrating FEMA Debris Management with tree preservation.

In FEMA's Debris Removal Program, trees are an afterthought. The contractors that normally perform this work are not arborists. They usually have no background in tree work.

Most FEMA Debris Removal Contracts are set up to reward the contractor for tree removal. This is unwittingly set up and results in removal of trees that could be retained.

## Local Ordinances

FEMA respects local ordinances but will not respect your wishes or desires. These policies must be in effect prior to the event.

- Adopting the ANSI standards
- Permit process to remove public trees
- Minimum crew qualifications
- Equipment safety inspections
- Require ISA Certified Arborists on crew
- Adopt specific policies for storm work

# HOW WE CAN HELP

- Review Community Needs & Resources
- Recovery Plan Development
  - Invasive control
  - Planting planning
  - Pre-event contract development
  - Debris management planning
  - Tree risk management
- Tree Commission Academy
- Urban Forest Strike Team
- ODNR Service Foresters
- Other ODNR Resources

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