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WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
URBAN & COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM

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### Quote of the Month



"It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade."

~Charles Dickens, [\*Great Expectations\*](#)

Photo: Madge Bloom

### Timely Tree Tip - Clearance Pruning for Sidewalks, Streets, Signals, Signs & Lighting



#### **Raise tree canopies along with your program's credibility**

Trees are especially important in densely developed, heavily used areas, however trees in these environments are often in conflict with other infrastructure. Resolve tree conflicts before they happen; here are some tips to help you.

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### Coordinator's Corner



There has been a lot of change in the DNR Urban & Community Forestry program over the past year and February was no exception. As you plan your Arbor Day celebrations, keep in mind that a state-level forestry representative may be available to attend your event, if you file a request by March 31st. We are also offering reimbursements for the purchase and planting of a landscape-sized tree at your Arbor Day Event.

[Read more](#) for details!

**Request for Proposals: PNW ISA Annual Training Conference--just a few days left before the deadline!**



Calling all Arborists, Educators, Researchers, and others! The Pacific Northwest ISA Chapter needs you to share your expert knowledge! Presentation proposals are due **March 14th!**

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### **A Tree to Try: American Hophornbeam (*Ostrya virginiana*)**



The size and beauty of this tree, paired with strong structure resistant to storm damage and a well-behaved root system, makes the Hop Hornbeam a great choice for planting sites when just *any* tree won't do. Try'a Ostrya today!

[Read more.](#)

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### **Tree City USA Communities: Arbor Day Event Planning and Arbor Day Tree Reimbursements Available**

April is nearly here. Please make a request by March 31 for a state-level representative to present your Tree City USA Award. In addition, reimbursement for the planting of an Arbor Day tree (up to \$200.00) is available to all Tree City USA communities.

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### **2014-15 Community Tree Management Institute; Applications Being Accepted NOW!**



*Community Tree Management Institute*

Are you a municipal employee with tree-related responsibilities? Whether you are a parks, planning, landscape, or public works employee, this professional-level training course is designed for you. Don't miss out on this fantastic training opportunity!

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## From the Field: Gig Harbor's New "Cedar Aquarium"



A Western Red Cedar with a split trunk in Gig Harbor is magically transformed into a breathtaking installation of public art by a world-renowned local wood carver. You've got to see it to believe it.

[Read more.](#)

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## "It's Great to be Back!" ~ A Personal Note from Returning DNR Urban Forester



Former DNR urban forester Ben Thompson has returned to serve as Urban Forestry Specialist (and Editor of the Tree Link). Here's to working together again for green, healthy and sustainable urban forests.

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## Research Suggests Correlation between Tree Mortality and Human Mortality



Could there be higher rates of cardiovascular diseases and death among people in cities where the tree canopy has been decimated by Emerald Ash Borer? One new study leans that direction.

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## Web-ucation: Links to help you learn

### Ever wonder how a tree moves water?

The following youtube video explains the physics water movement in trees. It's heavy on the science but is explained well enough that most of us without a PhD in Physics can still follow it: [The Most Amazing Thing About Trees](#)

### Understanding Tree Risk: A Webinar for Municipal Officials -- DOWNLOAD

Sponsored by the states of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington, and the Pacific NW Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture, this webinar is for mayors, city councilors, city

managers and attorneys. It will help community leaders mitigate risk associated with public trees, understand city responsibilities, and more. [Download the presentations here](#) (65 MB). Within the zip file are two PDF files--one for each presentation--and an accompanying audio (MP3) file for each. Questions and answers are located near the end of the second audio file. Webinar hosts are Paul Ries, Oregon Community Forestry Coordinator, and Jerry Mason, attorney for the Association of Idaho Cities.

### **Does Your City Have New Tree Board Members?**

Ask them to attend Tree Board University! This FREE online learning experience, which is open to anyone, will help orient citizens to what it means to serve on a tree advisory committee and help them "hit the ground running" as a new board member. To sign up, attendees should visit: [www.treeboardu.org](http://www.treeboardu.org).

### **Integrating Vegetation into Sustainable Transportation Planning may Benefit Public Health**

In recent years, the health of people living, working, or going to school near roads with high traffic volume has been a rising national concern. Researchers, planners and policymakers met recently to discuss options for mitigating these health concerns. They agreed that vegetation barriers can help. [Find the full article online.](#)

### **Trees are Good for Business**

Research shows that people's reactions to trees can have positive effects on everything from the market value of homes to traffic safety. But did you know that trees also have a positive effect on central business districts? Dr. Kathy Wold tells us how the character and quality of a streetscape can affect the appeal of a business district and the buying behavior of visitors to the district. Hint: trees are part of the puzzle. [Learn more by visiting this webpage.](#)

### **Monumental Trees**

Trees are remarkable in so many ways. Here is a website that celebrates trees that are big, tall, old, or in some way unique. From redwoods to baobabs, this site holds photos and details of truly [monumental trees](#).

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## **March Calendar of Events and Opportunities**

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Visit our [Don't Top Trees](#) website for more information.

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