

Urban Forestry Research Call, Sept. 25, 2012

Participating: Gerry, Carrie, Ann Cummings, Christi, Cara, Cara, Faith, Keith, Spencer (NACD), John, Jen, Larry

The group had a productive conversation about how to start drafting SUFC's position/platform on urban research. The outcome was a smaller subgroup* (Gerry, Scott, Faith and Jen) will meet to draft a document outlining SUFC members' interests and areas to focus attention/advocacy. In order to craft a vision and more concrete research agenda, SUFC will start focusing with the following (not necessarily inclusive):

- 1. Where do we (collectively the sector) want to be five years out in re: to urban forestry research and achievements?**
 - a. What research do we want our research stations conducting?
 - b. We are currently tracking water and air issues, but we should also be looking towards other related issues including jobs, wildlife, education/training for new workforce/leaders, climate adaption etc.

- 2. Examining delivery mechanisms, shortfalls and successes**
 - a. While there has been a great deal of research conducted in the past 20+ years, there is no one place for accessing this information and tech transfer/science delivery has not been adequate to showcase this work. (For example, NUCFAC has sponsored research yet it is not well catalogued or disseminated.)
 - b. An recent exception to this is Kathy Wolf's social science research and [website](#) dedicated to relaying this work.
 - c. How is FS research/science being delivered to other federal agencies and how is it effecting their green infrastructure implementation/work?

- 3. Subgroup identified six/seven urban forestry research areas of focus:**
 - a. Bio-physical (includes social science)
 - b. Threats (pest, climate change+)
 - c. Optimizing urban tree plantings/GI
 - d. Inventorying urban canopies (monitoring, GIS/mapping, FIA+ doing more and better)
 - e. Science delivery (tech transfer, making it accessible)
 - f. Forest products
 - g. Standards?

General:

- Several SUFC members have registered for the Oct 29-30 NAS workshop. Jen has a request for more information re: confirmation of attendance into the organizer.
- *Subgroup drafting agenda outline – all are welcome to join, email Jennifer if you would like to be on the ground floor of this document (meeting date TBD), early October.