

Community Forestry Resource Center

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Weekly News and Event Summary

April 23, 2009

This message includes news, headlines, and information gathered during the week.

IATP Special Event: Farmers, Gardeners and Planners: A New Urban Strategy for Health and Wealth

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

The Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy, NorthPoint Health and Wellness Center, and Homegrown Minneapolis invite you to an important conversation about urban agriculture, food policy, city planning and food access. Learn from national experts about how urban food systems can improve health, strengthen communities and grow local economies. Come and hear about the inspiring work of Will Allen's Milwaukee-based Growing Power.

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Minneapolis Urban League

2100 Plymouth Avenue North, Minneapolis

Speakers:

- Will Allen, CEO, Growing Power; 2008 MacArthur Fellow
- Jim Harkness, President, Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy
- Jerry Kaufman, Professor Emeritus, Urban and Regional Planning, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Wayne Roberts, Manager, Toronto Food Policy Council
- Stella Whitney-West, CEO, NorthPoint Health and Wellness Center; Co-Chair, Homegrown Minneapolis

Refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP by April 27 to Anne Walters at awalters@iatp.org or 612-870-3408.

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Support IATP and make a difference in the world today!

IATP works hard to keep farmers on their land, to ensure the safety of our food supply and to preserve biodiversity and the environment for future generations. We cannot do this work without you. Please join us in our work of advocating for fair and sustainable food, farm and trade systems. Your support is greatly appreciated!

If you have additional questions about supporting IATP, please contact Kate Hoff at 612-870-3404 or khoff@iatp.org or Anne Walters at 612-870-3408 or awalters@iatp.org. Thank you!

News

Dovetail Partners Releases Map of Forestry Education Sites (Minn.)

DOVETAIL PARTNERS | APRIL 23, 2009

Offering places to learn about forests and forest management

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=105867>

Whole Foods Paper Bags Receive Forest Stewardship Council Certification

APRIL 23, 2009

Whole Foods Market will begin offering Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)-certified paper bags at its checkout counters next month. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=105868>

Family Forests Alliance Participates in Certification Field Test (Maine)

FAMILY FOREST ALLIANCE | APRIL 23, 2009

Field Test is Next Step in Revision Process for FSC Family Forest Standard
<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=105870>

The Dire Fate of Forests in a Warmer World (U.S.)

TIME | APRIL 23, 2009

It's not easy to kill a full-grown tree — especially one like the piñon pine. The hardy evergreen is adapted to life in the hot, parched American Southwest, so it takes more than a little dry spell to affect it. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=105873>

There is more to a forest than its wood (Canada)

NEW BRUNSWICK BUSINESS JOURNAL | APRIL 23, 2009

Gig Kierstead only cuts his trees when the price is right. The retired teacher and his family make money running weekend maple sugar bush tours on their 400-acre Erbs Cove lot in the spring and tour about 6,000 school children through the woods each fall.
<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=105869>

Climate change could mean a walk in the Arctic woods (Canada)

TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL | APRIL 23, 2009

While global warming is expected to endanger most of the globe's woodlands, trees may prosper in Canada's Far North, scientists say <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=105871>

Key role of forests 'may be lost' (World)

BBC NEWS | APRIL 23, 2009

Forests' role as massive carbon sinks is "at risk of being lost entirely", top forestry scientists have warned. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=105872>

Tree planting in the driest place on Earth (Ecuador)

BBC NEWS | APRIL 23, 2009

The southern coast of Peru is one of the driest places on Earth. Why would anyone choose this parched location to re-plant a forest? <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=105874>

Events

Fueling the Future: The Role and Use of Biomass for Energy

APRIL 25, 2009, DULUTH, MN

Learn about a local, renewable and clean alternative energy source that may affect you and your community. Woody Biomass has the potential to become a very viable energy source for the future. See what potential you have for woody biomass production and what current biomass markets are and future markets will be in your community.

For more information, contact Paul Sandstrom at 218-720-5225 or Paul.Sandstrom@mn.usda.gov or visit <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=105649&categoryID=>.

Wetland Connections Conference

JUNE 21-26, 2009, MADISON, WI

Wetland Connections is a deliberately broad and inclusive theme for the 2009 conference. Although wetlands cover only 5% of the earth's surface, they maintain essential links between land and water — in inland lakes and streams, arctic muskeg, and where the inland waters meet the ocean in estuaries, salt marshes, and mangroves.

For more information, visit <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=105535&categoryID=>

Information

CVal: A Carbon Valuation Tool for Foresters and Private Forest Landowners

The CVal spreadsheet is a powerful tool that will help foresters, managers, and project developers work with private forest landowners to assess the economic profitability of participating in carbon markets. CVal provides a discounted cash flow analysis based on a full accounting of variables, including tract size, carbon sequestration rate, carbon price, and enrollment and trading costs. Automated, financial break-even analyses in the macros version quickly assess threshold values of key variables for profitable projects, and the program readily performs "what if" calculations after storing starting values.

CVal was designed to evaluate managed forest and afforestation projects traded on the Chicago Climate Exchange, but its methodology could be adapted for other trading mechanisms and agricultural sequestration projects. Documentation is provided in the program itself and in GTR-180. CVal was developed by Ted Bilek (USFS Forest Products Lab), Peter Becker (Eastern Ozarks Forestry Council), and Tim McAbee (LandMark Systems), and is available at no cost.

Download CVal and GTR-180 at http://www.fpl.fs.fed.us/documnts/fplgtr/fpl_gtr180.html.

The Land Department Directory for Minnesota available online

Charlie Blinn of the University of MN Department of Forest Resources has compiled a handy directory of Minnesota county land department personnel. The guide is available through the [Minnesota Logger's Education Project Web site](#).

Publications

Property Tax Relief for Forest Landowners

MEL BAUGHMAN | FEB. 26, 2009

An excellent document written by Mel Baughman for the Minnesota Forestry Association about SFIA and 2c. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=105337>

2010 National Report on Sustainable Forests

USDA FOREST SERVICE | JAN. 29, 2009

The Draft National Report on Sustainable Forests--2010 describes the state of forests in the United States of America and the indicators of national progress toward the goal of sustainable forest management.

Read the report at <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=105063>.

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