



SUFC Member eUpdate

Vibrant Cities Update



Vibrant Cities & Urban Forests: The Evolution Continues

It has been a busy summer for SUFC in the lead-up to the [Vibrant Cities & Urban Forests: Act II](#) debut. In early June, SUFC convened an expert [Vibrant Cities Ad Hoc Advisory Committee](#) to provide guidance and oversight to the SUFC team. Their intensive work has resulted in a draft 18-month strategic plan to help transform the [Vibrant Cities report and recommendations](#) into a national movement.

In early September, SUFC will circulate this draft plan to SUFC

Forestalling Beetlemania:

*Webinar on Invasives
THIS Thursday, Sept. 6*

Join Faith Campbell (The Nature Conservancy) and SUFC for our brown bag lunch series and webinar on invasive pests and their impact on urban forests [this Thursday at 12:30 Eastern](#). [Register NOW](#).

Upcoming Events

September 13
[Trees & Municipal Infrastructure - Creating a Sustainable Alliance](#)
11-1 *Eastern* webinar

September 20-22
[America in Bloom Symposium and Awards Program](#)
Fayetteville, Arkansas

September 20

and Vibrant Cities stakeholders for their comments and input. Concurrently, SUFC and the Vibrant Cities Advisory Committee will be working with [Realize Ink](#) to develop the communications and outreach components of the Vibrant Cities initiative. Once all of these critical pieces are in place, SUFC and Vibrant Cities supporters will officially launch the Vibrant Cities campaign at the [Partners in Community Forestry National Conference](#) in November.

We look forward to working with all of you to build this platform for sustained national action on the Vibrant Cities recommendations.

Please visit SUFC's Vibrant Cities [web page](#) or contact Shannon Lawrence, Vibrant Cities Project Director, for more information.

Committee & Work Group Updates

SUFC Steering Committee and Policy Working Group [notes](#) are recorded and uploaded to the SUFC Members page on a regular basis for all SUFC members.

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SUFC Hosts Open Reception on the eve of the Sacramento Partners Conference

Join us Tuesday, Nov. 13, 6-8 p.m. for food, drinks, networking, and some pre-conference socializing.

Sponsoring organizations include

- Alliance for Community Trees
- American Forests
- California Urban Forest Council
- Continental Dialogue on Non-Native Forests Insects & Diseases
- Society of Municipal Arborists
- Utility Arborist Association

Just Released:

[Planning the Urban Forest Training Workshop](#)
Las Vegas, NV

September 24-25
[Tree Risk Assessment: The Biomechanics of Stability, Strength, and Structure An International Meeting & Research Symposium](#)
Lisle, Illinois

October 15-17
[Urban Water Sustainability Leadership Conference](#)
Cincinnati, Ohio

October 24-26
[Green Industry Conference](#)
Louisville, KY

October 24-28
[Society of American Foresters 2012 National Convention](#)
Spokane, WA

November 8-10
[Tree Care Industry Expo](#)
Baltimore, MD

Nov 12-13
[48th Annual International Society of Municipal Arborists Conference and Trade Show](#)
Sacramento, CA

November 13
[8th Meeting of the Continental Dialogue on Non-Native Forest Insects and Diseases](#)
Sacramento, CA

November 13
[Alliance for Community Trees Annual Meeting](#)
Sacramento, CA

November 14-16
[2012 Partners in Community Forestry Conference](#)
Sacramento, CA

The National Academies of Science [Workshop](#)

*Urban Ecosystem Services:
Toward a national research agenda for quantifying the
benefits of urban tree canopy*

October 29-30, 2012
Washington, DC

