

URBAN FORESTRY

A Manual for the State Forestry Agencies in the Southern Region



Unit: Using Each Unit

The Urban Forestry Manual is being developed by the USDA Forest Service, Southern Region and Southern Research Station, and the Southern Group of State Foresters as an educational tool for State forestry agency employees and others who work with communities on urban forestry. It can be used for self-guided learning, finding specific information on a topic and developing workshops and presentations. There are 16 units (chapters) in the Manual - at this time 9 units are on the web site (www.urbanforestrysouth.usda.gov). The other units will be added as they become available.

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Using Each Unit

Each unit in the Urban Forestry Manual is organized as follows:

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Lists major topics that are included in the unit.

Unit Overview

Presents goals and objectives for the unit.

Before You Begin

Consider how your current activities and experiences relate to this topic.

Content

Presents specific material about this subject under several headings.

Next?

Think about how you can use the information in your daily responsibilities and in developing your career in forestry.

For More Information

Lists other sources of information about this subject, as well as the literature cited in the unit.

Appendix

Some units have an appendix that may include checklists or other information.

In addition, each unit has two sections that will help you assess your learning of the information.

Checking Your Understanding

At the end of major sections in the unit, there are short-answer questions about the information you have read. After you have written the answers, you may compare your responses to the answers provided at the end of each unit.

Case Study

These are stories based on the real experiences. The questions at the end of the case study challenge you to use the information you learned to solve a problem similar to what you will be facing when working. You will be asked to analyze an actual urban forestry problem and prepare your solutions. There are no right or wrong answers -- only what you decide is the best course of action after considering all of the information.