Centers for Urban and Interface Forestry Update

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Urban Forestry South Updates

• Urban Forest Strike Team
• i-Tree updates
• Green Infrastructure
Urban Forest Strike Team

• Refresher modules complete and available
  – UFST.org > UFST Training Material
• VA mock disaster scenario (new training method)
  – Deployment refresher opportunity
  – Training for new tree risk assessment protocol
  – Test deployment procedure through EMAC
  – Demonstrate capability to VDEM & municipalities
• 2014 need for training
  – TS training in Chicago (Mar. 8-10) and DC (June 4-6)
  – Do we TS training needs in region?
i-Tree

• Version 6 (i-Tree 2014) released

• Eco research group
  – Regional network of Eco databases
  – To test accuracy of Eco results
  – To fine tune Eco results for SE projects

• Hydro workshop development
  – 2-day, hands-on workshop in ATL
  – Conducted by model developer
  – Tentatively set for March 12 - 13
Green Infrastructure

• Urban Waters project
  – Proctor Creek (ATL)
    • Eco plots
    • Hydro modeling
  – Working with EPA Region 4, USGS and ACOE

• Georgia Tech project
  – Living laboratory using i-Tree Eco
  – Tampa GI conference cistern results

• Asset management development w/ EPA OW

• GI (A to Z) review for WEF
  – Publication due out this summer

• Beta Testing EPA’s EnviroAtlas
Interface South Updates

• Kids in the Woods program
  – Developing outdoor science learning projects for middle school students
    • Bird behavior study
    • Watershed study
    • Natural environment study
  – KIW blog on Interface South next week
Interface South Updates

• Tampa Bay Watershed Working Group fact sheet on website soon

• Leaves of Change newsletter
  – Social vulnerability and climate change in GA
  – Kids in the Woods project

• Assisting with elementary school green team
  – Student/faculty green team
  – Provide professional development for teachers
  – Meet with PTA to explore green school options