

# Five Year Plan

## 2006 -2010



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## I. Introduction



January 3, 2006

Dear Reader,

We are pleased to present the plan for the next five years of the Connecticut Urban Forest Council. The Council provides an important forum for the exchange of ideas on critical urban forestry issues in our state. Over the past five years, the Council has accomplished many things. These accomplishments include the introduction of the *Forest on Main Street* newsletter, the creation of the Connecticut ReLeaf Program, the annual hosting of the Council's urban forestry conference, and the launching the Council's website. Most of all, we have sought to create a vibrant network of individuals and organizations that, working together, are advancing the state of Connecticut's urban forest.

Over the next five years, we will continue our efforts and reach towards even greater accomplishments. This report documents our goals and objectives, and outlines our strategies towards achieving these ends. Compelling issues in urban forestry remain unresolved. For example, we must increase the participation of those who come from communities that are limited in means, opportunity or outlook. Similarly, while striving for greater and more diverse involvement in Connecticut's urban forestry efforts, we must also work towards having everyone, from all communities, benefit from a healthy urban forest.

There are other issues of concern to those involved in urban forestry in Connecticut. We need to encourage an ecological approach to the management of Connecticut's urban natural resources. We need to promote policies that respect the linkages between our cities and towns and the condition of our forests generally. And, we need to invest in the programs and technologies, and in the young people, who will be the key to our state's future urban forestry efforts.

Today's members of the Connecticut Urban Forest Council represent a wide spectrum of backgrounds, both professional and volunteer. Together, the Council is committed to achieving the goals included in the 2006 – 2010 Plan, and to enhancing and improving the urban forest in Connecticut.

Sincerely,

Colleen Murphy-Dunning  
CUFC Chair

Donald H. Smith, Jr.  
Connecticut State Forester

## II. The 5 Year Plan: 2001 – 2005

During the past five years the Connecticut Urban Forest Council has continued to support established programs and nurture the development of new initiatives aligned with its stated goals. This report highlights our accomplishments in meeting the following Goals.

### **Goal 1 - Public Awareness and Education**

Create a responsible public and responsive government by promoting an understanding of stewardship and the social economic and environmental values of trees, forests and related natural resources in cities and communities.

### **Goal 2 - Outreach and Environmental Equity**

Expand program participation by involving minorities, people of color, American Indian Nation, people with disabilities and under-served populations in all aspects of urban and community forestry.

### **Goal 3 - Partnerships**

Create and maintain partnerships that strengthen cooperative working relationships and integrate diverse activities among public and private agencies and organizations at federal, state and local levels.

**Goal 4 - Comprehensive Natural Resource Management and Policy** Implement an ecological approach, which integrates biophysical, social and economic considerations to support healthy, sustainable communities.

### **Goal 5 - Urban and Community Forestry Research**

Implement an ecological approach, which integrates biophysical, social and economic considerations to support healthy, sustainable communities.

The Council continues to serve as a leadership organization for the urban forestry program in the state. It has sustained foundational programs established over its first ten years while also expanding its efforts based upon its long range plan.

We are particularly proud to note the success of our Outreach activities in the traditional sense of seminars and workshops held, but also from new initiatives employing other resource mediums to champion our programs. These efforts have resulted in a notable increase in the constituency reached by the Council.



## Outreach

The Annual Conference remains the Council's keystone event each year and supports our mission to foster urban forestry in the state. They are designed to challenge attendees to expand their perspectives, and network with others to share ideas and compare goals. In addition, the Council invites vendors and non-profit exhibitors to set up displays representing new products and innovative projects – helping attendees to connect the 'how' with the 'why' and the 'what'. These conferences enhance public awareness of resource management policies, current research and opportunities for partnerships.

In 2001, the Conference was moved to a new venue, Mountainside Inn in Wallingford. That move proved prophetic as it allowed us to handle an unexpected overflow crowd of over 260 attendees.

The theme of that year's conference "Designing Successful Streetscapes" featured renowned landscape architect James Urban along with several other speakers including: Dr. Davis Sydnor, Dr. David Bloniarz and Mr. Robert Gregan. Landscape architects, town tree volunteers, tree wardens, arborists, municipal officials and others were given the opportunity to network and fostering mutual support of common goals.

Subsequent conferences offered timely themes and quality speakers:

- 2002 - "Dividends for Tomorrow: Getting a Return on Your Green Investment"
- 2003 - "Innovations in Urban Forestry"
- 2004 - "Trees Mean Business".
- 2005 - "Strengthening the Urban Forest Through Diversity"



*A summer's day in New Haven's urban forest.*

## Workshops

The Council recognizes the importance of Urban Forestry at both the local and national level. Over the past five years, the Council has cooperated with the CT DEP Division of Forestry in offering various workshops to a range of audiences. They have built understanding of public policies, managing resources and collaboration.

- Seventeen different workshops geared towards municipal tree worker were held at various locations around the state and drew nearly 350 attendees. For many of these individuals, these workshops provided a unique opportunity to learn the latest regarding the care of public trees.
- A workshop on Tree Selection attracted some 100 attendees to Sessions Woods Wildlife Management in Burlington. At that workshop, speakers covered topics ranging from proper planting and species choices to tree specification and streetscape design. A session on trees beneficial to wildlife was also included.
- In addition, the Council worked with CIRMA, the risk management entity within the Connecticut Council of Municipalities, by helping to sponsor a workshop to discuss Public Trees and Risk Management. Mark Dunteman, urban forestry consultant and risk management expert, addressed over 80 Tree Wardens and other public officials.

The Council has continued to foster partnerships and programs with such groups as:

- Tree Wardens
- UCONN Extension – Meskwaka
- CTPA
- Milford Trees
- Greening Connecticut Cities & Town

Council members have also been active participants in national conferences and seminars including the International Society of Arboriculture, National Arbor Day Foundation, the Society of American Foresters and the National Urban Forest. The lessons learned from these events have served to enrich the overall background and programs of the Council at the State level.



## Recognition

The Council seeks to recognize those individuals and groups for their efforts to support urban forestry. Each year, the Council honors those volunteers, professionals and communities that have excelled in their efforts with regards to urban forestry. Awards are made at the Annual Conference.

In 1994, the Council initiated a new program, “Connecticut ReLeaf”, to recognize those cities, towns and neighborhoods that have demonstrated exemplary efforts and accomplishments regarding the management of the urban forest. Since its inception, eight communities have been designated as Connecticut ReLeaf Communities.



Connecticut ReLeaf Communities is an awards program of the Connecticut Urban Forest Council created to recognize exemplary urban forestry projects at the city, town, neighborhood and institutional level.

**The principal purposes of Connecticut ReLeaf are to:**

- Reward cities, towns, neighborhoods and institutions for their good work in sustainable urban and community forestry
- Provide peer to peer examples for other Connecticut cities, towns, neighborhoods and institutions to emulate
- Encourage others to increase and improve urban and community forestry efforts.



*Milford is one of four Connecticut communities designated as a Connecticut ReLeaf Community in 2003.*

Since 2001, the number of Tree City USA's in Connecticut has also substantially increased by over 30 % . In 2005, there were 12 cities or towns in Connecticut designated as Tree City USA.

## Research Support

The Council initiated a small grants program in support of its long range plan for healthy communities. In 2001, this program funded a research project undertaken by Roger Taylor, a recent Master of Forest Science student from Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. Mr. Taylor tested comparative methodologies for surveying street trees in two Connecticut towns, in part to assess what level of surveying is necessary to give sufficiently reliable data. One purpose of this study was to determine whether survey methods were, in fact, cost effective as compared to complete inventories.

## Communication

The Council has significantly augmented its outreach efforts over the past five years through new communication mediums. The development of a web site ([www.CTUrbanForestCouncil.org](http://www.CTUrbanForestCouncil.org)) and a newsletter allow us to reach a wide audience.

- **Urban Forestry Calendar**  
[Activities Calendar](#)
- **Fact Sheets**  
[Tree Planting](#)  
[Tree Selection](#)  
[Watering and Mulching](#)  
[Early Pruning](#)  
[Municipal Assistance](#)
- **Articles and Newsletters**  
[Newsletter Back Issues](#)  
[Articles](#)
- **Notices and Announcements**  
[Conference Announcements](#)
- **Urban Forestry Awards**  
[Connecticut Releaf Communities Individual and Municipal Awards](#)
- **CUFC's Five Year Plan**  
[Download publication](#)
- **Where to go for Help**  
[Contact CUFC](#)  
[Other Useful Contacts](#)



The Connecticut Urban Forest Council, Inc. is a statewide organization composed of representatives from Connecticut environmental organizations, state agencies, universities, research institutions, corporations, professional communities and citizen tree groups. Its purpose is to provide advice, assistance, education, information and support to urban and community forestry professionals, associated professionals, municipal, state and corporate leaders, and volunteers.

### The Council Seeks To:

- Increase the number and quality of urban and community forestry programs in Connecticut towns and cities.
- Inform community decisions makers, legislators, and the public about the essential benefits derived from urban and community forestry.
- Provide continuing education and make educational resources available to arborists, tree wardens, foresters, community tree volunteers, public work employees and others practicing urban and community forestry in Connecticut.
- Develop policies designed to promote progressive and appropriate urban and community forestry programs and practices throughout the state.

To this end, the Council will serve to coordinate and direct urban and community forestry efforts in Connecticut.

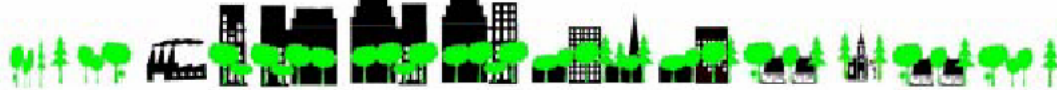


Through the web site, the Council can now play a much more active role in directing people to the various urban forestry resources in the state; providing basic technical information and support that are critical to proper urban forestry.



Our Newsletters report on current activities and upcoming plans throughout the year.

# The Forest on Main Street



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**In This Issue:**

*Partnering for Tomorrow  
- Urban Forestry in  
Milford*

**and**

*The Urban Ecology  
Collaborative*

**Partnering for Tomorrow - Urban Forestry in Milford**

by Mary Ludwig - Milford Tree Commission

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: In 2003, Milford received the Connecticut ReLeaf Award. Connecticut ReLeaf is an  
: incentive program created by the CT Urban Forest Council to acknowledge quality  
: urban and community forestry efforts, in municipalities, neighborhoods, and  
: institutions. But, in 1999, Milford's urban forest was in crisis management mode.  
: Trees were being taken down and not replaced along the City's streets and in parks.  
: There were budget issues, questions about the value of trees, and conflicts between  
: trees and other priorities. To address these problems, residents formed a nonprofit  
: organization that became Milford Trees Inc. (MTI).  
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## Summary

The accomplishments highlighted over the past 5 years are a testimony to the vision and dedication of those who have supported urban forestry in Connecticut. This is especially noticeable in the volunteers who make up the Connecticut Urban Forest Council, all of whom generously offer their time and energy to ensure the Council remains a vital leader in fostering a successful legacy of urban forestry for many years to come. The plans outlined for the next five years will further its Mission and benefit for the citizens of Connecticut.



## II. The 5 Year Plan: 2006 – 2010: Goals

The Council has identified the following goals for its next 5 Year Plan: 2006 – 2010. They reflect our commitment to continue to serve as a leadership organization for the urban forestry program in the state.

### **Goal 1: Public Awareness: Education and Communication**

Continue developing public responsibility and government responsiveness by promoting an understanding of the social, economic and environmental values of trees, forests and related natural resources in communities.

### **Goal 2: Outreach and Environmental Equity**

Expand program participation to better engage all community members in all aspects of urban forestry.

### **Goal 3: Organizational Capacity**

Expand the capacity to address emerging issues and opportunities that support healthy, sustainable communities.

### **Goal 4: Natural Resource Management and Policy**

Support research that monitors and integrates the biophysical, social and economic attributes of urban forestry.

The following tables list specific items that are planned to meet these goals and develop a legacy of sustainability.



## Summary Table of Planned Accomplishments by 2011

2006 Task Number	Description and Purpose	Principal party(ies) responsible	Goals and/or Objective(s) met
1	Continue the Urban Forestry Small Grants Program	DEP	Goal 1
2	Increase the number of Tree City USA's and Ct. ReLeaf communities	DEP	Goal 1
3	Maintain an urban forestry web site	CUFC	Goal 1
4	Establish and maintain a speakers' bureau	CUFC	Goal 1
5	Continue interstate cooperation and collaboration, especially with New England states and New York	CUFC, UCONN CES, DEP, USFS, URI	Goal 1
6	Increase news coverage of urban and community forestry issues and events	ALL	Goal 1
7	Maintain contact with national organizations involved in urban forestry	CUFC, UCONN, CES, DEP, USFS, URI	Goal 1
8	Support the Connecticut Notable Tree Program	CCA, CUFC, CBS	Goal 1
9	Support and conduct the Meskwaka Tree Project	UCONN CES, CCA	Goal 1
10	Develop and disseminate educational materials	UCONN CES, CUFC, DEP	Goal 1
11	Continue youth education through Arbor Day events	DEP, UI, CTPA, NU, DEP	Goal 1
12	Provide educational information to communities, tree wardens, legislators, and citizen volunteers and organizations	UCONN CES	Goal 1
13	Provide training for people who wish to apply for the arborist license.	CTPA, CAES	Goal 1
14	Continue to provide workshops for licensed arborists and other interested tree care professionals	UCONN CES, CTPA, DEP	Goal 1
15	Promote community tree planting and maintenance events in all communities and support state urban forestry efforts	DEP, UI, CTPA, NU, DEP	Goal 1

<b>2006 Task Number</b>	<b>Description and Purpose</b>	<b>Principal party(ies) responsible</b>	<b>Goals and/or Objective(s) met</b>
<b>16</b>	Conduct the annual state urban forest conference	CUFC and all partners	Goal 1
<b>17</b>	Support educational programs like Project Learning Tree, the SCHOOLYARD Habitat Program, etc.	CUFC, DEP, CFPA, URI	Goal 1
<b>18</b>	Expand program participation to achieve minority and diversity outreach	CUFC	Goal 2
<b>19</b>	Seek to diversify membership of the Connecticut Urban Forest Council beyond managerial and professional backgrounds	CUFC	Goal 2
<b>20</b>	Maintain effective and develop new partnerships	CUFC	Goal 2
<b>21</b>	Work with at-risk youth to accomplish urban forestry goals	KPF,URI, DEP	Goal 2
<b>22</b>	Annual review of goals and objectives to determine what has been completed and what, if anything, needs to be added	CUFC, DEP, UCONN CES	Goal 3
<b>23</b>	Provide guidance and education about important tree related issues	CUFC,CFPA, UCONN CES, URI, CTPA, NU, UI	Goal 3
<b>24</b>	Seek to increase funding for urban forestry efforts from private and other sources	CUFC, CFPA, FCUF,CCA	Goal 3
<b>25</b>	Assist towns with the conducting and use of tree inventories	DEP	Goal 3
<b>26</b>	Encourage towns in storm preparedness	DEP	Goal 3
<b>27</b>	Provide technical assistance to communities and citizen organizations	DEP, URI, UCONN CES	Goal 3
<b>28</b>	Continue to support the Tree Warden Association of Connecticut, Inc. as they develop workshops and educational materials.	UCONN CES	Goal 3
<b>28</b>	Provide training to municipal public works maintainers	UCONN CES, DEP	Goal 3
<b>30</b>	Maintain state database of urban forestry volunteers and community organizations	UCONN CES, CUFC	Goal 3

<b>Specific Tasks to be Accomplished by the Year 2011</b>			
<b>2006 Task Number</b>	<b>Description and Purpose</b>	<b>Prinicpal party(ies) responsible</b>	<b>Goals and/or Objective(s) met</b>
31	Increase the number of community volunteers	All	Goal 3
32	Recognize and reward outstanding achievements by volunteers, communities and professionals through the annual awards process	CUFC	Goal 3
33	Monitor existing state shade tree laws and recommend revisions, where necessary	CUFC, UCONN CES, TWA, CTPA, CFPA	Goal 4
34	Advocate support for urban and community forestry by state and federal legislators in Connecticut	CFPA, FGC, FCUC	Goal 4
35	Develop state-wide collaboration to address critical urban forestry issues	CUFC, UCONN CES, URI, CAES, CCA, TWA	Goal 4
36	Encourage and conduct urban forestry research in the state	KPF, URI, URI, UCONN CES, DEP, CAES	Goal 4
37	Develop more urban greenspaces	KPF, URI, URI	Goal 4
38	Encourage landscaping with native trees and shrubs	CCA, CFPA, UCONN CES, DEP	Goal 4
39	Educate persons about the abuse of mulch	CFPA, CUFC, URI, UCONN CES	Goal 4
40	Provide training and information in urban wildlife ecology	DEP	Goal 4
41	Provide leadership in role of urban forestry as it relates to smart growth, urban sprawl and comprehensive natural resource management	CUFC, USFS, UCONN CES	Goal 4
42	Perform an overall survey of urban forestry in the state	UCONN CES	Goal 4
<b>Key</b>	<b>Partner Organizations</b>		
<b>BA</b>	Bartlett Arboretum		
<b>CAES</b>	Ct. Agricultural Experiment Station		
<b>CBS</b>	Ct. Botanical Society		
<b>CCA</b>	Ct. College Arboretum		
<b>CFPA</b>	Ct. Forest & Park Association		
<b>CL&amp;P</b>	Ct. Light & Power		
<b>CTRL</b>	Ct. ReLeaf		
<b>CTPA</b>	Ct. Tree Protection Association		
<b>CUFC</b>	Ct. Urban Forest Council		
<b>DEP</b>	Ct. Dept. of Environmental Protection		
<b>FCUC</b>	Friends of Ct. Urban Forestry		
<b>KPF</b>	Knox Parks Foundation		
<b>NRME</b>	University of Conn. Dept. of Natural Resources, Management and Engineering		
<b>TWA</b>	Tree Wardens Association of Ct.		
<b>UCONN CES</b>	University of Ct. Cooperative Extension System		
<b>UI</b>	United Illuminating		
<b>URI</b>	Urban Resource initiative - Yale University School of Forestry & Environmental Studies		
<b>USFS</b>	U.S.D.A. Forest Service		

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## Appendix

### A - Summary Table of Accomplishments to be done by 2006

2001 Task Number	Description and Purpose	Principal party(ies) responsible	Goals and/or Objective(s) met
1	Expand program participation to achieve minority and diversity outreach	CUFC	Goal 4
2	Seek to diversify membership of the Connecticut Urban Forest Council beyond managerial and professional backgrounds	CUFC	Objective 4.3
3	Annual review of goals and objectives to determine what has been completed and what, if anything, needs to be added	CUFC, DEP, UCONN CES	All Goals & Objectives
4	Continue the Urban Forestry Small Grants Program	DEP	Goal 1
5	Provide guidance and education about important tree related issues	CUFC,CFPA, UCONN CES, YALE-URI, CTPA, CL&P, UI	Objective 2.3
6	Seek to increase private funding for urban forestry efforts	CUFC, CFPA	Goals 2,3 &4
7	Monitor existing state shade tree laws and recommend revisions, where necessary	CUFC,UCONN-CES, TWA,CTPA,CFPA	Goal 2
8	Maintain effective and develop new partnerships	CUFC	Objective 4.5
9	Advocate support for urban and community forestry by state and federal legislators in Connecticut	CFPA, FGC	Goal 2
10	Develop state-wide collaboration to address critical urban forestry issues	CUFC, UCONN CES, Yale-URI, CAES, CCA, TWA	Goal 2
11	Encourage urban forestry research in the state	KPF, Yale URI, UCONN CES, DEP, CAES	Goal 2&3
12	Work with at-risk youth to accomplish urban forestry goals	KPF, Yale URI, UCONN CES, DEP, TNG	Goal 4
13	Develop more urban greenspaces	KPF, Yale URI	Goal 4
14	Increase the number of Tree City USA's	DEP	Objective 3,3
15	Assist towns with the conducting and use of tree inventories	DEP	Goals 2,&4
16	Encourage towns in storm preparedness	DEP	Goal 3
17	Communicate with other groups	CUFC	Goal 1
18	Develop and maintain an urban forestry web site	CUFC	Goal 1
19	Establish a speakers' bureau	CUFC	Goal 1 & 2
20	Continue interstate cooperation and collaboration, especially with New England states and New York	CUFC, UCONN CES, DEP, USFS,Yale-URI	Goals 1 &2

<b>2001 Task Number</b>	<b>Description and Purpose</b>	<b>Prinicpal party(ies) responsible</b>	<b>Goals and/or Objective(s) met</b>
21	Increase news coverage of urban and community forestry issues and events	ALL	All Goals
22	Maintain contact with national organizations involved in urban forestry	CUFC,UCON CES, DEP, USFA, Yale-URI	Goals 1 & 2
23	Assemble educational information to 'correct' mis-information and technical gaps	UCONN CES, DEP,CFPA, CUFC	Goals 1 & 2
24	Encourage landscaping with native trees and shrubs	CFPA, UCONN CES, DEP	Goals 1 & 2
25	Educate persons about the abuse of mulch	CFPA, CUCF, Yale-URI, UCONN CES	Goals 1 & 2
26	Support the Connecticut Notable Tree Program	CCA, CUFC, CBS	Objective 1.5
27	Support and conduct the Meskwaka Tree Project	UCONN CES, CCA	Goal 1
28	Support Youth/Mentors/Tree Projects	UCONN CES	Goals 1,2 & 4
29	Work with municipalities to support urban forestry	CUFC, UCONN CES, DEP, USFS, Yale-URI	Goal 2
30	Develop and disseminate educational materials	UCONN CES, CUFC, Dep	Goals 1 & 2
31	Continue youth education through Arbor Day events	DEP, UI, CTPA, CL&P, DEP	Goals 1,2 & 4
32	Promote urban tree planting by young people through the annual Arbor day seedling program	DEP	Goals 1,2 & 4
33	Provide training and information in urban wildlife ecology	DEP	Objective 1.4
34	Provide technical assistance to communities and citizen organizations	DEP, Yale-URI	Goals 1 & 3
35	Continue to support the Tree Warden Association of Connecticut, Inc. as they develop workshops and educational materials.	UCONN CES	Goal 3
36	Provide educational information to communities, Tree wardens, legislators, and citizen volunteers and organizations	UCONN CES	Goal 1
37	Develop and conduct workshops and educational materials for Tree Wardens	TWA, UCONN CES	Goals 1 & 2
38	Provide training for people who wish to apply for the arborist license.	BA, CTPA, CAES	Goals 1 & 2
39	Continue to provide workshops for licensed arborists and other interested tree care professionals	UCONN CES, CTPA, DEP	Goals 1 & 2
40	Provide training to municipal public works maintainers	UCONN CES, DEP	Goals 1 & 2



2001 Task Number	Description and Purpose	Principal party(ies) responsible	Goals and/or Objective(s) met
41	Promote community tree planting and maintenance events by Garden Clubs in all communities and support state urban forestry efforts	FDC	Goals 1 & 2
42	Conduct the annual state urban forest conference	CUFC and all partners	Goals 1 & 3
43	Sponsor NADF Conferences in Area	CUFC	Goals 1 & 3
44	Assemble and maintain a 'scrapbook' of real events and planting that have occurred.	CUFC, DEP, CFPA	Goal 1
45	"Green Market" job opportunities	All	Objective 4.2
46	Provide leadership in role of urban forestry as it relates to smart growth, urban sprawl and comprehensive natural resource management	CUFC, USFS, UCINN CES	Objective 2.1
47	Maintain state database of urban forestry volunteers and community organizations	UConn CES, CUFC	Goal 2
48	Increase the number of community volunteers	All	Goal 4
49	Recognize and reward outstanding achievements by volunteers, communities and professionals through the annual awards process	CUFC	Goal 1
50	Perform an overall survey of urban forestry in the state	UConn CES	Objective 2.4
51	Support educational programs like Project Learning Tree, the SCHOOLYARD Habitat Program, etc.	CUFC, DEP, CFPA, Yale-URI	Goals 1 & 2
<b>Key</b>	<b>Partner Organizations</b>		
<b>BA</b>	Bartlett Arboretum, University of Conn.		
<b>CAES</b>	Ct. Agricultural Experiment Station		
<b>CBS</b>	Ct. Botanical Society		
<b>CCA</b>	Ct. College Arboretum		
<b>CFPA</b>	Ct. Forest & Park Association		
<b>CL&amp;P</b>	Ct. Light & Power		
<b>CTPA</b>	Ct. Tree Protection Association		
<b>CUFC</b>	Ct. Urban Forest Council		
<b>DEP</b>	Ct. Dept. of Environmental Protection		
<b>FGC</b>	Federated Garden Clubs of Conn.		
<b>KPF</b>	Knox Parks Foundation		
<b>NRME</b>	University of Conn. Dept. of Natural Resources, Management and Engineering		
<b>TNG</b>	The Natural Guard		
<b>TWA</b>	The Tree Wardens Association of Ct.		
<b>UConn CES</b>	University of Ct. Cooperative Extension System		
<b>UI</b>	United Illuminating		
<b>USFS</b>	U.S.D.A. Forest Service		
<b>YALE</b>	Yale University School of Forestry & Environmental Studies		