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## Master Urban Forestry Training Offers Free Tree Care and Management

Communities throughout North Mississippi were also impacted by the loss of trees during Hurricane Katrina. Replanting the urban forest is an important part of the recovery process in our State. The Mississippi Urban Forest Council is offering a new Master Urban Forestry Training program free to cities and towns, businesses and homeowners looking for information on tree care and management.

Participants receive 14 hours of free instruction on choosing the right tree for the right place, tree identification, hazard tree assessment, storm resistant trees and much more. In addition to the classroom instruction, participants will be involved in 9 hours of hands-on field study which can be completed on their own schedule. Course graduates are also asked to "give back" to their communities by committing to provide 25 hours of community service. This service can take many forms and may include assistance to public or private groups or to individuals.

An Oxford workshop will be co-hosted by the Oxford Tree Board and the MS State Extension Service on March 13 & 14, 2008 at the Oxford-University United Methodist Church, Wesley Hall. The workshop will begin at 9:00 a.m. each day and conclude by 4:00 p.m. North Mississippi residents, businesses, city leaders and workers are invited to attend. Continuing education credits are available for a number of professional organizations. Planners, elected officials and developers are encouraged to attend to learn more about managing the green infrastructure in their communities.

Free workshops are being offered in all areas of the state. The program is part of Mississippi's Urban Forestry Program and is funded, in part, by the MS State Extension Service, MUFC and a grant from the Mississippi Forestry Commission and U.S. Forest Service. For information on this workshop or to enroll, contact Vicki Bishop, City of Oxford at [urbanforest@oxfordms.net](mailto:urbanforest@oxfordms.net), 662-232-2306 or Donna Yowell, Executive Director of the Mississippi Urban Forest Council, at [dyowell@aol.com](mailto:dyowell@aol.com).

Trees enhance property values, improve the look and feel of commercial areas and even help reduce crime! Join with the Mississippi Urban Forest Council and learn how to plant and manage the trees in your community. **Learn more at [www.msurbanforest.com](http://www.msurbanforest.com).**

# Master Urban Forestry Training

City of Oxford & North Mississippi

March 13 & 14, 2008 9 AM - 4:00 PM

Oxford-University United Methodist Church – Wesley Hall

## What You Get:

14 hours of Free Urban Forestry Training  
Free Educational Materials & Training Programs  
Master Urban Forester Certification  
Continuing Education Credits for various professionals

## Who Should Attend?

Local government employees	Policy makers/ elected officials
Parks/Rec Managers	Public works employees
Homeowners	Landowners, foresters,
Landscape Architects	Developers and builders
Community and Civic groups	Neighborhood Assn.
Chamber/Business Owners	Master Gardeners
Garden Club Members	

## Training topics include:

Site/Tree selection  
Tree maintenance  
Pruning  
Insects  
Diseases  
UF management  
Hazard tree ID  
Storm resistance  
Storm mitigation  
Managing hazards  
Resources/ grants  
Water Quality  
Tree protection  
Construction  
Planting trees  
Park/ Recreation  
Economic  
Development  
Conservation  
Tree make-overs  
Curb appeal plans

## How to Register:

Email or phone this information to:

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Donna Yowell, MS Urban Forest Council at [dyowell@aol.com](mailto:dyowell@aol.com), 601-672-0755

Information needed for registration:

Name:  
Phone:  
Email:  
Group or Professional affiliation (if any):

Mississippi State  
UNIVERSITY



MISSISSIPPI URBAN FOREST COUNCIL

**MASTER URBAN FORESTRY TRAINING**  
 Oxford and N. Mississippi  
 Wesley Hall at Oxford-University United Methodist Church  
 Corner of University Ave. & 10<sup>th</sup> St., Oxford, MS



**AGENDA**

**Day One: 9 A.M. – 4 P.M. March 13, 2008**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>INSTRUCTOR</b>
9:00 – 9:30	Welcome & Program Introduction	Richard Howorth, Mayor of Oxford Britton Hatcher, MSU Ext Ser. Donna Yowell, MUFC
9:30 – 10:30	Tree Biology/ Dendrology	Britt Hubbard, MS Forestry Co.
10:35 – 11:30	Urban Soils/ Root Health	Rick Olson, MS Forestry Co.
11:30 – 12:30	Lunch ( <i>on your own</i> )	
12:30 – 1:00	Right Tree-Right Place	Terran Arwood, Arborist
1:00 – 1:30	Planting Techniques	Terran Arwood, Arborist
1:30 – 2:30	Urban Forestry Management	Britt Hubbard, MS Forestry Co.
2:35 – 3:30	To Repair or Replace	Terran Arwood, Arborist
3:30 – 4:00	Tree Maintenance & Pruning	Terran Arwood, Arborist

**Day Two: 9 A.M. – 3:45 P.M. March 14, 2008**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>INSTRUCTOR</b>
9:00 – 9:15	Welcome	Britton Hatcher, MSU Ext Ser.
9:15 – 9:30	Review of Field Studies	Donna Yowell, MUFC
9:30 – 10:30	Benefits of Urban Forestry	Donna Yowell, MUFC
10:35 – 11:30	Trees in Construction Sites	Katrina Hourin, City of Oxford
11:30 – 12:30	Lunch ( <i>on your own</i> )	
12:30 – 1:10	Trees & Utilities	Lynn Robbins, Oxford Electric Dept.
1:10 – 1:30	Conserving Oxford's Urban Forest	Hume Bryant, Oxford Tree Board
1:30 – 2:00	Fire Wise	Robert Thornton, MS Forestry Co.
2:05 – 3:00	Diseases & Entomology	Steve D., MSU Ext Ser.
3:00 – 3:30	CanVis	Donna Yowell, MUFC
3:30 – 3:45	Program Wrap Up	Donna Yowell, MUFC

**Hosted By**  
**Mississippi State University Extension Service**  
**Mississippi Urban Forest Council**  
**Oxford Tree Board**