NKU & CFC will be hosting an informal dinner event on November 4th, 2004. The event will present three view points on the value of urban & community forestry. Remember, the urban forest includes individual trees, parks and green space, trees lining streets, small remnants of woods and forests, and the relationship of such to water, wildlife and people. Guest presenters will be:

... Bellevue Mayor, John Meyer
... Boone County Planning Director, Kevin Costello
... Erlanger City Manager, Bill Scheyer.

NKU & CFC will also be honoring Bill Thomas with an award for his contributions to our urban & community forest. Many of you know Bill as the Managing Editor of Inside Your Town. In this publication Bill is usually raising awareness of the importance of our urban & community forest through a story about a land use issue, about a person who has contributed to our sense of place, or about a featured landmark tree in Northern Kentucky. A landmark tree is a tree which has special significance because it meets one or more of the following criteria: rare species, old age, size, location, association with an historical event or person, scenic enhancement, or unique characteristics. Under Bill’s leadership, the Fort Thomas Tree Commission constructed the Landmark Tree Trail which has highlighted the importance of the City’s most secluded parcel of old growth forest.

Please join us for an evening that will offer opportunities to learn and to network, so that your stewardship of our urban & community forest is strengthened.

Dinner Event – November 4th, 2004
Boone County Public Safety Campus
Sheriff’s Department Meeting Room
3000 Conrad Lane, Burlington, KY 41005

Directions:
From the South (Walton, KY area) take I 75-71 South
1. Take the KY 18 exit, exit number 181, toward Florence/Burlington (0.2 miles)
2. Turn Right onto KY 18/ Burlington Pike. Continue to follow KY 18 W (4.4 miles)
3. Turn Right (first and only red light in Burlington) onto Bullittsville Burlington Rd/Garrard St. Continue to follow Bullittsville Burlington Rd. (0.6 miles)
4. Turn Left onto Conrad Lane. The Boone County Public Safety Camps public entrance is located immediately to your right (large building with arched roof).

From the North (Cincinnati-Covington area) take I 75-71 South
1. Take the KY 18 exit, exit number 181, toward Florence/Burlington (0.2 miles)
2. Turn Right on KY 18/ Burlington Pike. Continue to follow KY 18 W (4.4 miles)
3. Turn Right (first and only red light in Burlington) onto Bullittsville Burlington Rd/Garrard St. Continue to follow Bullittsville Burlington Rd. (0.6 miles)
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Schedule of Events
5:30 – 6:00 Registration
6:00 – 6:45 Welcome & Dinner
6:45 – 8:00 Presentations
8:00 – 8:30 Discussion

Registration Required
Tel. (859) 572-2600
Bigtooth Aspen (Populus grandidentata)

When you think of the “North Woods,” one of the first trees to come to mind other than Paper Birch is often Bigtooth Aspen. Aspens, which are within a section of the genus Populus (Poplars), consist of two species in North America: Quaking Aspen (Populus tremuloides) and Bigtooth Aspen (Populus grandidentata). Most people are familiar with the famous Quaking Aspen stands of the Rocky Mountain States for their incredible golden fall color and glistening white stems. Quaking Aspen extends through the Rocky Mountains and across the northern tier of the United States but is not found naturally as far south as Kentucky.

Bigtooth Aspen is our only native Aspen found in Kentucky within scattered groves throughout the state. The main range of Bigtooth Aspen extends northward from the Ohio Valley into the Great Lakes through southern Canada and into the Northeastern USA. Outlying populations of Bigtooth Aspen occur as far south as Tennessee and North Carolina. The tree has an upright oval crown and normally grows 40-60ft tall with a spread of 20-40ft at maturity. Young trees usually have smooth greenish-gray bark that gradually matures to a light grayish white coloration. On older trees the mature bark is dark and divided into broad, flat ridges at the root crown. The buds are gray, downy, and somewhat larger than those of the other species of aspen. Twigs are gray and pubescent when young, becoming reddish- to orangish-brown at maturity.

The leaves distinguish this species from the quaking aspen. Leaf blades are up to 2 1/4—4 inches (5 3/4—10 cm) long, dark green above, and gray and woolly beneath when young. Foliage is nearly bloomy when mature. In contrast to the regular- and fine-toothed edges of the quaking aspen, the edges are coarsely and irregularly toothed. The flat petioles of the leaves allow bigtooth aspen to flutter with the slightest breeze similar to quaking aspen. This fluttering of the leaves creates a soft rustling sound that can be quite soothing to hear on a breezy day while resting under a tree or within a grove.

The flowers are in catkins similar to those of the other poplar species. Pollen-bearing flowers and seed-producing flowers occur on different trees (dioecious). The pollen-bearing flowers are arranged in drooping catkins, 1 1/2—2 1/2 inches (4—6 cm) long. The wood is light brown with thin, weak, soft, and nearly white sapwood. It is used in the manufacturer of paper, excelsior, and, to a small extent, woodenware.

Bigtooth Aspen is a pioneer tree species and is often one of the first trees to colonize burnt over land, or land that has been severely disturbed in some way or another. Like quaking aspen, this tree has the ability to sucker and form large groves naturally. Individual specimens in landscape situations are not usually inclined to produce extensive suckering unless the tree is wounded, or the ground underneath the tree is disturbed. Bigtooth Aspen is an excellent tree for park settings and large properties where individual trees can be enjoyed, or planted in naturalized groves. Given the tree’s adaptability to poor soils and less than ideal conditions, the tree could also be considered for limited use in some urban locations and has even been used as a street tree in some cities. An important consideration would be to avoid planting this tree near water lines, sewer lines, or drain fields as, like many trees, the root system could invade leaking points. Bigtooth Aspen can also be used in conjunction with dark evergreen backgrounds to provide beautiful contrast to the tree’s smooth, light colored bark. It is important, however, to remember that this is a pioneer tree that is intolerant of shady conditions. Specimens of this tree can be viewed in Northern Kentucky at The Boone County Arboretum along the Arboretum trail behind ballfield # 5.

**Cultivars:** ‘Durman’- Improved selection with pronounced leaf margins and adaptability to poor sites.

**Sources:** Jeffries Nurseries Ltd.  
P.O. Box 402  
Portage la Prairie, Manitoba  
R1N 3B7  
1-888-857-5288  
www.jeffriesnurseries.com
Trees in Our Communities Grants Program

The Northern Kentucky Urban & Community Forestry Council will once again be soliciting proposals from eligible grantees in Boone, Kenton and Campbell counties under its "Trees in Our Communities" grant program. The program is co-sponsored by the Kentucky Division of Forestry. Funds will be allocated to urban forestry projects in the three counties. The Council received $10,000 from the Kentucky Division of Forestry with financial support from the U.S. Forest Service for this program.

The program objectives include:
• Improve understanding of the benefits of preserving existing tree cover in urban areas and communities.
• Develop tree boards and tree ordinances in local communities.
• Provide educational programs and technical assistance to non-profit local organizations.
• Promote the establishment of demonstration projects to illustrate the benefits of forest cover and trees.
• Implement a tree-planting program.
• Enhance the technical skills of individuals involved in the planning, development, and maintenance of urban and community forestry programs.

Eligible grantees include: local units of government, neighborhood associations, educational institutions, non-profit organizations, civic groups and community tree volunteer groups.

Grant funds are awarded on a 50/50 matching basis. No more than 50% of the project total can be paid with grant funds. Grantees must match their grant funds with at least 50% nonfederal funds and/or contributions. The following types of proposals are eligible for funding:
• Local government program development or improvement.
• Demonstration or site-specific projects.
• Non-profit administration.
• Information and education.

The funding range for the proposals is $500.00 - $2500.00. Project cost should be at least twice the grant amount requested.

Previous projects included: Johnson Elementary School (Ft. Thomas), Notre Dame Academy (Covington), Florence Elementary School, Split Rock Conservation Park (Petersburg), City of Ft. Wright, City of Alexandria, City of Ft. Thomas and Boone County Urban Forest Commission.

For further information, contact www.nkyurbanforestry.org

ISA CERTIFIED ARBORIST TEST/TRAINING WORKSHOP

The Council, in cooperation with Kentucky Arborists Association and the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service, is pleased to extend an invitation to all arborists in the region to an ISA Pre-Certification Test/Arborist Training Workshop.

This two-day training program was planned to coincide with and prepare those wishing to take the Certified Arborist test offered on November 4, 2004 in Cincinnati, Ohio. It also is open to any arborists needing CEU’s or wishing to sharpen their skills, but will focus on teaching the materials essential to performing well on the ISA Certification Exam.

Dr. Bill Fountain, of the University of Kentucky, and local arboricultural professionals will lead the training program. Attendees are encouraged to bring their questions, samples and photographs related to any arboricultural concerns.

Registration is on a first-come-first-served basis, and limited to a total of 62 attendees. Pre-registrations will be accepted, upon available space, through October 13, 2004 at a fee of $20 per participant. After that date, if space is available, the registration fee is $25 at the door. The registration fee covers the cost of lunch, refreshments, the program, and handouts for both days.

For more information, or a copy of the complete agenda, contact Jenny Gulick at 859-384-8258.

Save the dates! October 20 & 27, 2004; 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Florence Government Center 8100 Ewing Blvd., Florence, Kentucky

REGISTRATION FORM

ISA Certification Arborist Training Workshop

Name(s)________________________________________
City/Agency/Company_______________________
Address___________________________________
City, State, Zip_____________________________
Phone_____________________________
Fax_______________________________
E-Mail____________________________

We are sending________attendees at a cost of $20.00 per person. A check for $_______ is enclosed. (At door registration is $25 per person)

Please make checks payable to:
NORTHERN KENTUCKY URBAN & COMMUNITY FORESTRY COUNCIL

Detach or copy and mail this registration form and check to:
Northern Kentucky Urban and Community Forestry Council
Attn: Mark Leopold
510 Johns Hill Road
Highland Heights, KY 41076

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Upcoming Events

Check here to see what’s happening locally and regionally in urban forestry programs and related events. If you know of other events, please contact the Council and we’ll include the announcement in our next newsletter.

⇒ Arborist Certification Training—Florence Government Center, 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m., October 20 and 27, 2004. Sponsored by the Northern Kentucky Urban and Community Forestry Council. Certified Arborist CEUs available. Registration required; call Mark Leopold at 572-7590.

⇒ Ecological Restoration of Rivers & Streams—Classroom and Field Course, November 2-5, 2004. Sponsored by Mill Creek Restoration Project. For more information and registration, call Lora Alberto, 513-731-8400.

⇒ Shiitake Mushroom Production Workshop, Newport Library, 6:00—9:00 p.m., October 21. Registration required; call 572-2600.


⇒ ISA Certified Tree Worker/Climber Specialist Examination—Winton Woods Park, Hamilton County, OH, November 4, 2004. Pre-registration required; call (217) 355-9411.

⇒ Building With Trees Dinner Presentation—NKY Home Builders Association—Land Development Council, Ft. Mitchell, KY, November 11, 2004, 5:00—7:30 p.m. $45 registration fee for non-members; reservations can be made by calling 859-331-9500.