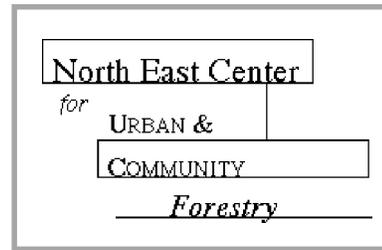


# ACHIEVEMENTS REPORT

## **Northeast Center for Urban and Community Forestry** **Amherst, MA**

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The Northeast Center is a cooperative partnership of the USDA Forest Service, State and Private Forestry in the Northeastern Area, the University of Massachusetts, the six New England states, and New York. The mission of the Center is to respond to urban and community forestry information needs, facilitate and support new and existing research, and coordinate the exchange of information among states that contributes to healthy, sustainable communities.

### **Accomplishments in 1998:**

#### **Developing a Hazard Tree Train-The-Trainers Workshop and Training**

**Manual** for urban and community foresters in New England and New York. The two-day workshop included lectures and site visits to evaluate hazard trees. It is expected that each participant will provide training on the materials presented in the workshop to audiences in their own state.

**Testing the Urban Forest Health Monitoring Pilot Project** to determine the feasibility, usefulness, and implementation of a long-term program examining the health of urban trees. This pilot developed monitoring criteria for urban trees that were compatible and complimentary to the Nation Forest Health Monitoring Program.

**Initiating a model program**, Regional Response to Storm Emergencies in Urban Communities. Ten municipalities, utilities, and regional planning agencies were recruited to cooperate in this pilot project. Initial protocols were drafted for how communities can pool resources in order to increase efficiency, reduce response times, and lower costs. This project is expected to serve as a model for regional approaches to disaster response and recovery in urban and community forests.

**Providing technical assistance** in Burlington, VT, New Haven and Stamford, CT, and Boston, Brookline, and Marblehead, MA. Tree inventories were completed by community volunteers and urban forestry practitioners. Field testing of volunteer training procedures, data acquisition methods, and mapping protocols were examined for ease of use, cost, and reliability.