

ACHIEVEMENTS REPORT

3. Centers of Excellence

Three Centers of Excellence support the technology transfer component of the Federal Program and partner with Forest Service research, universities, and conservation organizations.

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The Center for Urban Forestry at the Morris Arboretum conducts urban forestry advocacy, education, research, and demonstration programs serving regional, state, and local needs. This public/private partnership enhances the capacity of each organization to deliver information and technical assistance to a range of constituencies concerned with natural resources management.

Accomplishments in 1998:

Directing the Northeastern Pennsylvania Community Forestry Program with the Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry and the USDA Forest Service. In its fourth year this award winning grant program continues to integrate natural resources management with regional economic and social revitalization (p. 74).

Chairing the Philadelphia Urban Resources Partnership. This team of federal, state, and non-profit agencies and organizations delivers financial, technical and educational resources to Philadelphia communities involved in natural resources management and education (p. 83).

Providing assistance to state Urban and Community Forestry Councils in Delaware, New Jersey and Pennsylvania by working with the state urban forestry coordinators to implement their program goals and plans.

Providing arboricultural training seminars and workshops in DE, CT, NJ, NY, PA and VA, which reached over 500 professional tree managers and acted as representative for arboricultural standards (ASCA for ASCI A-300).

Provided education for professionals, community members, and youth. Ecosystem-based Management (EbM) training was provided to state and local audiences, such as the EbM pilot project in North Hampton, NH. Forty courses on land management, riparian restoration, horticulture, and plant care were attended by 771 adults. Over 4,800 youth were educated on urban conservation.