

We Speak For The **TREES**



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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We had plenty of rain this summer, which the trees needed, but some associated storms with high winds caused significant damage in several parts of Arkansas. We held ReLeaf projects in Dumas and Clinton.

Cathy Slater has taken over our Executive Secretary position from Kelley Whitehead. We appreciate Kelley's dedication and service, and wish her success with her new endeavors. We welcome Cathy, who will be working out of Hot Springs. The AUFC toll-free phone number and email address will remain the same as before, but note the new mailing address elsewhere in this newsletter.

Several workshops are in the planning stages for this fall and next spring. Watch the AUFC website for details. Next year's annual conference will be held in May in Little Rock with the theme "Weathering Storms in the Urban Environment". I hope to see you at these AUFC sponsored events!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE

We would like to introduce one of our most recent Board of Directors members, Robbie Hudson. He will be valuable in contributing to the promotion of our mission of education, outreach and partnerships to promote the benefits of trees and the development of sustainable community forests. We welcome him and want to tell you more about him.

Meet Robbie Hudson.

My name is Robbie Hudson. I am the City Arborist for Little Rock, Arkansas. I have been employed for the City of Little Rock for 14

years. I have been with the Urban Forestry Department since 2002. I have a bachelor's degree in Parks Administration from Arkansas Tech University in Russellville, Arkansas. I have been a Certified Arborist and a member of the International Society of Arboriculture and the Arkansas Urban Forestry Council since 2002.



GRANTS AVAILABLE

National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council 2009
Call for Proposals

The NUCFAC announces the posting of the 2009 Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Cost Share grant program.

Interested public may download a copy of the application and instructions from www.grants.gov, reference: CFDA 10.675. Applications are due to grants by 11:59 PM EST February 17, 2009. Contact Nancy Stremple nstremple@fs.fed.us or Robert Prather rprather@fs.fed.us.