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### **IDNR AND USDA PARTNER WITH CITY OF URBANA TO PROVIDE UPDATED TREE GUIDE TO ILLINOIS RESIDENTS**

A newly-revised version of the City of Urbana's *Under the Canopy* publication, a statewide guide to tree selection, planting and care, will be available free of charge to Illinois residents by mid April.

Thanks to a partnership among the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, the United States Forest Service and the City of Urbana, more than 400,000 copies of the guide will be shipped to 467 public and non-profit agencies across the state for distribution in each of Illinois' 102 counties. In the past, the IDNR had only distributed limited quantities of the *Under the Canopy* guide to communities with the Tree City USA designation. Now the larger-scale distribution has been made possible by a core grant from the USDA Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Program to IDNR's State Urban and Community Forestry Program to cover printing costs.

"The publication is an outstanding resource, and is especially useful for residents in communities that do not have a professional arbor staff available for consultation," said Jim Tresouthick, IDNR's Interim Urban and Community Forestry Administrator.

Urbana City Arborist Mike Brunk said the publication is designed to inform residents how to best utilize trees around their homes. "By improving tree choices, locations and their care, we can help improve the health of our urban forest and fauna, along with our human environment," Brunk said.

The third edition of *Under the Canopy* will be available to Illinois residents from Tree City USA communities, and from foresters/arborists in those communities; University of Illinois Extension; Soil Water and Conservation Districts; Illinois Forest Districts; Regional Planning Commissions; Chicago Botanic Garden; Morton Arboretum; Illinois Arborist Association; Trees Forever; Openlands; Illinois State Fair; Tree Campus USA universities; and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

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