

Wisconsin Urban Forestry Council
Member Position Description

Title: Member, Wisconsin Urban Forestry Council

Purpose of the Council:

- Serves as a statewide voice for critical issues impacting urban and community forestry.

Responsibilities & Accountabilities:

- Identifies critical issues and offers solutions based on research and evaluation.
- Advises the Secretary of the DNR and the Chief State Forester regarding public policy concerning urban forestry issues.
- Advocates for Council urban forestry initiatives to elected officials, policy makers, power brokers and the public.
- Represents a specific constituency or public at large on all urban forestry matters of concern.
- Attends and participates in all meetings of the Urban Forestry Council. Prepare for meetings by reading relevant reports and supporting documentation.
- Brings critical issues of represented constituency to meetings as items for discussion on the agenda, and bring concerns or decisions of the council back to represented constituency for action.
- Serves on at least one standing or ad hoc committees.

Competencies & Expectations:

The Council requires a unique combination of interests, attributes and skills to fully execute its role. Council members should possess a strong interest in urban forestry along with one or more of the following characteristics;

- Makes connections and develops big picture strategies
- Communicates and champions urban forestry messages effectively
- Utilizes networks and relationships to build bridges and create partnerships to accomplish goals
- Brings forward creative new ideas or improves existing ideas
- Seeks the perspective of others
- Strives to accomplish tasks with measurable results. Results orientated.

Scope of Authority:

This position is appointed by the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources. The position works with other Council members, the urban forestry council liaison, the state urban forestry coordinator, the DNR urban forestry working group and affected constituencies to advise the Department of Natural Resources and the Wisconsin State Forester on urban forestry issues. No member of the Council other than the chair of the Council may speak in the name of the Council or act in its behalf without the prior authorization of the Council or its officers.