

URBAN FORESTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2013

Present: Joyce Reier, Tom Spring, Danny Bagwell Kenny, and Micah Pace

The meeting began at 10:00 AM with the introduction of new Urban Forestry Program Manager, Micah Pace to the attending members. Micah shared his background and experience in urban forestry and state government. Each member then shared their respective backgrounds/experience and current professional roles.

Micah discussed his vision of the Urban Forestry Program in Ohio. He shared that the initial 12-18 months of his arrival into the State Urban Forestry Manager position would be spent networking with and listening to existing partners and identifying any potential avenues for expanding networks and partnerships, namely with Ohio ISA and APA, as well as the potential for the future development of an Ohio Urban Forestry Council.

Micah provided updates on existing Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) grants and recently awarded Western Lake Erie Basin (WLEB) Ash Removal Grants. He also shared two proposals he is developing for the current USFS 2014 FY NA Competitive Allocation Request for Proposals (CARP) process which involve a Wetland Restoration and Water Quality Improvement Project in Glenway Woods in Cincinnati and an Urban Planning Tool that incorporates iTree environmental benefits data and urban Tree canopy assessments.

A discussion was then held regarding members of the committee and current vacancies. Currently, there are vacancies in the following representative positions: Transportation, Municipal Planning Organization (MPO), and Agricultural. Micah will look into candidates to fill these positions and encourages the remaining members to provide any suggestions/recommendations. Finally, Micah indicated that a Private Consulting Urban Forester representative position was missing from the committee and that he had contacted Drew Todd to ask for his continued involvement in the group. Micah shared that Drew had accepted the invitation to participate, although he was not able to attend this meeting.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned slightly after noon. The next meeting was scheduled for the Ohio Division of Forestry conference room on **Friday, December 13, 2013.**

Respectfully submitted,

Micah Pace