



Western Urban and Community Forestry Network 2020 – 2021 Report

LEADERSHIP OVERVIEW

WESTERN URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY NETWORK LEADERSHIP

The Western Urban and Community Forestry (WUCF) Network leadership team for 2021 includes:

- Michael Beaudoin (ID), Chair
 - Tara Constanzo (WY), Vice Chair
 - Heather McMillen (HI), Past Chair
 - Tom Claeys (ND), State Forester Advisor
 - Kelsey Cruickshank (WFLC), Staff Liaison
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2020 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS FROM 2020

- The WUCF conducted a virtual annual meeting on the theme of “Sustainability, Wellness, and Resilience in Urban Forestry.” Focus areas included health benefits of trees and adapting Arbor Day to the COVID-19 context.
 - The WUCF held quarterly calls on various topics, including: adapting to working from home, promoting equity and inclusion in programming, Trillion Trees Initiative, and community involvement in Arbor Day plans
 - The WUCF continued to engage in multi-region communications efforts through NASF’s Centennial Challenge and the Southern Group of State Foresters’ Healthy Trees, Healthy Lives initiatives.
 - States provided content for a sixth CWSF publication showcasing urban and community forestry (UCF) success stories across western states.
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2021 WORK PLAN

MEETING(S) AND CALLS PLANNED FOR 2021

- Annual meeting to be held in Boise, ID, July 28 – July 30, 2021
- Quarterly virtual meetings held on the second Thursday of the quarter from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Mountain Time

METHOD OF COMMUNICATION

- Email listserv
- Zoom virtual meetings

KEY ACTIVITIES, DELIVERABLES, AND OUTCOMES PLANNED FOR 2021

- WUCF Leadership - Plan, organize, and coordinate annual and quarterly meetings / calls and represent WUCF at events to provide a coordinated approach across the country.
 - Resource, Information, and Technology Transfer Work Group - Orient new UCF forestry coordinators to the WUCF and share training and educational opportunities with western UCF coordinators.
 - Tree City USA / Growth Award Work Group - Continue advisory partnership with Arbor Day Foundation.
 - Marketing and Communications Work Group - Continued sharing of 2020 publication highlighting western state U&CF projects, develop a 2021 publication highlighting the theme of equity, participate in monthly #HealthyTreesHealthyLives media campaign.
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