Combating Climate Change Effects on Urban Forests with Landscape Diversity

Thursday, November 20, 2014
Camp Cabin 5
Prince William Forest National Park
18100 Park Headquarters Rd
Triangle, VA 22172

Climate change will stress our existing urban forests through new weather patterns, changes in pest and disease distributions and other unforeseen issues. Landscape diversity can combat these unknown changes in several ways. By increasing the diversity of the urban forest we increase the odds that some of the trees and other plants will survive in the future climate. Plant diversity also leads to pest predator diversity, creating allies to deal possible future pest outbreaks.

9:30 - 10:00  Sign-in and Networking
10:00 – 10:15  Welcome
Charlie Grymes, Chairman, Prince William Conservation Alliance

10:15 – 10:45  Conservation Landscaping as an IPM Strategy
Jim McGlone, Virginia Dept. of Forestry, NOVA Urban Forest Roundtable

10:45 – 11:15  Plant NOVA Natives
Alan Ford, Chair, Steering Committee for Plant NOVA Natives

11:15 – 11:45  Saving Urban Forests One Yard at a Time
Kim Hosen, Executive Director, Prince William Conservation Alliance

11:45 – 12:15  Panel Discussion and Q&A

12:15 – 1:00  Lunch and Networking

1:00 – 1:15  Report from the Chesapeake Bay Urban Forestry Summit
Julie Mawhorter, US Forest Service, NE Region

1:15 – 2:00  Panel Discussion: Local perspective on Landscape Diversity
Julie Flanagan, Prince William County
Kate Reich, City of Falls Church
Hugh Whitehead, Fairfax County

Please register with Trees Virginia at www.treesvirginia.org no later than Nov. 18. There is no charge for Roundtable attendance. Lunch is brown bag or you may purchase lunch for $10 in advance. Questions? Contact Becky Woodson, 434-220-9024, becky.woodson@dof.virginia.gov.

Directions: Cabin Camp 5 is located on Route 619 (Joplin Road) approximately 4 miles from I-95. Take a right onto Mawavi Road, and follow the left fork of the road.