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## NC URBAN WOOD GROUP

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### In this Issue

This month, we look forward to the new year! We get some News from the Field with contributions by:

- The National Christmas Tree Association
- Dovetail Partners

Finally, we have the Online Resources and a video link from Shawn Cox.

My email address is below and at the end of the newsletter for joining or unsubscribing. Please contact me direct for your questions and concerns.

Thanks!

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## Real Christmas Trees are Recyclable

After the holidays, don't throw your Real Christmas Tree in the trash or set it on the curb. Here are some recycling options:

Soil erosion barriers: Some communities use Christmas trees to make effective sand and soil erosion barriers, especially for lake and river shoreline stabilization and river delta sedimentation management.

Fish feeders: Sunk into private fish ponds, trees make an excellent refuge and feeding area for fish.

Bird feeders: Place the Christmas tree in the garden or backyard and use it as a bird feeder and sanctuary. Fresh orange slices or strung popcorn will attract the birds and they can sit in the branches for shelter. (Make sure all decorations, hooks, garland and tinsel strands are removed).

Paths for hiking trails: Some counties use the shredded trees as a free, renewable and natural path material that fits both the environment and the needs of hikers!

Living, rooted trees: Of course, next year, you could get a rooted (ball and burlap or containerized) tree and then plant it in your yard after Christmas.

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## News and Helpful Info from Dovetail Partners:

Welcome!

It is that time of year again - our annual December recap of the reports, commentaries, and news headlines that the past year has produced! I hope you enjoy this listing as an invitation to catch anything you may have missed and to spur your creative thinking for the year to come. Just drop me a line and tell me what you would like to see us working on in 2016!

Also, we are in the final push for our annual fundraising and within inches of our goal. I invite you to participate by donating to Dovetail today! - and THANK YOU to our readers that have already contributed - much appreciated, year in and year out!

For a full list of Dovetail's 220+ reports and commentaries, visit: [www.dovetailinc.org/reports](http://www.dovetailinc.org/reports)

Best Wishes for the New Year!

- Katie

Kathryn Fernholz

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**Your contributions to the newsletter are always welcome! Send me an email with a link or a story and I will try to incorporate it into the newsletter. Remember, the newsletter content is driven by you!**

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## On Line Resources

### [Furniture maker wins forestry Leadership Award](#)

November 26, 2015 By Charlsie Dewey

A furniture maker has been recognized as a “conservation champion” for its commitment to responsible forestry.

Zeeland-based Herman Miller received the Forest Stewardship Council, or FSC, Leadership Award for its longstanding commitment to manufacturing with wood sourced from responsibly managed forests.

The award was handed out last week at the second-annual FSC Leadership Awards reception, which took place in Washington, D.C. at the Greenbuild International Conference and Expo.

The event recognizes companies and individuals who demonstrate excellence in the use of FSC-certified products and the commitment to responsible forest management.

### [Oregon’s urban trees as important as rural forests](#)

Cynthia Orlando 3:49 p.m. PDT October 28, 2015

The forests of Oregon are among the most productive in the world, and are among Oregon’s most valuable resources. They touch the lives of rural and urban Oregonians in many ways and are essential to our state’s well-being.

What about our urban forests? What are they and why should people care about them?

### [An Interview with Kelby Fite about Biochar](#)

OCTOBER 19, 2015 / L. PETER MACDONAGH

Dr. Kelby Fite is a national leader in the use of biochar to improve tree health. Kelby is an Arboricultural Researcher at Bartlett Tree Laboratory in Charlotte, North Carolina — a 350 acre private arboretum, diagnostic laboratory, and exceptional applied research center. His specialties are root biology and urban soil renovation.

### [Cincinnati Premiere for “Trees in Trouble” Documentary](#)

Cincinnati, OH (October 27, 2015) — Cincinnati filmmaker Andrea Torrice releases her documentary, “[Trees in Trouble](#),” this week. The film explores the national issue of tree loss, specifically the loss of Ash trees to the Emerald Ash Borer, with a focus on Cincinnati’s reaction to the arrival of the pest and how the city is responding. In the past few years, more than 12,000 dead Ash trees have been cut down in Cincinnati just on land owned by the city.

### [OTL #456: Utilizing IL urban wood](#)

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Mike Stephen learns about giving dead urban trees new life with Illinois Wood Utilization Team chairperson Edith Makra and IIT College of Architecture studio associate professor Paul Pettigrew.

The Urban Wood Portion of the radio program begins at the 6:20 mark.

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[Photos—Check out the video link below...](#)



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