



TREE FUND Report



Fall 2014

TREE Fund Awards Over \$100,000 in Spring Cycle Grants & Scholarships

The TREE Fund is pleased to announce the recipients of its 2014 Spring cycle grants and scholarships. Thirteen awards total over \$100,000 in support of arboriculture research and education! A new offering this year is the Emerald Ash Borer Education Grant to fund outreach and education about this invasive pest in communities affected by it. Congratulations to all grantees.

2014 Hyland Johns Research Grant



Bryant Scharenbroch (The Morton Arboretum) - \$24,604 *Hyland Johns Research Grant* supporting "[Rapid Remediation of Urban Soil for Trees](#)." This project aims to determine the appropriate application rates and techniques for biosolids and biochar in order to rapidly improve urban soil quality.

2014 Arboriculture Education Grants



Foundation of the State Arboretum (Boyce, VA) - \$4,950 *Arboriculture Education Grant* supports "[Seeing the Forests and the Trees](#)." This project incorporates tree biology and forest ecology into the science, mathematics and literacy curricula for the entire 3rd grade of rural Clarke County Public Schools in Virginia.



Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, Inc. (Indianapolis, IN) - \$5,000 *Arboriculture Education Grant* supports "[Youth Tree Team](#)." This program employs Indianapolis youth to plant Indiana native trees each year to help grow the city's tree canopy. In addition to gaining job skills, youth learn tree species identification and tree care methods.



The Morton Arboretum (Lisle, IL) - \$5,000 *Arboriculture Education Grant* supports "[Macgyvers Program](#)." This program mentors 7th-9th grade student volunteers along a Naturalist or Gardener track, providing hands on experience in the arboretum's Children's Garden, as well as career exploration, social learning and leadership development.



Friends of Great Smoky Mountains National Park (Kodak, TN) - \$10,000 *Emerald Ash Borer Education Grant* supports "[Raising EAB Awareness in Great Smoky Mountains National Park](#)." This project will educate the community and the visiting public in Great Smoky Mountains National Park about the threat that EAB poses and demonstrate techniques to manage it.

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Media Working Group, Inc. (Cincinnati, OH) – \$10,000 *Emerald Ash Borer Education Grant* supports the “[Take Root Community Education Project](#).” This project will produce and distribute a Community Action Toolkit to advance public understanding of the benefits of urban forests and the importance of mitigating the impact of EAB in Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky.



City of Frankfort Tree Board/Commonwealth Gardens (Frankfort, KY) - \$10,000 *Emerald Ash Borer Education Grant* supports “[Emerald Ash Borer Educational Workshop](#).” Targeted at property owners, professionals and elected officials around the region, this workshop will inform stakeholders about the problems and solutions associated with emerald ash borer.



Colorado Tree Coalition (Broomfield, CO) - \$10,000 *Emerald Ash Borer Education Grant* supports “[Emerald Ash Borer Colorado Public Relations Project](#)” to fund EAB education and outreach efforts and materials aimed at parks/forestry/public works staff, city administrative personnel, green industry professionals and citizens.



Cornell University
Cooperative Extension
Ulster County

Cornell Cooperative Extension (Kingston, NY) - \$9,150 *Emerald Ash Borer Education Grant* supports “[Tree Steward Volunteer Program for EAB Awareness](#).” This project creates a Tree Steward Volunteer Program to train volunteers to plant, care for and educate the public about urban trees, including EAB identification and management.



Hiram College (Hiram, OH) - \$4,989 *Ohio Chapter ISA Grant* supports “[Learning Communities Enhancing Urban Forest Communities](#).” This project will include service learning projects and a Tree Summit where students will share outcomes of these projects, with the intent to increase student engagement in science and develop them as tree advocates.

2014 Scholarship Recipients



Bryce Crunkilton (Mid-State Technical College) - \$3,000 *Robert Felix Memorial Scholarship*. Bryce is studying to be an Urban Forestry Technician.



John Zamierowski (SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry) - \$3,000 *Robert Felix Memorial Scholarship*. John is learning Forest Resource Management and minoring in Urban Forestry.



Maggie Harthoorn (Iowa State University) - \$2,000 *John Wright Memorial Scholarship*. Maggie is pursuing a degree in Forestry.

View all past recipients of TREE Fund grants and scholarships [here](#).

