SAF Meeting – October 13, 2003

House keeping things:
- As of right now, volunteers are NOT needed for apple picking this Sunday, unless an email goes out saying we do.
- The Faculty of Forestry is paying for MOST (but not all) of our hotel expenses. So it will be even cheaper to attend the SAF Convention.
- The acoustic band that is playing during the Icebreaker will be paid $150 for gas and food.

Guest Speaker – Steve Harris from Cornell Cooperative Extension
Urban and Community Forestry
- Defined as somewhere between forestry, landscape architecture and horticulture
- Steve coordinates volunteers and trains people on arboriculture.
- The city does plantings on a request basis only.
- Environmental benefits:
  o Air and water quality increase
  o Helps cities from being too hot
- Economic benefits:
  o Increase property value
  o Decrease in the cost of stormwater and flood control
  o Lower heating and cooling costs
  o Extend life of paved surfaces
  o Increase in traffic safety
  o Increase business – consumer preference
- Social Benefits:
  o Less violence
  o Improve neighborhood relationships
  o Improve health (less asthma)
  o Lower noise pollution
- Critical areas for management
  o Interface with infrastructure (street trees, new and redevelopment)
  o Parks – maintain tree resource
- Job opportunities
  o Working for tree care companies (i.e. Bartlett Tree Experts)
  o “Green” groups
  o Non-profit organizations
  o Big cities (Boston, Philadelphia, NYC etc.)
  o For more information on jobs log onto www.treelink.org, it is an urban forestry website.