

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.