

Center for Urban Ecology Replaces Ecological Services Lab at NCR

Scientists in the National Capital Region early this year unified services and moved together under one roof in a renovated maintenance facility now called the Center for Urban Ecology (CUE).

Formerly the Ecological Services Laboratory in the teahouse on the end of Hains Point, CUE is now located in the Palisades District of Rock Creek Park in Northeast Washington, D.C. The Regional Chief Scientist has moved his office from NCR headquarters to the new facility along with the plant ecologist, whose laboratory and office were located in Prince William Forest Park, Triangle, VA.

While most of the park area of NCR is wildland, the most demanding natural resource problems occur as the result of man's intervention into natural processes. Scientists at NCR have developed recognized expertise in problems associated with the invasion and spread of exotic plants, animals, diseases and pests; the establishment, evaluation and propagation of native and non-native plants in urban parks; describing, characterizing and developing management strategies for natural and man-influenced soils; and wildlife management in urban settings.

These problems are common among urban parks. Consequently, the experience gained in NCR parks has found application in many other NPS areas as well as in many other Federal and nonfederal parks.

In recognition of this expertise and assistance in managing highly man-influenced parks, Jack Fish, Regional Director selected the Center for Urban Ecology as the name most representative of the new facility.

The formal opening of CUE is expected in mid-Spring 1985.

CUE is located adjacent to the Georgetown reservoir at Elliot Place along MacArthur Boulevard in the Georgetown section of Washington, D.C. The street address is 4598 MacArthur Boulevard, Washington, D.C. 20007. The non-FTS telephone number is (202) 342-1443. The official mailing address will continue to be that of the NCR:

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