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The Urban Forest Soils Workshop held in April at the University of Maryland's Center for Adult Education was co-sponsored by USDA-Forest Service through the Consortium for Environmental Studies, State University of New York – College for Environmental Science and Forestry, and the National Capital Region – NPS. There were fifty-two registrants for the 2½ day workshop, which included two informal evening information exchange sessions.

The Monday afternoon session focused on general soils information followed by hands-on soil texturing, a look at soil drainage classes in the field and an opportunity to observe a natural soil profile in the field.

Tuesday's activities consisted of an all-day field trip through the parks of NCR to observe trees and plants in their urban settings with the focus on urban soils and soil management techniques.

Wednesday in the classroom dealt with case studies, new product review, problem soil situations, amending existing soil situations and most importantly interacting early in the planning activities for proposed sites.

We have had considerable feedback from participants and have been requested to perform a similar task at North Carolina State University and at the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) meeting in West Virginia. Others have expressed similar interest.

The workbook has been published and is available from: Dr. David Karnosky, Executive Secretary, Consortium for Environmental Forestry Studies, c/o Cary Arboretum, Box AB, Millbrook, NY 12545.

The Natural Science Division announces publication of two Ecological Services Bulletins (ESB) and another publication in the Scientific Monograph Series. Numbers 6 and 7 in the ESB series are *Dutch Elm Disease and Its Management*, and *Herbicidal Control of Firetree in Hawaii Volcanoes National Park: A New Approach*. *Ecology and Social Behavior of the Collared Peccary in Big Bend National Park* is the 16th publication in the Scientific Monograph Series.

Gary Johnston, science editor for the Natural Science Division, expects publication of three additional manuscripts later this year. They are *The Climate of Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks*, *Ecology of the Saguaro III: Growth and Demography*, and *The Value of Conserving Genetic Resources*. Copies of the Scientific Publications List and Reprint List are available by writing to the Natural Science Division (494), National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240. Guidelines for submitting manuscripts for publication in the Servicewide Publications Program have been distributed to the Regional Chief Scientists; researchers who want to submit manuscripts should contact their Chief Scientist for copies of the guidelines, Johnston said.