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The Economic Action Program strengthens the economic conditions of communities through the wise use of forests and related natural resources. Four program components are rural development through forestry, wood in transportation, economic recovery, and forest products conservation and recycling. In FY 1998, four workshops were held on the topic of urban tree utilization to provide training for urban and community forestry professionals.

Marketing and Utilizing Urban Trees

This 4-hour session was offered at the 1998 Minnesota Shade Tree Short Course in St. Paul, MN. Nearly 40 individuals from tree service companies, municipal forestry departments, and government agencies participated in the program which included an indoor session as well as an outdoor field exercise. The University of Minnesota Extension Service, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Forestry Division, and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board were the workshop cosponsors.

Urban Trees- Are They a Residue or a Resource?

This session was presented at the second national Storms Over the Urban Forest Conference held in Nebraska City, NE. Topics presented to the 60 participants included a national perspective on urban tree wood utilization, a case study of Minnesota's response to storm-generated wood, and the incorporation wood utilization into a community's emergency response plan. A field exercise featured log grading and a portable sawmill demonstration. Speakers represented the Northeastern Area- Economic Action Program, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Forestry Division, and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board.

Recycling Trees

This session was presented at the Oklahoma Timber Utilization Conference held in Eufaula, OK and was cosponsored by the New Jersey Forestry Service. Manufacturing and marketing sawlog products from municipal trees were the featured topics.

Utilizing City Trees: A Workshop on Marketing City Tree Removals

This full-day training workshop held in Amana, IA was attended by 35 urban foresters, city arborists, and tree care professionals. Workshop topics included marketing street trees for sawlog products, volume and tree quality estimation, log handling and manufacturing, and metal detection. The New Jersey Forestry Service and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources Forestry Division were the workshop cosponsor.