



Access to Eau Claire Brush Yard & Log Sites Protocol for Wisconsin Urban Wood Partners

BACKGROUND

The City of Eau Claire (the city) and Wisconsin Urban Wood (WUW) Use Agreement permits WUW partners to access city property through December 2017 to remove logs without charge by the city. The logs are intended for processing locally into highest use products based on carbon sequestration.

The Protocol for Wisconsin Urban Wood Partners (the protocol), created by the city's Forestry Division (forestry) and WUW partners (partners), has been developed in good faith so that the city's logs would increase the social, economic, and ecological benefits of the Eau Claire and Chippewa Valley's urban forests.

QUALIFICATIONS

Distribution of logs is limited to local partners in the city and surrounding counties. When local partners determine the supply of eligible logs exceeds their demand, partners in other areas around the state can be notified of log availability so that the logs are assured of finding their highest uses. All eligible logs must be processed locally to create local products by WUW businesses, or by WUW businesses in other locations as needed.

INSURANCE

Each partner who accesses logs on EC property is considered a WUW volunteer working on behalf of the organization to accomplish our goal of 100% highest uses for trees 100% of the time. Each partner/volunteer entering city property to move or remove logs will carry adequate business insurance and is secondarily covered by WUW's non-profit insurance.

COOPERATION

Forestry's supervisor will make final decisions about access to the yard (when, where, how, who), while WUW's executive director will make final decisions regarding any partner's eligibility for access. For all intents and purposes, the protocol is a cooperative agreement and will be determined and/or revised as needed for the mutual benefit of all parties.

ACCESS

Forestry will provide yard keys. Designated WUW partners will hold keys (key-holders) and be responsible for coordinating with area partners for access to the yard to mark desired logs. Key holders may recommend waiting for a critical mass of logs, and gather partners on a specific day to collectively decide selection and distribution. Forestry will happily help move and load logs when staff is available. Otherwise, key holders are responsible to coordinate with forestry staff about when logs will be moved, loaded and/or transported—up to three times quarterly. The site will be maintained at forestry's specifications.

REPORTS

Partners will keep records of species and cord (1536 bf/[log cord], rough sawn) taken and report data to forestry by November 19, 2015, and February 1, 2016 in time for the Arbor Day Proclamation and for the Green Team. Forestry will provide WUW with data showing costs/savings created by this agreement.