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## Brainard to attend Forest Council Conference

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On October 8th, 2008 the Indiana Urban Forest Council (IUFC) will hold its 18th annual Fall Conference: The Urban Forest Ecosystem Leaves it to Trees.

A wide array of resource professionals from Indiana and across the nation will convene in Carmel to share information about the vital role trees play to Indiana communities with regard to such topics as clean water, clean air, and local economy.

Opening the conference will be Mayor James Brainard of Carmel, who will share strategies that Carmel has implemented to make trees a working and valuable asset to the City of Carmel, which has resulted in community-wide buy in as well as the capture of two national awards.

The City Forester of Indianapolis will discuss the recent release of data confirming the widespread economic values that the trees in Marion County are providing on an annual basis. Finally, the Indiana Urban Forest Council's 18th Annual Urban Forestry Awards will showcase some of the best and brightest in urban forestry projects and programs across Indiana.

Sponsors for the event include the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Urban Forestry Program, NUVO, Vine & Branch Inc., and NIPSCO. The program will be held at the Monon Center in Carmel located at 1235 Central Park Drive East from 9-4 p.m. The cost to attend is \$110 for non-members, \$80 for members and \$30 for students with a valid student ID. Pre-registration is required by October 1st.

The IUFC is devoted to promoting public awareness about the benefits of urban and community trees in Indiana, while protecting, improving and expanding Indiana's urban forest.

Membership to the IUFC is open to anyone with a genuine concern or interest in the trees within Indiana communities. Applications and registration information for the Fall Conference are available from Ashley Mulis, Executive Director.

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