

Resources:

- **Vegetation Risk Management Plan Template - with Attachment**

<http://www.urbanforestrysouth.org/resources/library/ttresources/vegetation-risk-management-plan-template-with-attachment/view>

<http://www.urbanforestrysouth.org/resources/library/ttresources/vrmp-and-utri-links-for-documents-archived-webinars>

The Vegetation Risk Management Plan (VRMP) is developed as a tool to help increase public safety after a storm event, maintain optimum urban tree canopy, promote tree health, provide for effective emergency and arboricultural management, and decrease emergency management costs.

Following this plan will decrease emergency management costs, reduce the likelihood of damage from trees, reduce tree debris, and reduce the overall impact of major storms on the urban forest. Trees and the debris accumulated from their destruction is the number one cost to emergency management. The VRMP is a proactive approach to identifying and mitigating trees that are in need of pruning, removal, or inspection. This plan will establish a schedule for areas that are most prone to limit or block access to critical infrastructure located on or associated with major transportation routes, including areas with the highest population.

- **Urban Forestry Emergency Operations Planning Guide for Storm Response**

www.smarttreespacific.org

<http://www.urbanforestrysouth.org/resources/library/ttresources/urban-forestry-emergency-operations-planning-guide-for-storm-response>

Section 1: provides urban forestry professionals concrete approaches when preparing for natural disasters that impact the urban forest.

Section 2: describes the process used to develop the guide and includes information about the survey, the interviews, the expert meeting and next steps.

- **Community Forest Storm Mitigation Planning for Georgia Communities**

<http://www.urbanforestrysouth.org/resources/library/ttresources/community-forest-storm-mitigation-planning-for-georgia-communities/view>

<http://www.gatrees.org/community-forests/management/trees-storm-safety/>

Workbook and template to guide community planning and preparation for urban tree mitigation prior to natural disasters. "This Community Forest Storm Mitigation Planning Workbook and the accompanying Community Forest Storm Mitigation Plan Template are intended as tools for Georgia communities to use in assessing their community forest storm readiness, mitigating tree risk and reducing tree-related storm damage, and developing a community forest storm mitigation plan. The workbook guides you through filling in the template, which serves as a

basic framework for developing your Community Forest Storm Mitigation plan." [Workbook Introduction]

- **Urban Tree Risk Management: A Community Guide to Program Design and Implementation**

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[An] illustrated, easy to read training manual for community leaders, administrators, city foresters, parks and public works staff, and private tree care practitioners. The manual is designed to assist communities with the design, adoption and implementation of tree risk management programs, and train field staff to detect, assess, and correct hazardous defects in urban trees. A team of experts in urban forestry, plant pathology and forest health collaborated to produce this manual. Consulting arborists, city foresters, and educators provided extensive review to ensure the information applies to communities of varying sizes and budgets. Examples of tree defects, risk rating systems, and species selection were chosen to depict tree species and conditions that occur in the Northeastern U.S." [from the Preface]

- **Storms Over The Urban Forest: Planning, Responding, and Regreening--A Community Guide to Natural Disaster Relief**

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Natural disasters that can occur in the United States include floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, and related high-velocity winds, as well as ice storms. Preparing for these natural disasters, which strike urban forests in large cities and small communities, should involve the cooperative effort of a wide array of municipal agencies, private arboricultural companies, utilities, and volunteers. Principles and methods determining how to mitigate or minimize the impact of natural disasters are critical in determining the capability of communities to respond. Similarly, replanting the uprooted urban forest also requires a closely coordinated effort of key civic leaders, elected officials, community foresters, and managers of municipal agencies. This manual is intended to assist community leaders and governmental agencies to prepare for natural disasters, respond appropriately when these natural disasters occur, and recover from the subsequent loss of vegetation." (from the Executive Summary, Second Edition)