

Winter 2010



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# Trees Virginia

The Virginia Urban Forest Council

Enhancing the Quality of Life Through Stewardship of Our Commonwealth's Urban and Community Trees

*"We are going to take this bull by the horns, reign it in, and take it where we want it to go,"* said VUFC Board President Jay Banks at our 2010 Annual Retreat. As we look forward to a year of progress and opportunity, we'd also like to look back and highlight some of our many accomplishments of 2009.

## Upcoming Events

Don't miss out on the excellent opportunities for education and networking with urban forestry peers and regional and national experts!

- 2010 Tree Steward Classes:
  - Roanoke: Jan. 11 - March 22
  - Richmond: Feb. 9 - April 13
  - Charlottesville: Feb. 23 - May 25
  - Alexandria/Arlington: Feb. 16 - April 27
- Roanoke Workshop - March 10th at Virginia Western Community College. This year's keynote speaker is James Urban. Registration payment can now be made with credit card through PayPal.

## Trees Virginia Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2009

### ASSETS

Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	\$10,246.89
CD's	\$27,882.43
Total	\$38,129.32

### LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Current Liabilities	\$570.00
Total Liabilities	\$570.00

### Equity

Unrestricted Net Assets	\$53,450.85
Net Income	\$-15,891.53
Total Equity	\$37,559.32

Total Liabilities & Equity	\$38,129.32
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## Trees Virginia Top Ten Accomplishments of 2009

1. Awarded \$6,000 in student academic scholarships
2. Educated 370 people through the Roanoke and Waynesboro Workshops
3. Revised and expanded the Virginia Tree Stewards Training Manual
4. Organized and delivered the first Virginia "Building with Trees" workshop in Fredericksburg, VA
5. Supported the 2nd printing of Remarkable Trees of Virginia
6. Enhanced the ranks of VA municipal urban foresters, providing the Lynchburg City Arborist with a scholarship to attend the Municipal Foresters Institute
7. Hosted six Urban Forestry Round Tables in Hampton Roads and Northern Virginia
8. Supported Tree Workers Field Day (Culpeper) and Day of Service (Lynchburg)
9. Assisted with municipal Arbor Days across Virginia
10. Helped sponsor the MAC-ISA Field Day

Over 1000 volunteer hours were given by VUFC for educating about and advocating for Virginia's urban forests!

## New Resources

Under the leadership of Jacki Vawter, VUFC Board Member and Charlottesville Area Tree Steward, the **Tree Steward Manual** has been improved and updated. Eric Wiseman, Joe Murray and Myron Carlson assisted with content review and edits. The revised manual will be made available on CD to Tree Steward groups starting new training sessions in 2010.

For additional information visit the VUFC website page at: <http://www.treesvirginia.org/Publications.htm>



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Help *Trees Virginia* to continue to fund student scholarships, support urban forestry Roundtables, and offer Roanoke and Waynesboro Workshops!  
Please consider making a contribution!

Checks should be made payable to *Trees Virginia* and sent to:  
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**Your donation is tax-deductible.**



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### **Getting Involved in Your Community**

Consider volunteering to improve your community's urban forest through the Tree Stewards Program. Current Tree Steward communities include Arlington/Alexandria, Charlottesville, Front Royal, Lynchburg, Richmond, Roanoke, and Virginia Beach. If there is not a program in your community, consider starting one!



VUFC Board of Directors at the 2010 Annual Retreat

For more information about the Tree Steward Program and available resource information, visit: [http://www.treesvirginia.org/Tree\\_Steward.htm](http://www.treesvirginia.org/Tree_Steward.htm)

### **Recognizing Outgoing Board Members**

Four VUFC board members ended their second terms of service in December 2009. The Council would like to recognize Cliff Fox, Elisabeth Lardner, Kelley Wagner, and Sandra Wilson for their excellent contributions to the board and to the enhancement of Virginia's urban forests!