

Illinois Urban Wood Update



August 2015

Have an urban wood story you want to share? Contact [Matthew Baxley](#).

Keeping you up to date with urban wood utilization news across Illinois

Editor's Note: The first Illinois Urban Wood Conference is taking shape. Learn more and get involved at the September 1 team meeting at Horner Park in Chicago. [Read more >>](#)

Historic Bell Tolls for Urban Wood Display

Many in the West Chicago area will remember the July 2012 storm that ripped through Reed Kepler Park and tore down hundreds of decades-old trees. Much was done in an attempt to salvage the wood from these community heirlooms. Chicago architect Jeff Perkis was one of many who worked to produce something from the destruction, and created a beautiful display stand for an historic train bell out of a red oak tree damaged during the 2012 storm. The stand and bell are now set to become a permanent exhibit at the West Chicago City Museum.

[Read more >>](#)

Urban Wood Makes Waves on Chicago Radio

Chicago's own Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) has been a major player in producing both artistic and practical products from local urban wood. Outside the Loop, an online radio affiliate of WGN, took notice and produced a segment highlighting the works of architecture professor Paul Pettigrew and his students. Listen to the full interview with Pettigrew and Edith Makra, chairman of the Illinois Wood Utilization Team.



[Read more >>](#)



Video: Dead Ash is Chainsaw Artist's Medium

Sculptor Jim Long is another important figure in Chicago's urban wood movement. Long has been creating unique pieces of art out of urban trees for the past 20 years, and WGN9 News recently produced a segment focusing on one of his latest projects. Follow the link to check out the video!

[Read more >>](#)

Illinois Institute of Technology Still Seeking Wood Donors >>

Would you like to contribute to the Chicago-area urban wood movement? Associate Professor Paul Pettigrew and his students at the Illinois Institute of Technology are looking for donations of urban wood to make furniture and wood objects for a traveling exhibit. Follow the link above if you are interested in getting involved.

If you would like to be removed from future mailings, please feel free to [let us know](#).

 Want to get future urban wood updates? Subscribe for free [here](#).

