



NC URBAN WOOD GROUP

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As the new Program Assistant for the North Carolina Urban Forest Council, it is my honor to provide administrative services to the North Carolina Urban Wood Group.

Send me an email and introduce yourself to me! Let me know why you joined the NC Urban Wood Group and how you hope to see this group grow. I will serve the group better if I know more about you and your urban wood management needs and concerns.

I will be mailing this publication twice a month. Let me know if you have resources to share in a future *Urban Wood Chip* posting. I welcome videos, project summaries and local/national news stories.

Kind regards and Happy Thanksgiving!
Kathryn B. Reis

Moving Wood Banks Beyond Firewood



Traditionally, wood banks provide low-income residents in rural communities with free firewood. What if wood banks could sell high quality wood products, such as lumber and slabs for construction, furniture making and other salable items? Such an expansion would allow wood banks to grow local economies while minimizing how many urban trees enter the landfill.

Frederik Laleicke is a Wood Products Extension Specialist at NC State University and member of the NCUWG Advisory Council. In 2023, he will examine how North Carolina could create *Wood Bank 2.0*, his new vision for local wood banks. Frederik and two associates will conduct case study analyses in Wilson County (coastal region), Gaston County (piedmont region) and Buncombe County (mountain region). Analysis results will inform his selection of factors that must be met to successfully expand a wood bank beyond firewood dissemination.

- To what extent will local tree care and wood businesses be willing to participate?
- How many high quality logs could be available for productions beyond firewood?
- How much space is needed to house a *Wood Bank 2.0*?
- Is workforce available (paid and volunteer) to staff *Wood Bank 2.0*?

When answering the above questions, Frederik and his team will interview members of the North Carolina Forest Service, NC Extension Service, local urban wood businesses, social workers, and chambers of commerce. They also will meet with representatives of wood banks in other states to learn from their personal experiences.

Frederik will publish his results in Cooperative Extension publications and share his results through a NCUWG webinar. He hopes to share his results during the last quarter of 2023. Want to learn more about this project? [Email Frederik](#) today.

Member Spotlight



Meet Avery Earwood, owner of Wild Edge Woodcraft and member of the NCUWG Advisory Council. Take a 13-minute virtual tour of his burgeoning woodworking facility in Rougemont, NC.

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