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## CONNECTIONS:

### COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

Greetings NCUFC Members,

Happy new year to all and what a typical Carolina start it has been. This week alone feels more like spring and less like winter, no doubt the warm temperatures are going to trick some early bloomers. If you don't like the weather, wait a few hours and it will change. Along with the new year, we have decided to add a fresh, new section to our monthly newsletter - a *Member Spotlight*. We hope you enjoy learning about our featured NCUFC members throughout the year.

I look forward to serving you and supporting the Board of Directors in 2020. I just want thank Trey Warrick for his outstanding leadership in 2019 and ensuring we successfully delivered on our goals. We are already planning our **Carolina Canopy workshops**, with our first one coming up in February. Don't forget our first event will be the **Green and Growin' Show** in Greensboro starting the week of January 27, 2020. Please remember to stop by the booth and load up on your favorite NCUFC gear, especially the new Richardson hats. We will see you there!

**Jason Combs**

*Board Chair, NC Urban Forest Council  
Division Vegetation Management Specialist, Duke Energy Progress, Inc.*

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## COUNCIL EVENTS

### WORKSHOPS

#### **Southeast Trees & the Law Symposium**

*February 13, 2020*

*8:00 am - 5:00 pm*

*McKimmon Center, Raleigh, NC*

[Register Now](#)

#### **Carolina Canopy Workshop**

#### **Tree and Shrub Health- Soils, Insects, & Diseases in the Urban Landscape**

*February 17, 2020*

*8:30 am - 12:30 pm*

*Durham County Cooperative Ext., Durham, NC*

[Register Now](#)

### WEBINARS

#### **2020 NC Tree Board Webinar Series**

*SAVE THE DATES: Mar. 11, May 13th, July 8th, Oct. 14th*

*12:00 - 1:00 pm*

*Free Webinar (online)*

## PARTNER EVENTS

### **Green & Growin' 2020: The Future is Green**

hosted by NC Nursery & Landscape Association  
*Jan. 27-31, 2020*  
*(Urban Forestry/Arboriculture Education Track on Jan. 29th)*  
*Greensboro, NC*

[More Info](#)

### **NCFS Urban & Community Forestry Grant Proposal Webinar**

hosted by NC Forest Service U&CF Program  
*March 3, 2020: 10-11 a.m. or 2-3 p.m.*  
*OR*  
*March 5, 2020: 10-11 a.m. or 2-3 p.m.*  
*Free Webinar (online)*

[Register Now](#)

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



### **JANUARY 2020 NCUFC MEMBER**

#### **SPOTLIGHT:**

**Tim Wright**

#### **Wright Brothers' Landscaping & Tree Service**

Tim Wright is the President and CEO of Wright Brothers' Landscaping and Tree Service, located in Carrboro. He co-founded the business with his brother, Jeremy Wright, in 2008. Tim is an NC Licensed Landscape Contractor, ISA Certified Arborist, and is ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualified



(TRAQ). His typical workday includes meeting with clients for tree health and risk assessments and landscape consultations. Tim also spends time creating quotes and scheduling projects.

Having been a member of the NC Urban Forest Council for the past six years, Tim enjoys the opportunities for continuing education provided by the Council. Tim's best tip for others in his industry is – "Never stop learning. Always take advantage of opportunities to learn more about tree health and safety."

Tim can be reached through the Wright Brothers' website: [www.YourLocalTreeDoctor.com](http://www.YourLocalTreeDoctor.com). Oh, and Tim's favorite tree? The mighty white oak.

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## COUNCIL NEWS



*Photo courtesy of Minda Daughtry (Lee County Extension Agent)*

### CLIMATE

Used to be that word did not have quite the same impact as it does today. From the Oxford dictionary- *the weather conditions prevailing in an area in general or over a long period*. Additionally it means- *the prevailing trend of public opinion*.

With some notable exceptions, there seems to be a changing "climate" regarding the Earth's "weather". They say weather is local and climate is global. True enough, but there is no

doubt that the climate is changing our weather locally. For us in the southeast, we can expect hotter summers, more intense and potentially more frequent storms and hurricanes, and higher sea levels and storm surge (Risky Business: The Economic Risks of Climate Change in the United States, 2014).

We have already seen many of these impacts. According to the predictions, we could see an increase in days/year above 95°F (from about 9 to over 15+). Not only does that effect our industry's workers health and well-being, but certainly that of our trees.

This past year I received many reports about trees dying, unexpectedly. As arborists, we know that it is highly unlikely the trees died "overnight". These were often middle-aged trees, significant parts of the landscape. Why did they die? Here is my educated guess. It goes back to weather. [Read more here...](#)

Dr. Barbara Fair  
NCSU Landscape Extension Specialist  
Certified Arborist

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## REGIONAL NEWS



### **HEMLOCK MANAGEMENT WORKSHOPS**

Hemlock trees in western North Carolina are an important and irreplaceable component of our forest ecosystems. These trees have been suffering for over two decades from the hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA), an invasive insect pest that can kill the tree in as little as four years. However, there is good news for landowners with hemlocks on their property. In the past, chemical treatment has been expensive and usually done by professionals, but new methods are now available that can be done inexpensively by landowners themselves. To introduce landowners and land managers to the various options available to protect their hemlocks, the Hemlock Restoration Initiative is hosting a series of training workshops throughout February, March, and April around western North Carolina. For more information visit [SaveHemlocksNC.org](http://SaveHemlocksNC.org).

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