

# Northern Virginia Urban Forestry Quarterly Roundtable

## Disaster Planning, Response and Recovery

**Thursday, February 20, 2014**

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Trees are a valuable community asset, but when weather strikes they can become a problem. Critical initial response time can be saved by having a plan and knowing how to respond. It is equally important to deal with residual risk after the emergency subsides, identifying and pruning or removing trees that are damaged, but still stand. Are you prepared?

- 9:30 - 10:00**            **Sign-in and Networking**
- 10:00 – 10:15**        **Welcome**  
Michael Rolband, President, WSSI
- 10:15 - 10:45**        **Disaster Planning at the Local Level**  
Lauren Ohl-Trlica, Arlington County, Office of Emergency Management
- 10:45 – 11:15**        **VDEM and Local Response**  
George Roarty, Emergency Coordinator Manager, Virginia Department of Emergency Management
- 11:15 – 12:15**        **Role of Professional Arborists in Disaster Preparedness and Recovery**  
Dudley R. Hartel, Center Manager, Urban Forestry South, USDA Forest Service
- 12:15 – 1:00**         **Lunch and Networking**
- 1:00 – 2:00**            **DOF Listening Session – We’re from the Government, How Can We Help?** Virginia Department of Forestry is considering revising work plans for the Northern Virginia Work Area and would like your input on where they should be putting their effort.

Ed Zimmer, Regional Forester, Virginia Department of Forestry, Central Region



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Please register with Trees Virginia at [www.treesvirginia.org](http://www.treesvirginia.org) no later than February 18. There is no charge for Roundtable attendance. Lunch is brown bag or you may purchase lunch for \$10. Questions? Contact Becky Woodson, 434-220-9024, [becky.woodson@dof.virginia.gov](mailto:becky.woodson@dof.virginia.gov). Directions: <http://www.wetlandstudies.com/about-wssi/map-directions.html> Do not rely on GPS or on-line mapping sites.