i-Tree Storm Utility: An Introduction













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Why Prepare?





Thunderstorms & Wind

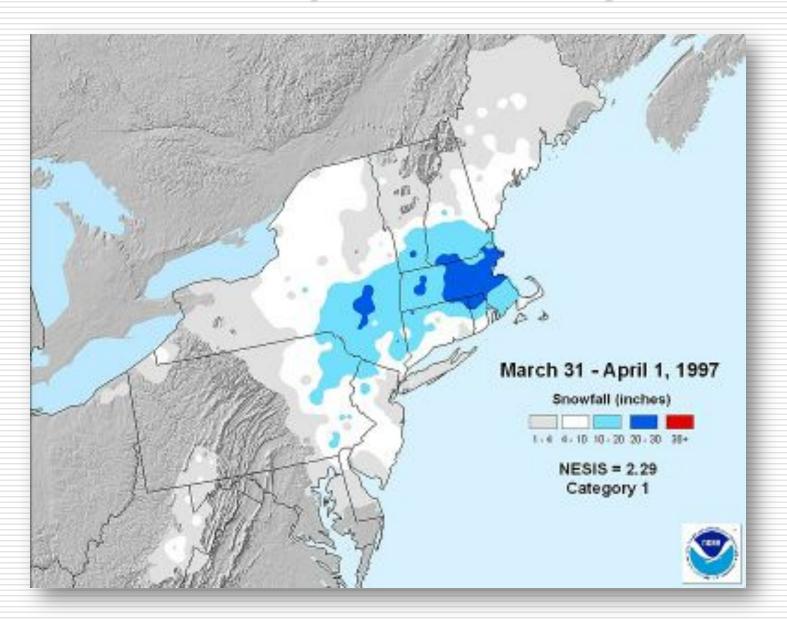


Any Time, Any Place....





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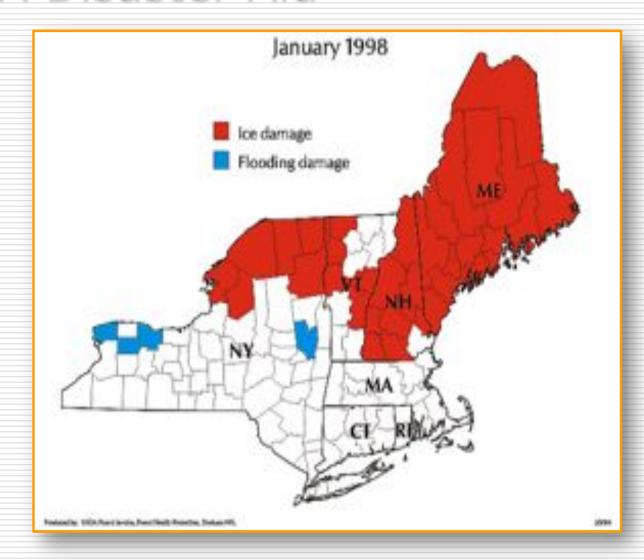


- 700,000 customers Lost Electricity
- Nearly 13% of New England lost power
- Boston's greatest April 24-hr snowfall





FEMA Disaster Aid





Tree Damage



Transmission tower outside Montreal

Urban Core Impacts

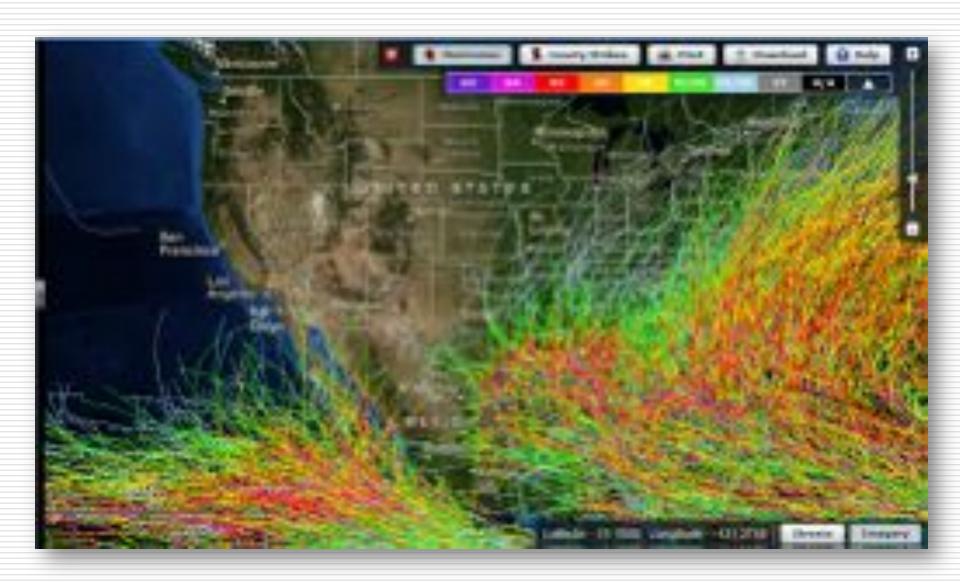


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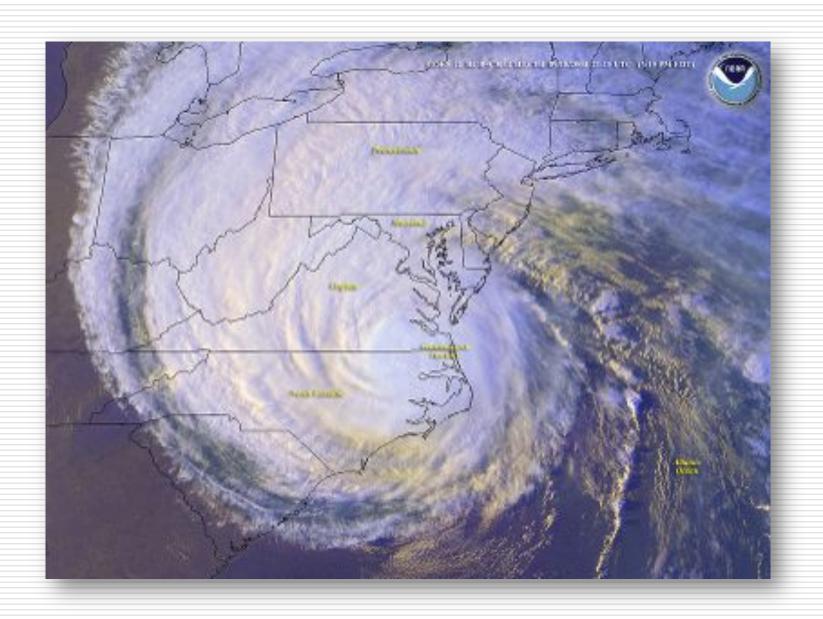


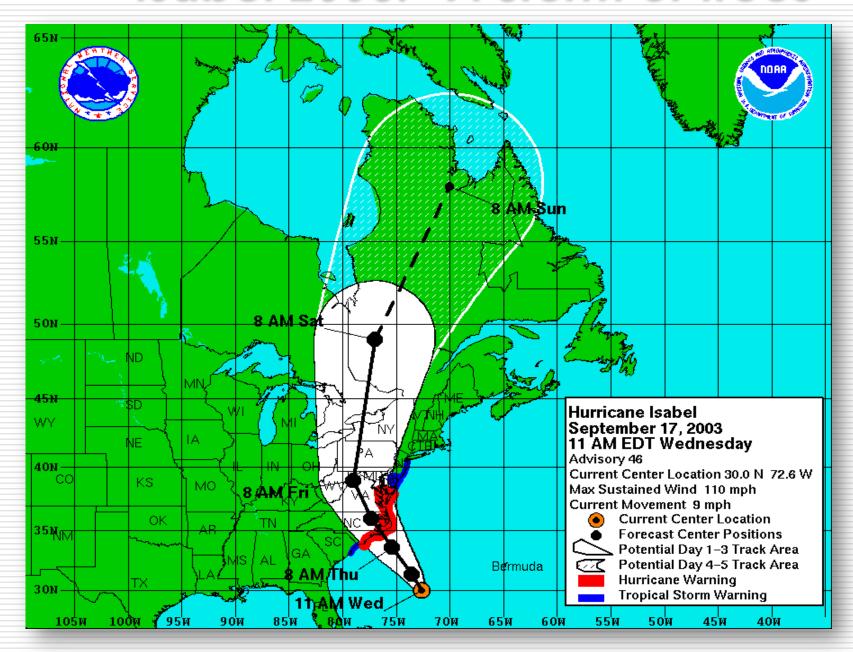
Central Vermont - January 1998

Historical Tracks of US Hurricanes











- Affected Maryland and Washington, DC
- \$945 million (2003 USD, (\$1.13 billion 2011 USD)
- Highest Sustained Winds 60 MpH
- Over 2 million households/businesses lost power



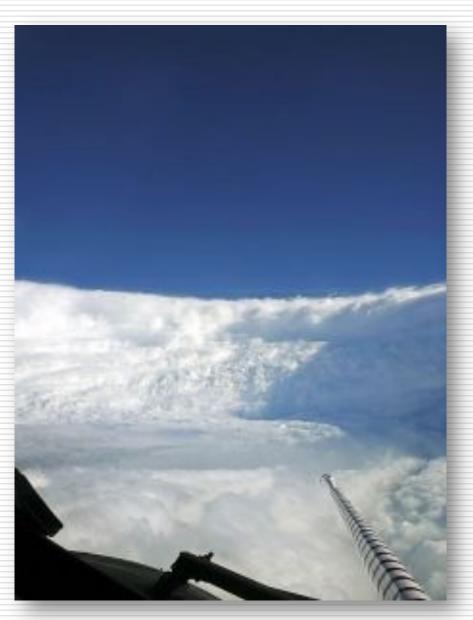
Isabel "wreaked havoc on the forest of urban and suburban trees... Many of them are so big that, when blown over by tropical storm-force winds, they're likely to find a power line that was once thought safely distant."

- Pat MichaelsVirginia StateClimatologist

Katrina: Beyond the Trees



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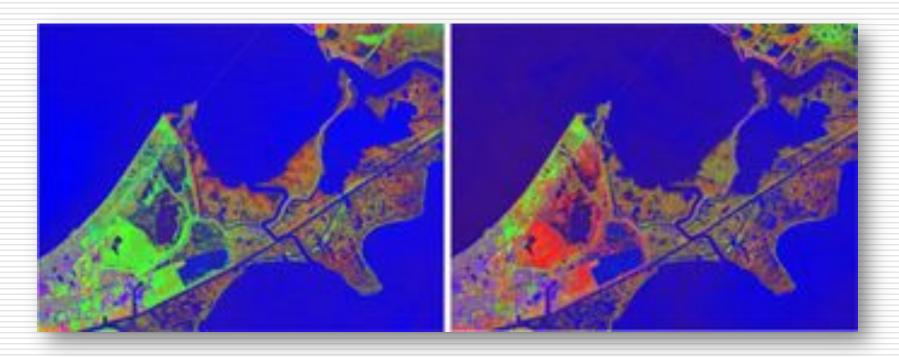


- \$81 Billion in damage
- 1,836 fatalities
- 80% New Orleans submerged
- 3 million without elecricity
- 90,00 sq miles declared disater

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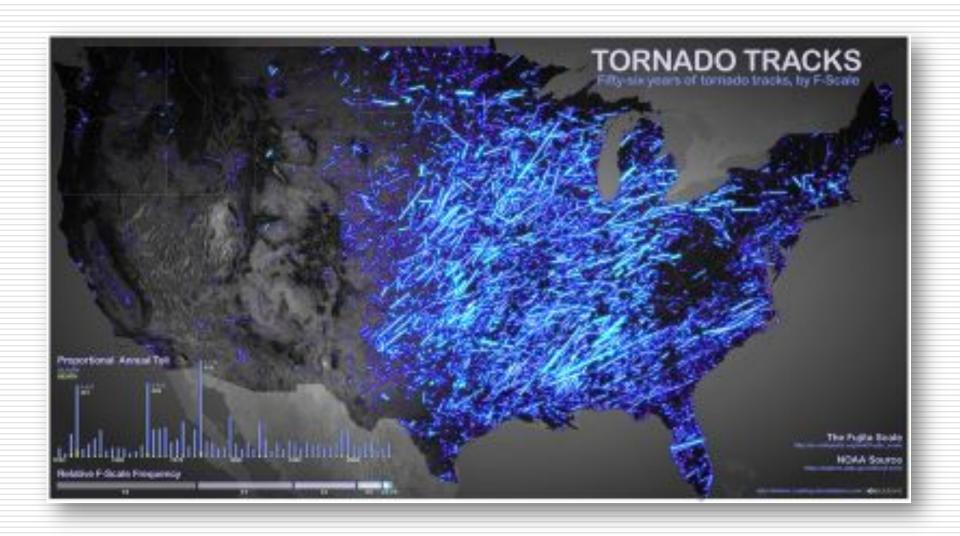
Katrina: Tree Loss



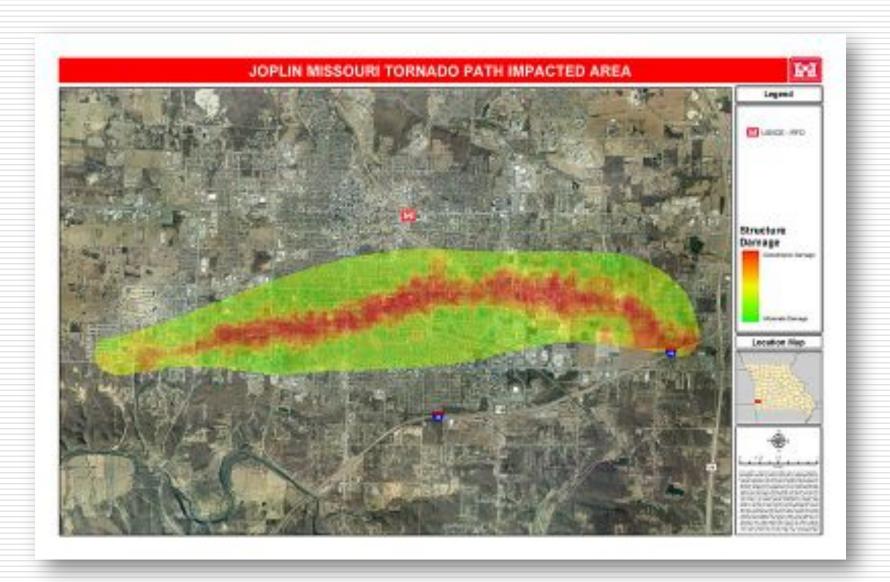
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- 5 million acres affected
- •320 million trees lost

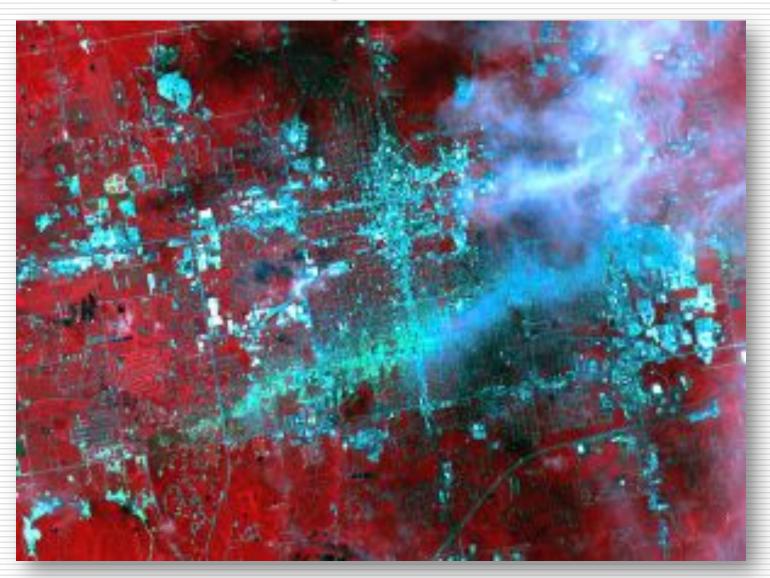
Tornado Tracks 1950-2012



Joplin, MO Tornado Disaster May 22, 2011



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4:30 p.m.

Possible tornado touchdown in Shaker Road area.

6:07 p.m.

Electric company reported to police a tornado on the ground in southwest portion of Westfield. 4:32 p.m.

Amateur radio operator reported tornado on the ground one-half mile from Main Street. Widespread damage.

6:20 p.m.

State Police report tomado in north Springfield area. 5:22 p.m.

State Police report tornado on the ground in Sturbridge on Interstate 84 exit. Cars overturned.

7:25 p.m.

Amateur radio report of a tornado touchdown in Sturbridge at Route 49A.

NOTE: Preliminary information from NOAA as of 10:30 p.m. yesterday.

SOURCES: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; ESRI; TeleAtlas

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'Snowtober Surprise – October 2011



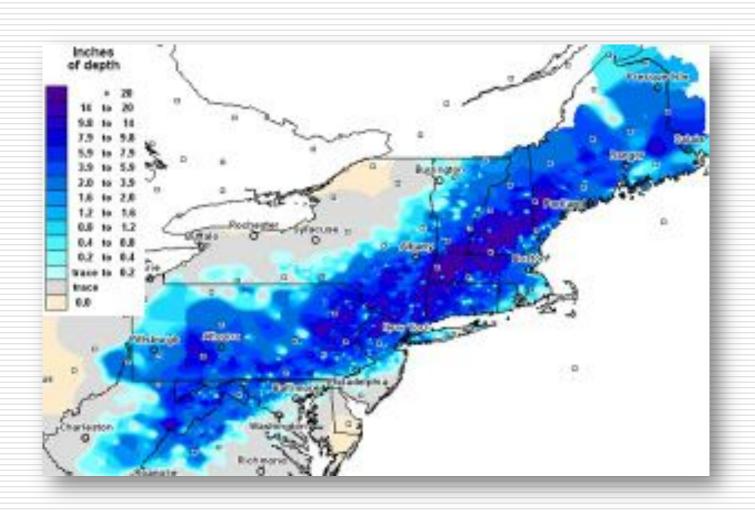
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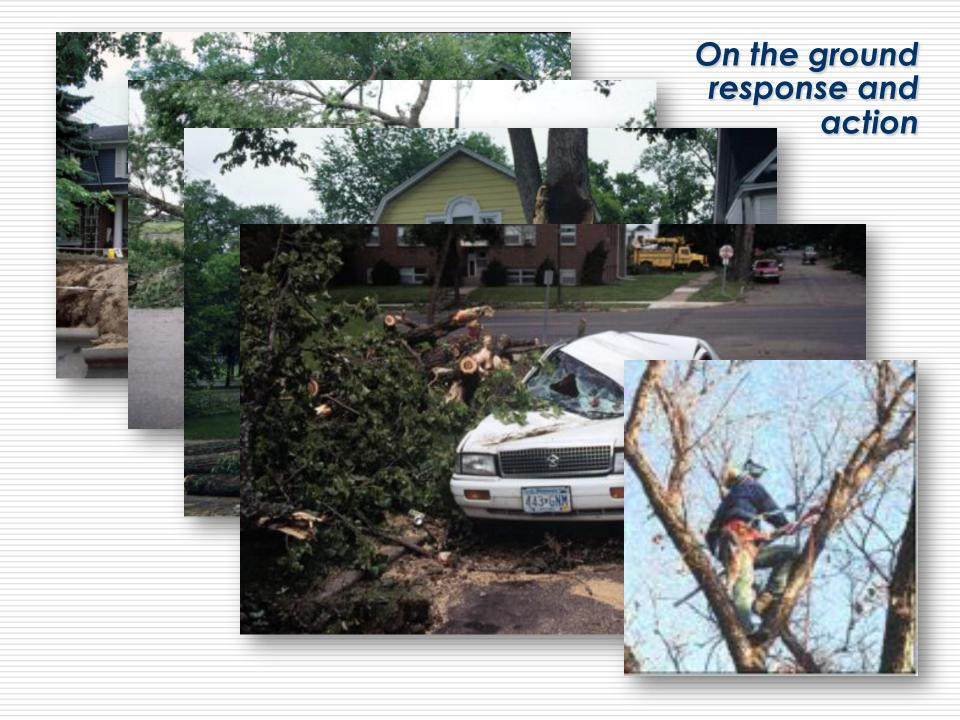


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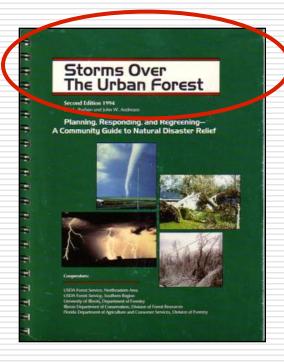




On the ground response and action







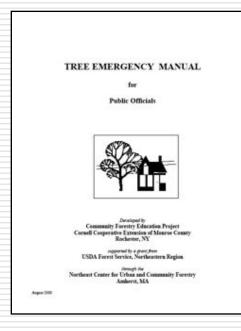


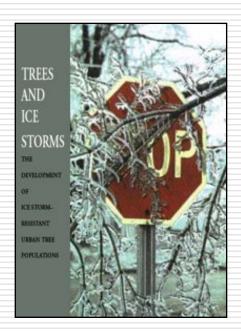
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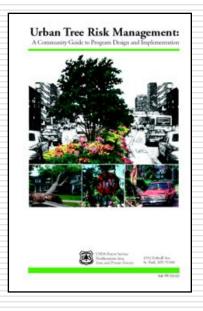
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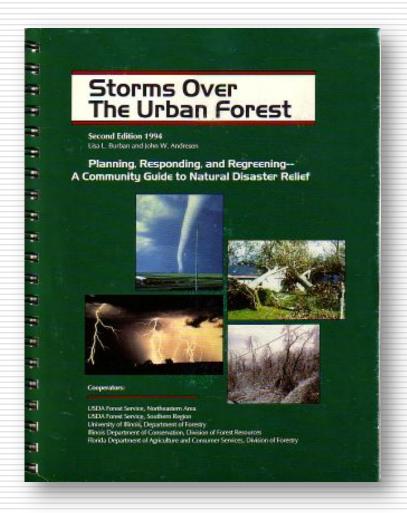
USDA Forest Service

Northeast Center for Urban and Community Forestry









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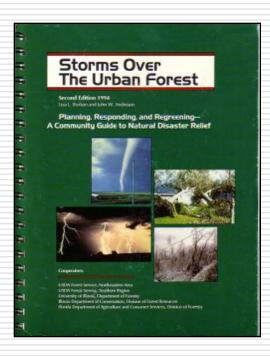
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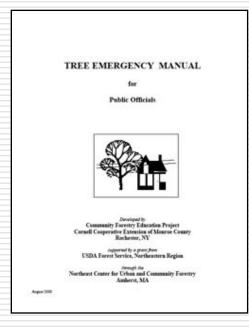
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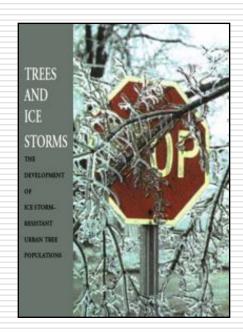
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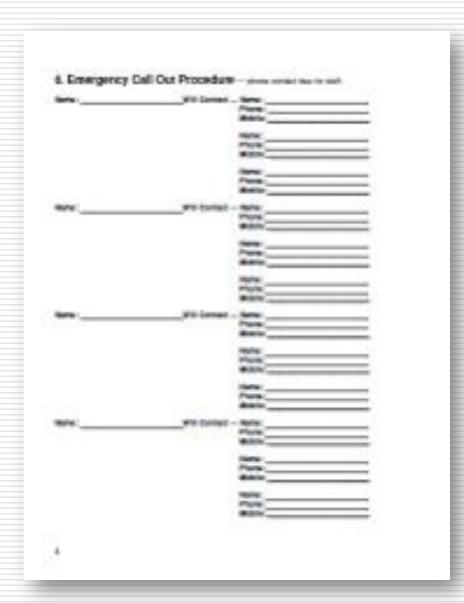
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Departments, Planners, Councils, and other Public Officials

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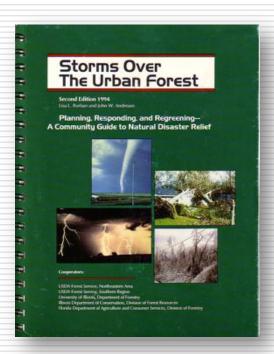


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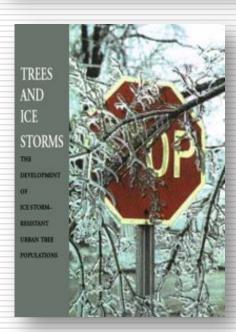
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Estimating Storm Damage Costs

What is i-Tree?

A suite of tools to assess urban vegetation and their ecosystem services and values











Public-Private Partnership

- USDA Forest Service
- Davey Tree Expert Co.
- National Arbor Day Foundation
- Society of Municipal Arborists
- International Society of Arboriculture
- Casey Trees









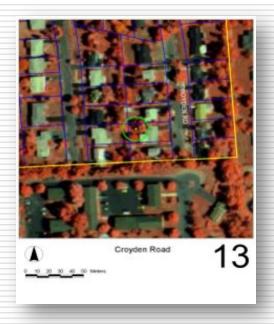




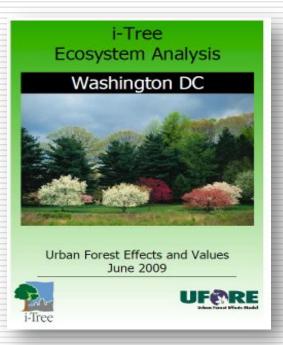
Goals



- Simple and low-cost tools and methods to aid in forest planning and management
- Complete process start to finish







i-Tree Version 4.0

5 New or Enhanced Tools











How Does Storm Work?



- Context of Use
- Sampling
- Data Collection
- PDA & Desktop Features

Context of use



- Planning
 - Framed by overall natural disaster plan
 - FEMA funding: Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program
 - Tree Emergency Plan Worksheet (Burban)
- Recovery
 - First 24-36 hours
 - Response to state emergency agency



Pre-Storm Survey



Post-Storm Survey



Pre-Storm Vs. Post-Storm Sampling and Estimating



Pre-Storm Survey



Post-Storm Survey



Pre-Storm vs.

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Post-storm Simple Visual Estimate

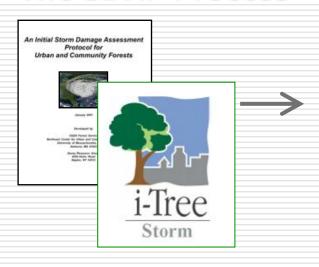
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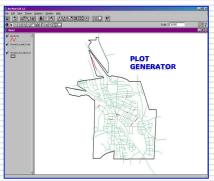
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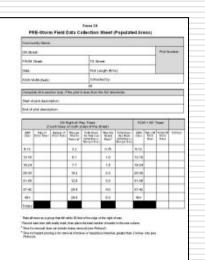
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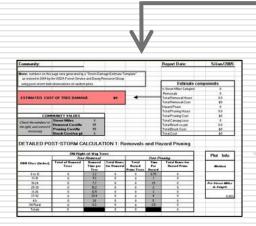




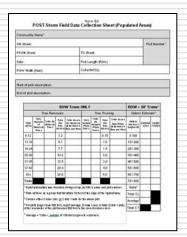
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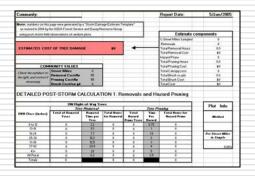
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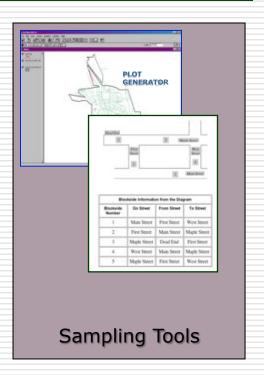
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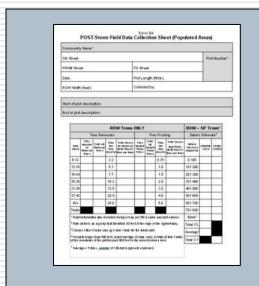


Final Damage Estimate

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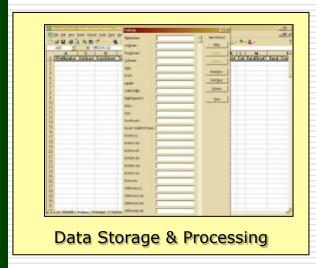


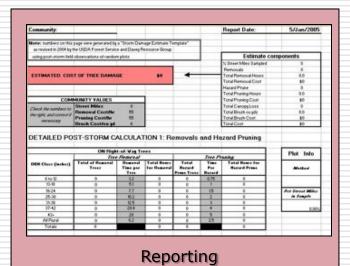


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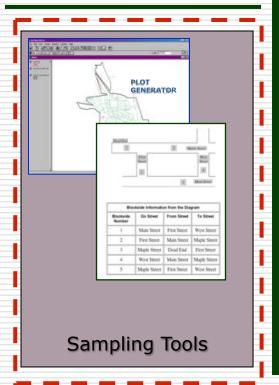
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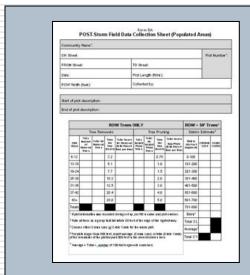




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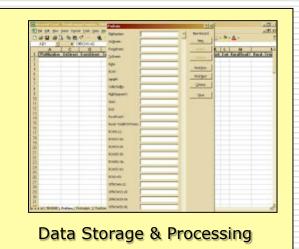


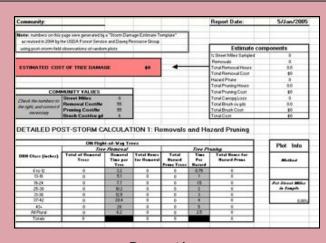


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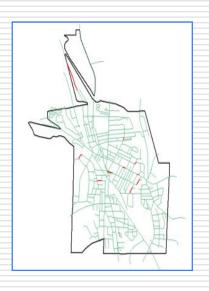


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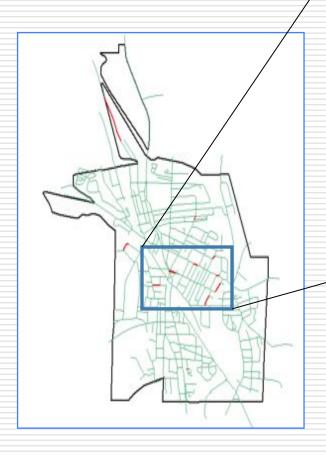
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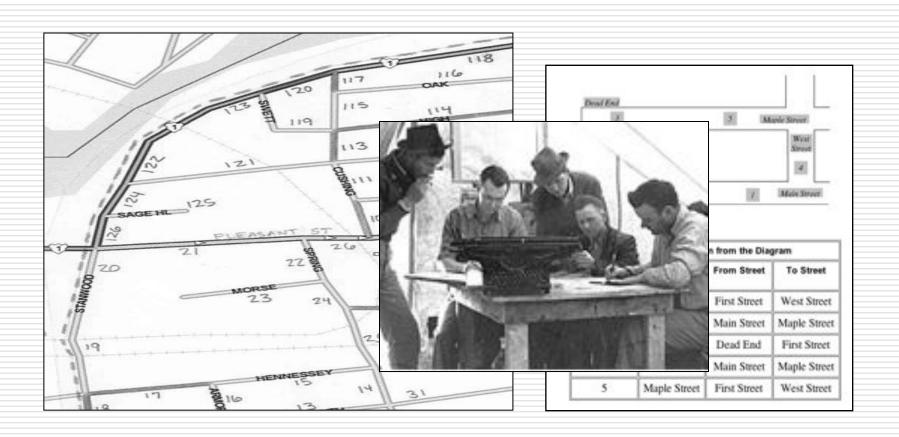
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 - Blockside = street segment between road/street corners or ends
- Manual Method or Computerized Process
 - Random selection
 - 10 blockside minimum needed for analysis

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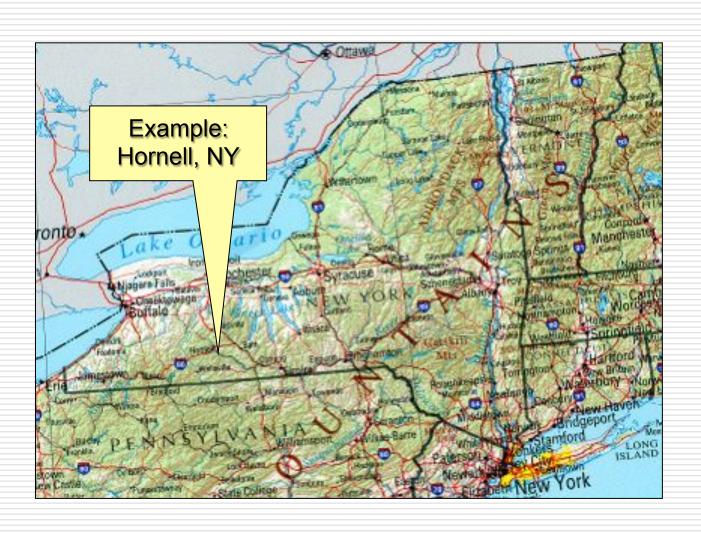


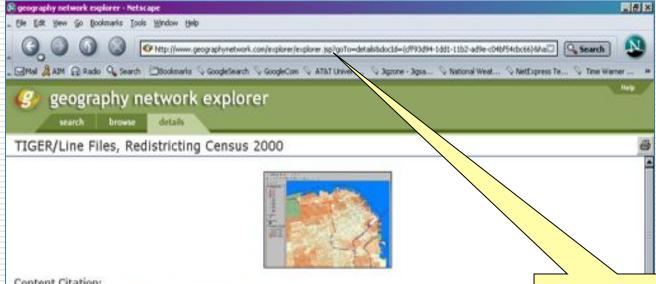


Manual Sampling Method



The Smarter Way





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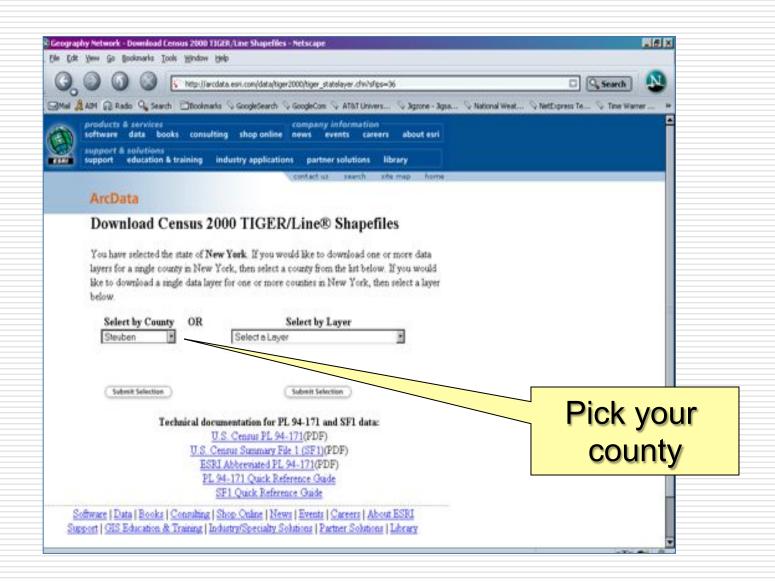
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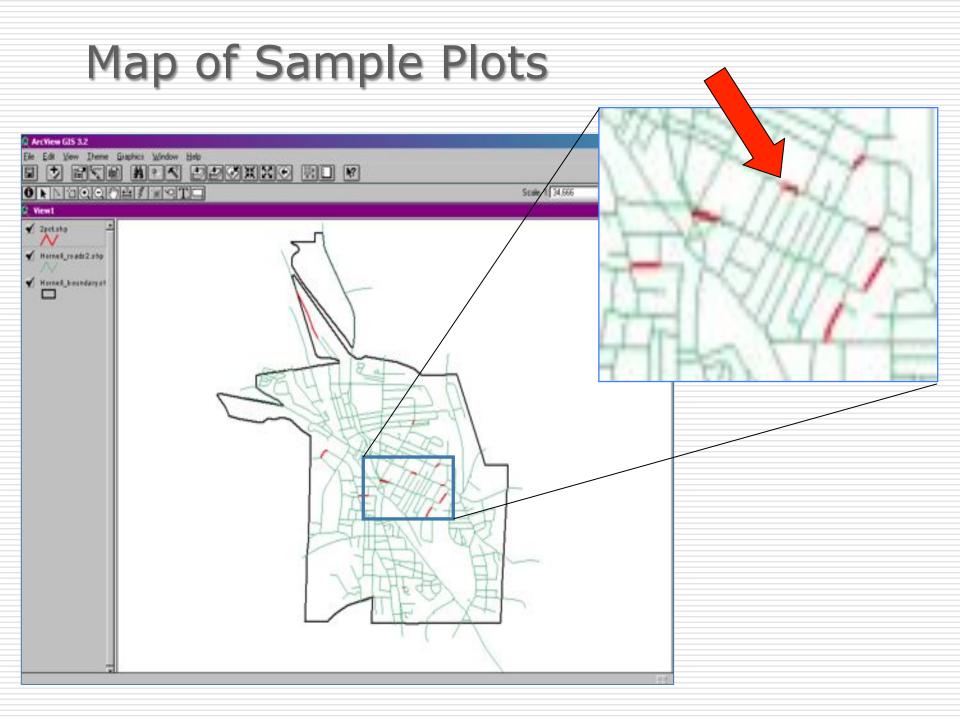
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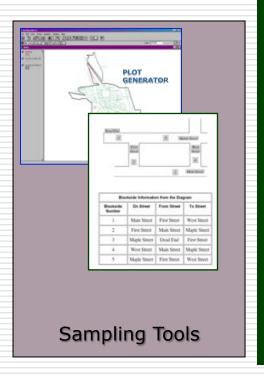
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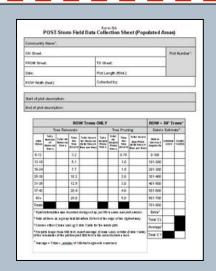




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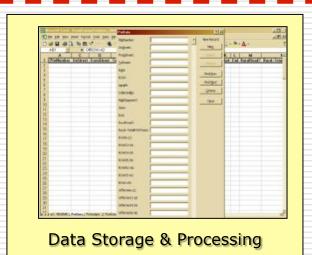


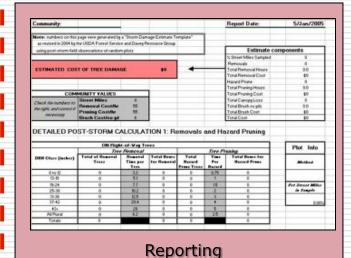


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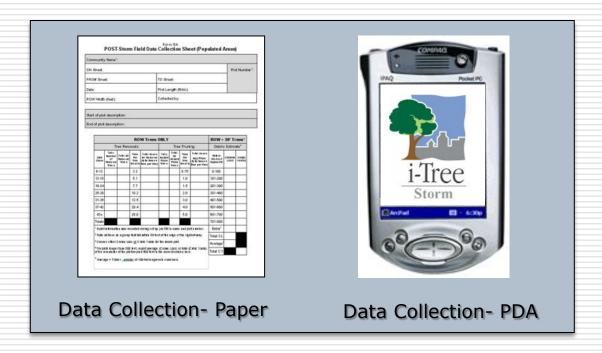
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Data Collection



Using i-Tree Storm



- Examples of Applied Use
- Success Stories
- Other Points

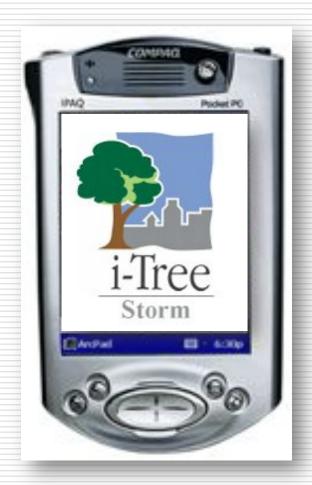
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Overview: Pre-storm setup

- Create random sample
 - Before emergency!
 - Use electronic or manual means
- Measure tree density and size class
 - Within ROW
 - Also 50' back from ROW edge
- Take final steps
 - Pre-Storm report form: useful estimate
 - Storage for future use

Data collection: paper forms

In disaster work, good reason to keep paper as option

POST Storm Field Data Collection Sheet (Populated Areas)

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- Electricity not a concern
- Damage possibility minimal
- Reduces training needed
- Forms for many different situations
- Copies in User's Manual, or on web

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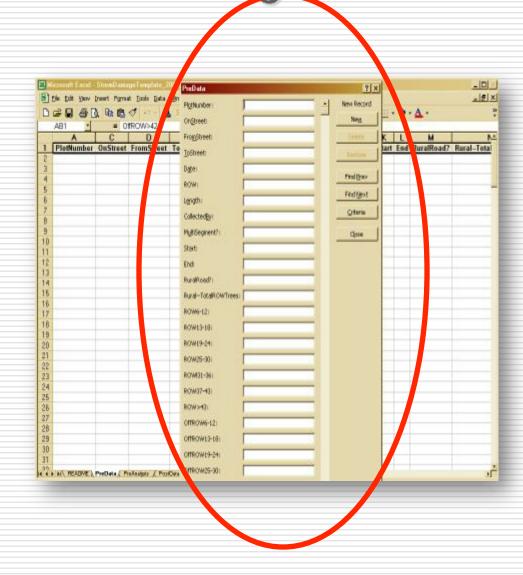
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- Easiest to use Excel's entry form
 - Highlight top row of headers
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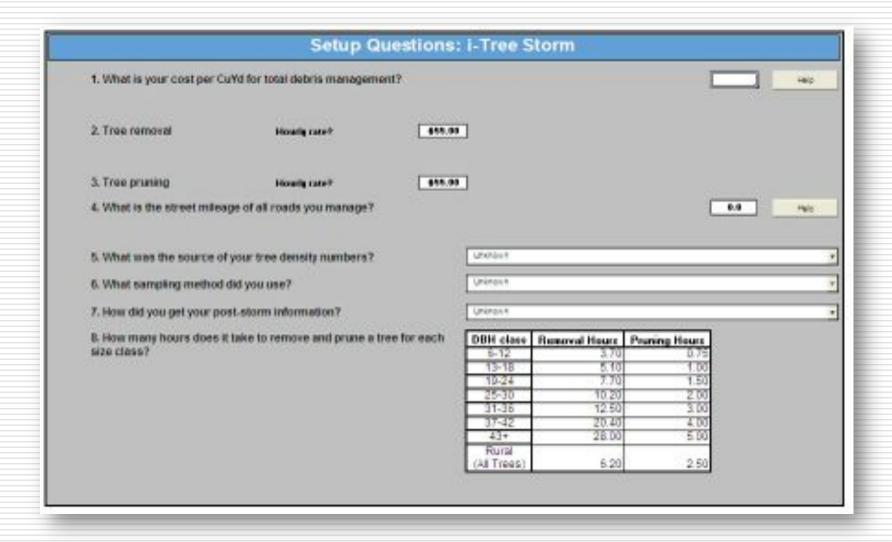


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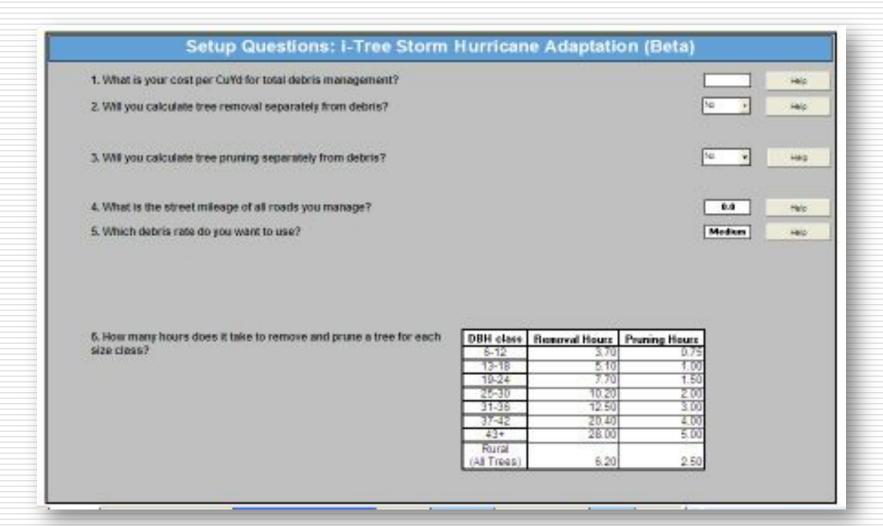
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PDA Setup Interface

- Management of process, data and applications
- Simple, intuitive





Overview: Post-storm work

- Revisit sample segments
 - Storm or Hurricane: choose estimation method
 - Indirect by average crown loss class
 - 0-25%, 26-50%, etc.
 - Loss category images available from FS
 - All trees within 50' of ROW
 - Direct as CY of debris
 - Only trees within ROW
 - Hazard pruning by size class
 - Hazard removal by size class
- Enter data, report results

Overview: validity

- Peer reviewed sampling protocols
- Also: storm type factor
 - Tested for ice storms
 - Low variance
 - 2% sample got within 5% of true value in field test
 - Not tested for wind storms
 - Larger variance
 - May affect required sample size
- Area of ongoing i-Tree research

Estimating Engine

i-Tree Storm



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Data collection: PDA

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Reference data (plots)

- TIGER
 - Can upload sample TIGER/Line data
 - Same process as described before
- Manual
 - Can do own sample from map
 - Must be random
- For both, recommended
 - 2% of blocksides
 - 30 minimum (maximum?)

Estimating Costs

i-Tree Storm



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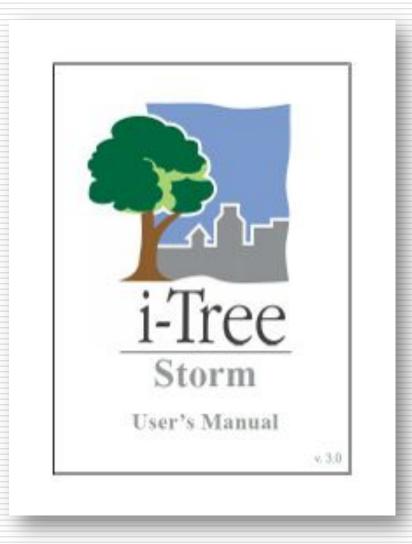
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What kinds of storms do you anticipate? Ice storms, hurricanes and floods, smallerscale disasters?

Different disaster types present different damage and debris profiles, requiring some adjustment to the use of Storm.

Ice Storms: Ice storms tend to have relatively widespread and uniform damage, and the debris is almost exclusively vegetative. Furthermore, the ice-laden debris usually remains at its initial landing place and is not moved around by natural forces. These characteristics permit quick, accurate estimates of potential and actual damage and costs from a small random sample.

What Type of Storm?

Hurricanes and floods: Hurricanes and many floods also produce widespread damage, and Storm will work well to produce a quick estimate of actual damage and costs. A Hurricane Adaptation has been incorporated into Storm that makes use of actual data and practices from a 10% random sample of communities in Florida following the 2004-2005 hurricane seasons. For pre-storm assessments, the Hurricane Adaptation version (beta) predicts average vegetative debris loads based on street mileage and a choice of three damage levels. Because general averages are used, the estimates tend to be more accurate at the larger scale than at the very local level.

What Type of Storm?

Smaller-Scale Disasters: Smaller-scale disasters, including tornados, derechos (straightline storms associated with thunderstorms), and some floods, present sampling problems since they affect smaller areas. To estimate the damage caused by smaller-scale disasters, the following procedure may be used:

Determine the rough geographic area affected by the disaster. It may be necessary to assess this based on a quick survey of the area, for example, by driving toward the area from different directions and noting where the damage begins, or by using aerial data if available.

Draw a boundary around the affected area on a street map or in the GIS file used for sampling.

Determine the total street miles in the affected area using the scaled map or standard GIS tools.

Establish a suitable sample of the street segments in the area.

What Type of Storm?

Hurricane Adaptation users must also decide: Will you separate estimates for tree removal and tree pruning from estimates of debris removal?

The data collection protocol differs slightly depending on whether you will bid out emergency work in a lump sum for debris (including pruning and removal), or instead break it up by handling the emergency tree pruning and/or removal with a different contract.

Hurricane Considerations

Does your community include rural (unpopulated) roads?

Data collection for rural roads differs slightly from data collection in populated areas. This is mainly because in populated areas FEMA will reimburse costs for debris that can be hauled to the curbside by residents, so trees 50 ft beyond the right-of-way are included in estimations of potential debris. There are manual forms specifically for rural areas and rural plots can be identified in the plot list and PDA.

Rural Roads?

Will you collect data using (a) the i-Tree Storm PDA tool, (b) paper forms for manual data entry, or (c) a non-i-Tree platform?

The Storm software package includes a PDA application for use in data collection. Significant updates have been made for i-Tree v. 3.0, and the PDA application now works seamlessly from within Storm. The program will work with Pocket PC devices running Window's Mobile 2003 (or later).

If your community lacks funding to support the use of PDAs or you simply prefer to use an alternate method, that's no problem. Data collection can be conducted using the paper forms in the Appendix, spreadsheets, etc. If you use the paper forms, data can later be entered directly into Storm's Excel Template. If you would like to use a non-i-Tree platform, look over the data requirements on the forms to get an idea of what is needed. It's a good idea to have the paper forms ready no matter what your decision, as storm-related power outages are likely.

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Wrap-Up



- Questions
- Discussion
- Other Points
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i-Tree Storm Utility: An Introduction









