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We should be doing things like this in PA.

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"I speak for the trees, for the trees have no tongues."
Dr. Seuss, The Lorax.

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From: Bill Duesing [mailto:bduesing@CS.COM]
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Subject: [CTEnvLeader] Course in Organic Land Care

Second Annual NOFA Courses in Organic Land Care

The Northeast Organic Farming Association is once again offering a course in Organic Land Care in both Massachusetts and Connecticut. The course features five days of expert instruction by organic professionals and respected scientists and is based on the groundbreaking NOFA Standards for Organic Land Care: Practices for Design and Maintenance of Ecological Landscapes. This course qualifies graduates to take the examination for NOFA accreditation as an organic land care professional.

Please help get the word out by letting lawn care professionals, school facilities managers, parks and public works departments, nurseries and garden centers, landscape architects and ecosystem managers know that the course is available. Course information and registration forms are available on the web at www.organiclandcare.net. If you would like a quantity of the course announcement cards or the detailed registration brochures to distribute in your community, contact either of the state coordinators. For Massachusetts, Marilyn Castroitta at 617-576-0810 or email castroitta@aol.com. For Connecticut, Bill Duesing at 203-888-5146 or email bduesing@cs.com. Students in the 2002 courses came from Vermont, New Hampshire and New Jersey as well as Connecticut and Massachusetts.

The Massachusetts course will be held on January 21,22,23,28 and 29 at Worcester County Horticultural Society's Tower Hill Botanic Garden in Boylston, MA. The Connecticut course will be held on February 10,11,13,18 and 19 at the Jones Auditorium of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station in New Haven, CT.

The course runs from 8:30 to 5:00 each day with six hours of instruction, a one-hour case study, lunch and breaks. The cost for the course is \$350 which includes a course notebook full of handouts and a copy of the newly revised Standards for Organic Land Care. In Connecticut, organic lunches are included. In Massachusetts, organic lunches are available for \$10 a day. The fee for the optional exam and a one-year accreditation is \$150.

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