

Skip Kincaid

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Skip Kincaid is an ISA Board Certified Master Arborist (MW-0155BM) with over 40 years of urban forestry, arboriculture, and forestry experience. Services include tree inventory and mapping, tree risk assessments; tree appraisals/forensics; storm damage assessment projects; tree preservation plans on construction sites; urban forestry master plans; ordinance writing; safe pesticide use and expert witness testimony.

Mr. Kincaid currently operates his arborist consulting business, Skip Kincaid & Associates, LLC (SKA) and serves as the Executive Director of the ISA Southern Chapter. Through his consultancy, he provides a wide range of consulting services. Prior to that, he spent nine years as Director of Urban Forestry at Hansen's Tree Service in O'Fallon, MO and eight years with a national firm as their Senior

Consulting Urban Forester and eighteen successful years operating SKA. Mr. Kincaid was also an urban forester with the Missouri Department of Conservation and the Commissioner of Forestry with the City of St. Louis where he had primary responsibility for managing a staff of 200 employees and a budget of approximately \$14 million per year.

Mr. Kincaid has performed tree inventories and developed management plans, strategies, and budgets for municipalities to deal with emerald ash borer (EAB). He prepared EAB plans for several municipalities in Canada and the United States. He also prepared and implemented an EAB strategy for the City of St. Louis while he served as Commissioner of Forestry. The strategy was a five-year commitment of over \$6 million to treat or remove over 15,000 ash trees, present numerous outreach workshops to neighborhood groups and elected officials, and re-plant trees lost to EAB.

Skip was the principal project coordinator and provided detailed set-up, field work and final reports for several tree inventories for municipalities, campuses, historic sites, and commercial properties. Projects include inventories for the National Park Service at Gateway National Expansion Memorial (Arch) in St. Louis, Missouri, the Lincoln Home National Historic Site in Springfield, Illinois and the Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site in Hyde Park, New York. Other notable inventory projects include the 350-acre Washington University campus and historic Forest Park (1370 acres) in St. Louis, Missouri.

Mr. Kincaid performs tree risk assessments throughout the United States. He served for four years on the International Society of Arboriculture's (ISA) panel of experts that developed the Tree Risk Assessment Qualification (TRAQ) and has taught the 2½ day course over 160 times. His expertise is utilized by attorneys as an expert witness, and he has testified at depositions and trials in many states. He performs urban tree and timber appraisals for homeowners, landowners, utilities, and business owners; and performs forensic investigations related to tree loss and tree decline issues.

Mr. Kincaid has provided a wide range of pesticide safety courses for over 30 years. Courses include various safe use topics, recertification courses, and classroom training for technicians. Many of the courses are offered with approval from various state agencies.

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Education

- M.S., Forest Economics and Silviculture, 1981, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO
- B.S., Forest Management, 1979, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO

Certifications/Special Training

- Board Certified Master Arborist, International Society of Arboriculture (MW0155B)
- Tree Risk Assessment Qualification (TRAQ), ISA
- Approved ISA Instructor and Mentor for the Tree Risk Assessment Qualification (TRAQ)
- Crew Leader Qualified, Tree Care Industry Association
- Certified Forester (#1516), Society of American Foresters
- Commercial Pesticide Applicators License (Missouri) and Re-Certification Instructor

Professional Affiliations

- International Society of Arboriculture (ISA); Board of Directors, member (2016-2019)
- ISA Southern Chapter; Executive Director (2019-present)
- Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA) member and approved instructor
- National Urban & Community Forestry Advisory Council (NUCFAC)
- Society of American Foresters
- Missouri Community Forestry Council, Charter Member 1991–present; President 1994, 1999–2000
- Forest ReLeaf of Missouri, Charter Member, Board Member 1998–2000
- School of Natural Resources at Univ. of Missouri (Columbia), Advisory Council, Member 1998–2012
- US Forest Service Technical Transfer Advisory Board, 1990–2008
- St. Louis Arborists Association, Secretary/Treasurer 1984–88, Executive Committee 1984–94

Presentations

- *Pesticide Training Courses* – Skip has provided a wide range of pesticide safety courses for over 30 years. Courses include various safe use topics, recertification courses, and classroom training for technicians. Many of the courses are offered with approval from various state agencies.
- *Tree Risk Assessment Qualification* (TRAQ) workshops presented on behalf of International Society of Arboriculture at over 60 locations since 2014.
- *Trees and the Law Workshop* - June 2021 (Auburn University); January 2023 (Louisiana State University).
- American Public Works Association – *The Real Cost of Managing EAB* – April and May 2017. Springfield, Missouri and Bentonville, Arkansas.
- Southern Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture – *Managing EAB in the Urban Environment*. April 2017. Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.
- Urban Forestry presentations to multiple audiences in Taipei, Taoyuan, Taichung and Tainan, Taiwan on behalf of International Society of Arboriculture. Over 1400 arborists and students attended the sessions. June 2014.