

All too often we find courses in park administration being offered in colleges with little or no connection to any other activities. I find it hard to believe that an instructor, not properly grounded in arboriculture, can offer proper training to others equally uninformed. The arborist, because of his practical knowledge and experience, must be an active participant in the instruction of others.

I firmly believe that the municipal arborist has too long been overlooked by the municipal planners. The city arborist is just as important as the civil, mechanical and traffic engineers, the lawyers, and businessmen who make the city flow smoothly from day to day. The arborist's actions, attitudes and proposals must be publicized, explained and understood by those with whom he comes in contact if tree care is to become accepted and supported in the city.

Just who is qualified to administer park areas? I cannot believe that someone whose only qualification is the number of votes he can influence is properly qualified. The qualified administrator must have a practical, working knowledge not just of trees and parks but also of botanical gardens, ar-

boretums, museums, etc. All of these areas are vitally important to the arboricultural component of the city environment. Tremendous efforts are being made to inform more agencies about proper tree maintenance in order to aid the arborist in his work. But we still have a long way to go before the public and the municipal administrators are fully and properly educated about tree care.

In summary, I don't think there is anyone in municipalities better qualified to administer the beautification of open space than the municipal arborist. Who else is trained in landscaping, horticulture, entomology, plant pathology, soil science, business management, city planning, park and street tree management, etc.? The municipal arborist is one of the city's most valuable human resources. We should and must do everything in our power to make sure that this resource is not wasted.

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## ABSTRACT

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The biggest recent change in the national register was sparked by the long-awaited publication last year of Elbert L. Little's *Checklist of United States trees (native and naturalized)*. With the new Checklist in hand, we have weeded the register, pulling out those species that are not considered native or naturalized in the U.S. This process should make the national register more representative of American trees. We have sought out champions for those eligible species that are not yet represented in the register. Included in this supplement, for the first time, is a list of those species.