



Urban Forestry Manual

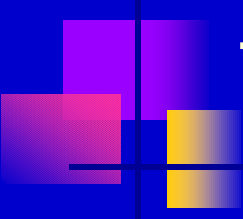
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Take Home Messages

- The *Urban Forestry Manual* exists
- How the *Urban Forestry Manual* can be used
- Where you can find the *Urban Forestry Manual*



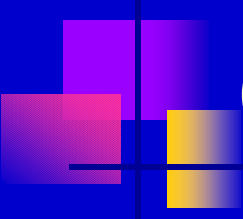
Top 5 Questions

- Why was the *Manual* created?
- How was the Manual developed?
- What is the *Manual*?
- How can the *Manual* be used?
- What is the current status of *Manual*?



Why was the *Manual* created?

- The South is changing
- State Forestry Agencies (SFA) services are changing
- SFA employees trained in traditional forestry – not urban forestry
- Southern Group of State Foresters requested an UF training resource



How was the Manual developed?

- Cooperative effort – FS, SGSF, & UGA
- Focus groups – content & format
- Field testing & expert review



What is the *Manual*?

- Introductory resource on UF
- Target audience
- 16 units/chapters
- Units can stand alone but also integrated
- Each unit - technical & educational components



16 Units in the *Manual*

- Benefits and Costs
- Role of SFA
- Tree Biology
- Dendrology
- Urban Soils
- Site & Tree Selection
- Tree Planting
- Tree Maintenance
- Diagnosis/Treatment
- Trees/Construction
- Hazard Trees
- Urban Wildlife
- Urban Ecosystems
- UF Planning & Mgt
- UF & Public Policy
- Working w/the Public



"Overview" Units

- Benefits and Costs of the Urban Forest
- Role of the State Forestry Agency



“Foundation” Units

- Tree Biology
- Dendrology
- Urban Soils
- Urban Ecosystems



“Tree Management” Units

- Site and Tree Selection
- Tree Planting
- Tree Maintenance
- Tree Diagnosis and Treatment
- Trees and Construction
- Hazard Trees



“Urban Forest” Management Units

- Urban Forestry Planning and Management
- Urban Forestry and Public Policy
- Working with the Public



“Unit” Structure

- Table of Contents
- Overview
- Before You Begin
- Technical Content
- Case Study
- Next?
- For More Information
- Checking Your Answers
- Appendix



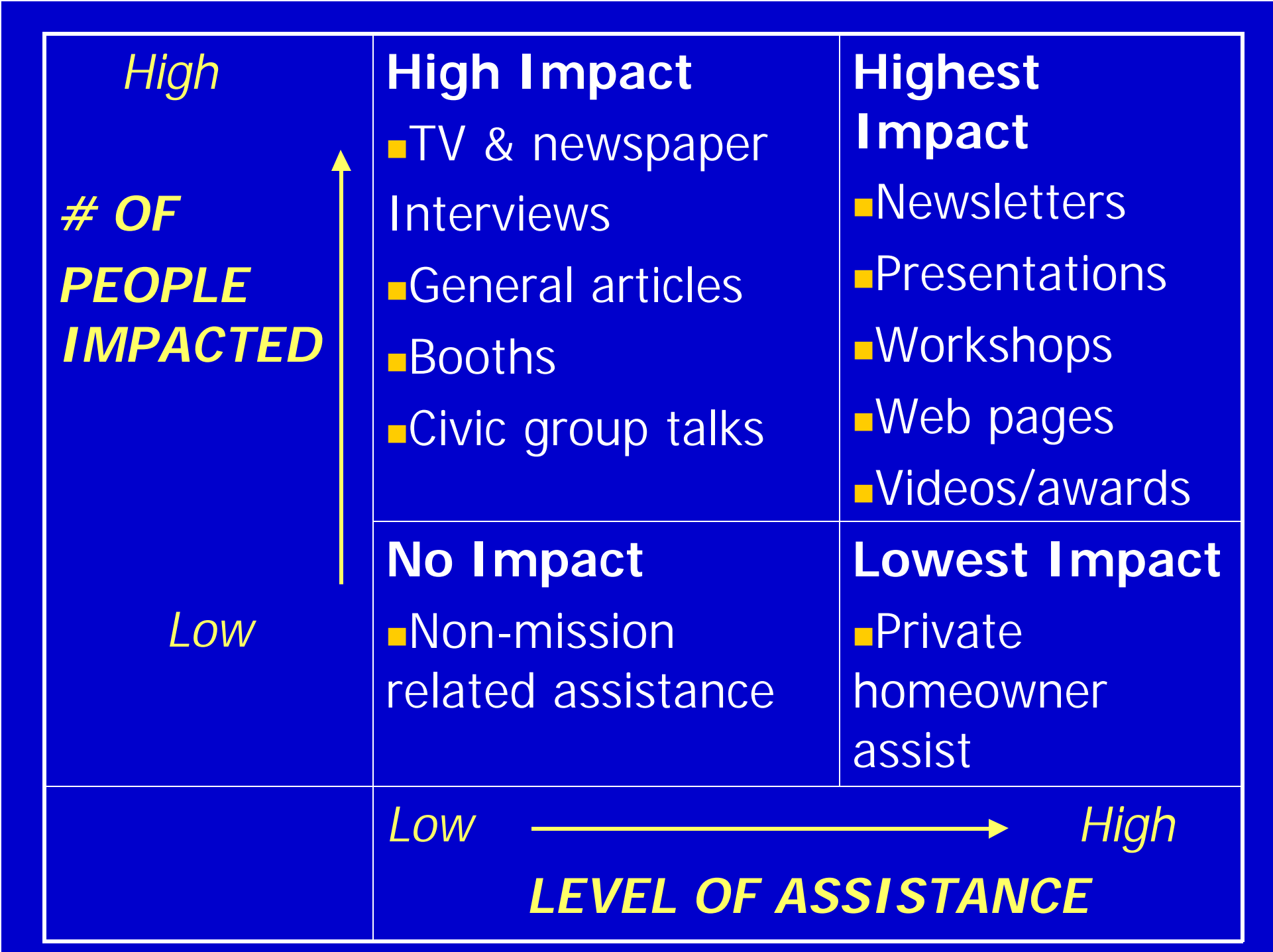
How Can the *Manual* Be Used?

- Self-directed learning
- Resource to obtain specific information
- Outreach tool – to develop presentations, workshops, newsletters, articles,...



Outreach Tool

- How effective are sick tree calls?
- Level of assistance (low-high)
- Number of people impacted (low-high)
- Texas Forest Service matrix





Think about your own work...

- What level of assistance do you usually provide?
- How many people are you impacting?
- How can you use the *Manual* to reach more people?



What is the current status?

- Work in progress
- Online (9 units on web site)
- FS Publication (separate publications) in near future
- CD



Online Version

- Helps address the different knowledge levels and experiences
- Interactive – links
- Reaches larger audience
- Html and PDF (printer friendly) versions



Web Site Address

[www.urbanforestrysouth.usda.gov/
pubs/ufmanual/index.htm](http://www.urbanforestrysouth.usda.gov/pubs/ufmanual/index.htm)



Online Demonstration

Trees & Construction Unit



I challenge you to....

- Within the next week – visit the *Manual* web site
- Within the next month – get together and talk about how you can use the *Manual* to promote urban forestry
(easy 1st step – put the *Manual* link on your web site)



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