It is vital to conserve what we have left. Much of that forest is now found in towns.

You can help by becoming an Iowa Community Tree Steward.

The goal of this program is to develop a network of highly motivated, well-trained volunteers to expand and improve our urban and community forests in Iowa.
The Problem

In our towns more trees are removed each year than planted. Caring for our trees is important. They shelter us from wind and sun, reduce our energy consumption, and buffer city noise.

Trees add beauty to our world while conserving soil and water, improving air quality, and providing home for wildlife.

The Iowa Community Tree Steward Program

WHAT IS IT?

It’s 24 hours of hands-on training in community tree management. In both classroom and field settings, you will learn:

- basic tree identification
- species selection
- tree planting
- tree care and maintenance
- pest management
- value assessment
- inventory techniques
- program planning, funding and implementation

WHO IS IT FOR?

This program is intended to serve citizen volunteers. Others who also may attend include:

- community forestry and parks staff
- tree care professionals
- utility company representatives
- county conservation board staffs
- anyone else interested in community trees

WHY SHOULD I BECOME INVOLVED?

Your benefits are many. Most importantly, you will become a community leader and source of knowledge about Iowa’s trees. You can then:

- teach our youth
- host ISU Extension meetings for homeowners
- develop and implement a sound community forest plan
- teach garden clubs
- and much more

You will also receive an extensive reference notebook, as well as our Iowa Urban and Community Forestry Council newsletter, Community Trees, and special staff admission rates to the Shade Tree Short Course the year following your graduation.

WHEN AND WHERE IS IT?

The program, which includes six four-hour training sessions over a six-week period, is offered at various locations throughout Iowa during the spring. To complete the program and become an Iowa Tree Steward, participants are asked to attend all sessions. Sessions are in the evening from 6:00–10:00 p.m.

The program’s only “fees” are $30 and the expectation you will contribute 24 volunteer hours back to your community forest.

A Solution

HOW CAN I SIGN UP?

Complete and return this form, or call Tivon Feeley, Iowa State University Extension Forestry, at (515) 294-6739.

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