

Sustainable Urban Forestry For Iowa Communities Grant Training Request Application 7.1.2015

Section I: Applicant Information – Please complete community information below					
Municipality					
Contact Person					
Address					
City		State		Zip code	
Phone					
Federal Tax Identification					
Community Population					

Section II: Community Forestry Project Information	
Please indicate stated desire and/or previous experience in holding any of the following events	
Is your community willing to host a residential tree distribution?	
Is your community willing to organize a volunteer tree planting event, utilizing the Trees For Kids grant process?	
Is your community willing to organize a volunteer tree maintenance event?	

Section III: Community Program Elements		
Please provide information on each of the program elements for the community where the work will be done. This information will help the Iowa Urban and Community Forestry Program track community program status and progress.		
Program Level	We have an active, ongoing community-wide tree planting and care program.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	We have recently begun or re-started a program of community tree planting and care but it is still in a developmental phase.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Tree planting and care activities were once a regular part of a community-wide program that ended. We want to start this program again.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	We are interested in starting a community-wide tree planting and care program for the first time, with the assistance of this grant (if selected).	<input type="checkbox"/>
	We don't plan to start a community-wide tree program at this time.	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Advocacy	We have a formally established tree advisory group (i.e., committee, commission or tree board) and/or officials that support urban and community forestry related activities.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Group name and primary contact information:	
	We have citizens or groups informally involved in community tree planting and care activities but no advisory group or board officially charged with overseeing a forestry program.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Group name and primary contact information:	
Staff	We have professional urban forestry staff (can be part-time position) - OR - a volunteer urban forestry professional(s) – OR - contract with a professional for community tree planting and care. [Professional = International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist or comparable formal training.]	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Contact name & information:	
	We have staff, contractors, or a volunteer authorized to handle/advise the municipality on tree planting and care but who is neither a certified arborist nor has comparable formal training.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Contact name & information:	
Tree Maintenance	We practice systematic, community-wide tree maintenance (i.e., planting, pruning, pest control, tree removal).	<input type="checkbox"/>
	We practice occasional tree maintenance and removal on an as-needed basis.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	We practice tree removals, but not tree maintenance or planting	<input type="checkbox"/>
	We do not practice tree maintenance activities (i.e., planting, pruning, pest control, tree removals).	<input type="checkbox"/>
Program Fundamentals	We have a community street tree inventory.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
		If 'Yes', when was it last updated:
		If 'Yes', indicate if it was complete or sample:
		<input type="checkbox"/> Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Sample

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	We have a tree ordinance. If yes, please attach to application	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	We have a tree management plan. If yes, please attach to application	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	We have a tree management budget.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
		If "yes", what is your budget	
	What percent of your budget is for tree removal?	Click here to enter text.	
	What is your per capital budget for tree management, not including removal?	Click here to enter text.	
	Do you expect your tree management budget to change?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If "yes", explain below			
	We have a tree canopy goal. (Urban tree canopy (UTC) is the layer of leaves, branches, and stems of trees that cover the ground when viewed from above)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
		If "yes", Please list your current canopy cover (if known) and your goal below	

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Section IV:– Community Selection Criteria – Please Complete fully. The grant will be scored based on Section IV and V.

1. The following training components are included in the grant program. Please mark any that are of interest to your community/staff. Additionally, please indicate other training areas of interest, if any (optional - if none, leave “Other” blank). (10 points)

<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Planting	<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Inventory
<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Identification	<input type="checkbox"/> Tree pests	<input type="checkbox"/> Risk Tree Assessment
<input type="checkbox"/> Plan Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Outreach & Program Development	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance Review	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	

2. **Addressing Community Tree Canopy and Diversity** (20 points)
Provide a brief overview of your community’s commitment to increasing the urban tree canopy and diversifying the urban forest. Clearly articulate the level of interest, and specific goals for improving the urban forest and in participating in this grant.

3. **Community Tree Budget and Ordinances** (30 points)
A strong tree ordinance is an important part of increasing the community’s tree canopy. Is the city leadership willing to review and modify, if needed, the tree ordinances to increase the community’s tree canopy. Please list elements of your ordinances that you would like to review, improve or add. Do you intend to increase your budget for tree planting and scheduled tree maintenance? If so, explain. What will your target per capita budget be for tree planting and maintenance?

4. **Emerald Ash Borer Preparation and Management** (20 points)
Describe how this training can assist your community with EAB preparation and management. Describe how your community intends to prepare for and/or manage an EAB infestation. Please discuss high priority areas and/or community needs and how the project might address those.

5. **Community Tree Inventory Completion** (20 points)
Your community will receive 2 days of hands-on training performing a community tree inventory, and your community will be tasked with completing the public tree inventory by September 15, 2011. We estimate that this will take a minimum of one (8 hour) day per 500 population of your town. Please list the individual(s) and timetable you will utilize to complete the inventory (during summer 2011) after training. Describe the methods you will use to insure the inventory is complete prior to 9/15/11.

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In addition to completing a street tree inventory, your city may choose to inventory other public areas with your staff. These areas can then be included in the forestry management plan created by DNR for your community, if desired. Please indicate additional public areas for which you intend to complete a tree inventory:

Parks Cemeteries Golf Courses Other Public areas

6. Fostering Forestry Volunteer Groups (20 points)

Describe how you intend to foster volunteer groups (new or existing). Clearly articulate specific goals for organizational development and leadership, types and number of volunteer events annually, and recruitment and growth projections for volunteerism. Briefly describe any successes the city has had in developing other types of citizen-led groups.

7. Sustaining the Community Forestry Program (40 Points)

Once this grant program has ended and your community has received training, tree inventory, and a management plan, identify how an active forestry program and forestry volunteer groups and events will be sustained into the future.

8. Measureable Outcomes (What Happens as a Result): (50 Points)

The following is a list of some of the benefits that can come from participating in this grant program and training. Please list, in order, your most desired measurable results (highest priority is #1). Can include one, some, or all outcomes: increasing tree canopy, strengthening community forestry volunteer groups, decreasing stormwater runoff, improving species diversity, modifying or strengthening tree ordinances, planting and maintaining trees, staff/leadership/volunteer training, and having an inventory and management plan to guide future activities.

9. Collaboration (Who Will Be Involved): (30 Points)

Identify who will be involved in the project and their role. Consider the various municipal staff, boards and commissions, council members, volunteer groups, citizens and NGOs that can be called upon as partners to support the project and long-term program success. Don't forget to include

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community members who have participated in Tree Steward programs.

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***Section V: Estimated Staff Training – Please estimate the number of staff and non-staff members who will attend each training module. Please Complete fully. The grant will be scored based on Section IV and V. (150 points)**

A	B	C		D
	Total Staff Attending	Non-Staff attending		Total Seat Hours
Project Component	Enter number of staff	Number of City Council/Board/Commissioners	Number of NGO, volunteers, public	Total Number of Attendees X hours
Tree Benefits – 1 hour				
Tree Identification – 8 hours				
Technology Training – 2 hours				
Forest Health – 5 hours				
Risk tree assessment-2				
Tree Planting – 2 hours				
Pruning and Maintenance Schedule – 2 hours				
Tree Inventory – 16 hours (training)				
Ordinance Review & Development – 8 hours				
Public Outreach & Program Development -2 hours				
Total				
Explanation: Provide any additional information that will help demonstrate your training commitment.				
<p><i>Note: Not all participants need attend every module of training. All participants who will perform street tree inventory must also attend Tree ID and forest health modules.</i></p> <p><i>Tree Benefits training is recommended for all city council members, public works director, city administrator, forestry staff, tree board members, community forestry Advocacy groups, and interested public.</i></p>				

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* Section VI: Certification

I hereby certify to the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this application and application attachments are correct and true.

By checking this box, the applicant certifies that the appropriate authorized representative supports submission of this proposal.

Section VII: Take this opportunity to sign up for Iowa Forestry Today. The program provides updates through our electronic newsletter, Iowa Forestry Today. Interested individuals can sign up by sending an email to: join-dnr.iowaforestrytoday@lists.ia.gov, or listing below.

Name	Email

* Section VIII: Additional Information

E-mail completed applications to:

Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Urban and Community Forestry Program
Attn: Laura Wagner
laura.wagner@dnr.iowa.gov

For questions about the application or grant, contact Laura Wagner, Iowa DNR Forestry Bureau at: 515-281-6749 or laura.wagner@dnr.iowa.gov

APPLICATION E-MAIL Deadline: September 1, 2015