

TREE TRAINING INTENSIVE

WORKSHOP AGENDA

8:30am – Registration and Coffee

9:00am – Welcome - Host Organization
Overview of the day's activities
Self-introductions by participants

9:30am – 12:00pm Introduction of Presenter by host
**SESSION 1: TREE COMMISSION ACADEMY –
THE SHORT COURSE**
The regional urban forester (Siewert for Cleveland and Lorain, Miller for Toledo) will give a short introduction to Tree Commission Academy, the content of the full courses, and the value to communities.
Then they will conduct a three-part session, presenting:
a.) Intro to tree biology, focusing on the basics of how trees function (anatomy of a tree, how it grows, what it needs,)
b.) How an urban forest differs from a natural forest, choosing the right tree for the right place (tree lawns vs riparian sites,) and how to plan for diversity.
c.) How communities and their Tree Commissions support their urban forests, manage maintenance and/or planting schedules, and foster public support for their programs.
Q & A

12:00pm – 12:45pm Lunch

12:45pm – 1:45pm **SESSION 2: SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL ARBORIST! (What do they do all day, anyway?)**
Speaker to be identified
a.) What is an arborist, professional training and qualifications, certified arborist and specialties, opportunities for a career in the field.
b.) A day in the life of an arborist, the municipal arborist's relationship to the Tree Commission, the consulting arborist's value to large property owners.
Q & A

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- 1:45pm – 2:00pm INSTRUCTIONS FOR OUTDOOR EXERCISES
Review checklist and form that will be used to gather information about the trees being surveyed, which will be used in next exercises
- 2:00pm – 3:00pm Short Break, Assemble at nearby field site
SESSION 3A: What trees are these? How to look at a tree. Urban forester will lead tree identification, how to recognize problems, assess health, observe quality of or need for maintenance. Participants will note species, measure DBH, location factors used in urban site index.
- 3:00pm – 4:00pm Return to workshop room
SESSION 3B: TAKEAWAYS
a.) Introduction to i-Tree Tools, benefits assessment, using data gathered outside, and how to use the information to promote your urban forest.
b.) Planning a riparian planting, using the worksheets in the Woods for Waters Guide to design a riparian buffer planting, choosing trees, gauging quantities and costs.
- 4:00pm RECAP, COMMENTS, ADJOURN
- If possible, depending on conditions, we will try to plant a tree on the venue grounds to close out the day.