

INDIANA TREE STEWARDS AGENDA



*September 18th and 19th,
2023*

*8:30am-4:30pm central
standard time*

Training Site:
Northwestern Indiana Regional
Planning Commission
6100 Southport Rd, Portage, IN,
46368

Day 1 – Monday, September 18th, 2023

8:30-8:45am **Check-in, Welcome, and Intro to Indiana Community Tree Stewards**

Jacob Roos: Community and Urban Forestry Director (IDNR)

Drew Hart: CommuniTree (USFS & CommuniTree)

8:45-9:00am **The Urban Forest, Benefits of Trees and How YOU Can Help**

Jacob Roos: Community and Urban Forestry Director (IDNR)

9:00-10:00am **The Scoop on Soils**

Speaker: Alejandro Carrero-Muniz (NRCS)

10:00-10:15am **Break**

10:15-11:15am **Tree Physiology - How Does a Tree Grow?**

Speaker: Steve Lane (Graf Tree Care)

11:15-12:00pm **Tree Identification (Part 1)**

Racheal Stenger: Outreach Coordinator (IDNR)

12:00-12:30pm **Lunch (provided)**

12:30-1:15pm **Tree Identification (Part 2)**

Racheal Stenger: Outreach Coordinator (IDNR)

1:15-2:15pm **Right Tree – Right Place: Selection**

Speaker: NIPSCO (Andrea Nichols or Sarah Nimetz)

2:15-2:30pm **Break**

2:30-4:00pm **Planting Techniques, Care & Maintenance**

Speaker: Drew Hart (USFS)

Leopold Sawyers/SCA Crew Leader

4:00-4:30pm **Tree Planting Demonstration**

Speaker: Leopold Sawyers/SCA Crew Leader

4:30pm **End of Day 1**



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Day 2 – Tuesday, September 19th, 2023

- 8:30-8:45am **Recap and Questions from Day 1**
Jacob Roos: Community and Urban Forestry Director (IDNR)
- 8:45-10:00am **Diagnosing Tree Problems (Pest and Diseases)**
Speaker: Eric Biddinger (IDNR Division of Entomology & Plant Pathology)
- 10:00-10:15am **Break**
- 10:15-11:15am **Identifying Tree Defects**
Speaker: Aren Flint (Davey Resource Group)
- 11:15-12:00pm **Chesterton & Michigan City Tree Board Presentation**
Speaker: Victoria Wittig (Chesterton Tree Board)
Jen Birchfield (Michigan City Tree Board)
- 12:00-1:00pm **Lunch (provided) and Meet & Greet with local organizations and representatives.**
- 1:00-2:00pm **Pruning Basics** (bring your pruners!)
Speaker: Jerome Delbridge (Tree-Centric Solutions)
- 2:00-2:15pm **Break**
- 2:15-3:00pm **Technology, GIS & Urban Forestry**
Speaker: Steve Lane (Graf Tree Care)
- 3:00-3:30pm **Recap and Questions from Day 1 & 2 and Volunteer Opportunities**
Community and Urban Forestry Team (IDNR)
- 3:30-4:30pm **Indiana Community Tree Steward Written Exam**
- Work Day(s)** **TBD**

**Be prepared for any of the sessions to go outside. Dress appropriately for the outdoors and for the weather. We will be using pruning tools for this training so please bring eye protection and a pair of gloves if possible, otherwise they will be provided. Please let us know ahead of time if you have any physical constraints so we can work to accommodate.

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