



## **Urban Forestry Workshop Menu**

### **For Tree Teams and Tree Stewards**

Workshops are opportunities to build community awareness around urban trees and can address a wide variety of topics, from tree history to tree pruning or planting. Workshops foster a sense of stewardship in the community while meeting the goals and objectives of the Neighborhood Tree Plan.

Organizing workshops is a collaborative effort. Urban Forestry staff will lead the workshop, bring tools and materials and provide resources for event promotion (i.e., printing flyers). Volunteers help select locations and promote the event within the neighborhood. Early planning is helpful and Urban Forestry asks that you schedule at least 4-6 weeks ahead of time. To schedule, complete the sign-up page as soon as possible and your Tree Plan Coordinator will contact you to finalize details.

**Workshop format:** Different formats are available with varying levels of time commitment- choose a format that best fits your group's needs and availability or work with UF staff to create a customized workshop.

<b>Format</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Time Commitment</b>
Walk and Talk	Indoor presentation and/or outdoor guided walk and discussion with Urban Forestry staff ( <b>1-1.5 hours</b> ).	<b>Low.</b> Little pre-event prep work required other than advertising.
Work Party	Outdoor event to conduct tree care activity ( <b>3 hours</b> ).	<b>Med-High.</b> Requires work prior to the work party to identify and scope work locations, deliver notices, and secure property owner permission.
Custom Workshops/projects	Got a great idea? Let's give it a try! Urban Forestry provides guidance and resources but Tree Teams provide organization and ongoing project work. Creativity is encouraged.	<b>Med-High.</b> Can range from a hybrid of the above or a much larger project.



## WALKS AND TALKS



<p><b>Selecting and Promoting Diverse Tree Species</b>          What to plant? Flowers, fall color, fruits/nuts for wildlife, and winter interest are just a few characteristics to consider when choosing a tree. Explore interesting species and learn why tree diversity is important for a resilient forest. Part discussion, part discovery, this workshop will get community members excited about options for planting.</p>	<p><b>Tree Care and Maintenance</b>          Learn to care for your tree from planting through replacement. Topics covered include watering, mulching, pruning, and recognizing identifying hazards. Learn when to call a professional and how to evaluate potential tree care providers' credentials.</p>
<p><b>Exploring Heritage Trees</b>          Portland's Heritage Trees Program celebrates the largest, oldest, most historic, and unusual trees in the city. Visit Heritage Trees in your neighborhood and learn their stories. Use inventory data to find the largest and most unusual trees and visit them to determine if they should be nominated for the Heritage Tree Program.</p>	<p><b>Tree History in My Neighborhood</b>          Work with a historian to research and learn about the trees in your community and how past development shaped the community's urban forest. Understanding and valuing trees historically leaves us better equipped to make future decisions and avoid unexpected consequences inherited from our past.</p>
<p><b>Trees in My Neighborhood</b>          Excited about your tree inventory findings and ready to share them with your neighborhood? Share the story of your neighborhood through a tree walk, at a neighborhood association meeting, or even a pub trivia night. The more your neighbors know and understand the importance of street tree data, the more participation you are likely to see from your community!</p>	<p><b>Invasive Trees, Pests and Pathogens</b>          Fast-growing invasive tree species thrive in tight locations and may quickly damage habitat or existing structures. Additionally, certain pests and fungi can significantly threaten the urban canopy. Learn to recognize and control invasive trees (such as the Tree of Heaven) and important pests and pathogens (including Dutch Elm Disease, Emerald Ash Borer, and Asian long horned beetle).</p>



## WORK PARTIES



<p><b>Tree Planting</b>          Plan a community tree planting at a school, community center, church, or park. Staff will help you to create a planting and establishment plan, demonstrate proper tree planting technique and provide trees and tools. Please note: this workshop requires additional planning and planting events will not occur until fall 2017.</p>	<p><b>Street Tree Pruning</b>          Use inventory data to locate young trees in need of structural pruning. UF will provide tools, neighbor notices, permits, and a certified arborist to give instruction. Together, your team and volunteers will prune over 100 trees during this event!</p>
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## 🌳 CUSTOM WORKSHOPS 🌳

### **Park Tree Inventory**

Join the next phase of the Tree Inventory Project! Submit an application to host a Park Tree Inventory (PTI) workday. If you have a developed park in your neighborhood, you might be eligible to participate. PTI workdays will occur after trees have leafed out, in July and August of 2017 and will involve identifying, measuring and mapping these open space trees. Team Leader Trainings will occur in spring 2017.

### **Neighborhood Arboretum Mapping**

Showcase magnificent trees in your neighborhood! Use inventory data to identify a collection of trees as a neighborhood arboretum. Urban Forestry staff will assist in developing an online guide and a printed brochure of the trees your team selects, complete with pictures and botanical descriptions. These materials can be used for self-guided or group-guided tours of your neighborhood trees. If you want to take this project one-step further, your team can work to create signage or plaques for trees. This is an excellent way to increase community awareness of the urban canopy!

### **Create a Custom Workshop**

Are you interested in a different tree-related workshop? The possibilities are endless. Additional ideas may include collaborating with other non-profits, conducting a fundraiser for Tree Team work, sponsoring a tree-themed photo contest, hosting a youth-focused tree event or a family tree walk. Urban Forestry can even provide guidance on effective grant writing or fundraising to support your ideas.

# **2016-2017 Workshop Sign-Up**

Tree Teams are encouraged to plan up to two workshops with Urban Forestry between December 2016 and July 2017. Most events are scheduled for Saturday mornings, but arrangements can be made for other days and times. Availability for certain workshops is limited so please select preferred dates as soon as possible! Allow at least 4-6 weeks prior to requested date for planning.

**Instructions:**

- Rank four workshops of interest on a scale of 1 to 4 with 1 indicating highest interest.
- Indicate the month(s) in which you want to schedule your workshops (remember that Park Tree Inventories will occur in July/August).
- Tree Plan Coordinator Mason Wordell will be in touch to finalize details.
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<b>Neighborhood:</b>		<b>Phone:</b>		
<b>Tree Team Contact:</b>		<b>Email:</b>		
<b>Format</b>	<b>Workshop</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Rank</b>
<b>Walks and/or Talks</b>	Selecting and Promoting Diverse Tree Species			
	Tree Care and Maintenance			
	Exploring Heritage Trees			
	Tree History in My Neighborhood			
	Trees in My Neighborhood			
	Invasive Trees, Pests and Pathogens			
<b>Work Parties</b>	Tree Planting			
	Street Tree Pruning			
<b>Custom Workshop</b>	Park Tree Inventory			
	Neighborhood Arboretum Mapping			
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