



Improving Community Forests through Citizen Engagement



A community forest is every tree in every neighborhood, town, and city. The trees in your community are the silent providers of shade, energy saving, clean water, clean air, and strengthen the quality of life for you and your neighbors. Invasive pests, already present in this state, have the capacity to decimate nearly 30% of the trees in our urban and community forest, but with your help we can increase diversity throughout the state, making communities better prepared to combat the potential loss from pest and disease.

The City of Rochester has received a grant from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to get more trees planted, but they need your help watering, in small tree pruning, and monitoring their health.

In this two year project your community will have set planting events, where we will need a number of volunteers, just for the day, to help get trees planted, mulched, and watered.

You can also become a Tree Steward and get more involved by helping to maintain these newly planted trees and ensure they survive for generations to come. As a Tree Steward you'll learn how to prune, plant, and monitor the health of newly planted trees.

Rochester's upcoming events are:

Tree Steward Training July 23rd from 8a.m.-4p.m.

Tree Steward Training September 21st & 28th 5p.m.-9p.m.

Pruning Training September 29th 5p.m.-8p.m.

Tree Planting Event October 15th

These trainings will give you the knowledge and tools necessary to help your community ensure the survival of these newly planted trees.

**To get involved go to
[http://www.mntreesource.com/
rochester-mn.html](http://www.mntreesource.com/rochester-mn.html)**

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