



Urban Forestry Introduction

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Meet the Team

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- Supported by many others

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Purpose of the Course

WE ARE ALL HERE TO LEARN ABOUT URBAN FORESTRY OR URBAN TREE MANAGEMENT

- The goal is to train folks to...
 - Enable the completion of tree planting efforts in this program
 - Provide longevity of the effort through stewardship and tree care
 - Develop opportunities and access to the professionals and their professions that contribute to a living tree canopy in cities



Image from "Shade Trees in Towns and Cities"; W. Solotaroff estimated date of image 1910, making the tree planting 1875

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- Provide longevity of the effort through stewardship and tree care
 - By providing the community who cares
 - By developing the professional community that cares for the trees on a formal basis



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- Develop opportunities and access to the professionals and their professions that contribute to a living tree canopy in cities
- In so doing, we seek to provide a start on a career path for those taking the course



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Purpose of the Course

- For this first (and the second) go-around in the class, we are also training the future community leaders and trainers to take over the class moving into the future
- They'll be stepping forward and then taking over after the 4th offering of this set of classes.



Image Credit: LiveAbout.com

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Structure of Program & Team



Actions

- Community organization
- Tree planting
- Culture-care
- Monitoring
- Modelling



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Outcomes

- Vibrant vegetation and canopy
- In vibrant communities
- Resilient to the environments and competing structures that makeup Newark, NJ and the surrounding metropolitan areas.
- A community of professionals joining the broad communities supporting trees in urban NJ
 - Who happen to be really attractive and cool people



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Topics & Order of Presentation

WE HAVE ABOUT 44 HOURS TO COVER ALL THIS AND MORE

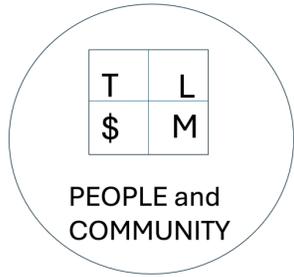
- How trees work and tree identification
- How site impacts tree success and tree selection
- Nursery production
- Urban Resource Inventory
- Planting trees and immediate care
- Pruning/training of young trees
- Safety training
- Maintenance/management on mature trees
- Business/ budgets/ contracts/ careers
- Wrap up
- Then you're into the field



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What is Needed

- Your time and attention
- An attitude of caring
- A community
- Knowing these are early first steps, this is not everything you ought to know to be successful
- We are going to be doing some pre-test/post-testing during the course on different topics to help us improve the program over time
 - Not graded, anonymous

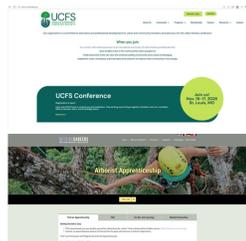


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Learning & Career Development

BEYOND THIS PROGRAM

- Job Training, Apprenticeship, Mentoring Programs in...
 - Arboriculture (ie. TCIA and Bartlett/ISA)
 - Nursery and Landscape Association
- Professional organization memberships (industry training and credentialling) and their annual conferences/educational events
 - TCIA
 - ISA (NJA-ISA)
 - Urban and Community Forestry Society(national/international and ISA)
 - NJNLA
 - NJ Shade Tree Federation



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What is Provided

- This class and its content
- The contacts and early network of this team, our commitment to you
- Introductions to professional organizations
- Membership into professional societies
- A local specific library for reference and further learning
- Communities waiting to welcome you



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The Team Players This Time Around

- TNC
- Communities
- Rutgers Team
- Visiting and contributing professionals
- And you!