

**THE NEW JERSEY COMMUNITY FORESTRY
TRAINING SKILLS & ACCREDITATION PROGRAM**

The **Training Skills and Accreditation Program** was established under the New Jersey Shade Tree and Community Forestry Assistance Act, which was passed on December 5, 1996.

In addition to establishing an official Community Forestry Council, the Act enables New Jersey's communities to reduce or eliminate their exposure to litigation due to the drastic decline and poor condition of the community tree resource. The basis for this protection is municipal or county participation in the state's training skills and accreditation program, and a state-approved Community Forestry Management Plan.

CORE TRAINING: ATTEND EITHER FRIDAY OR SATURDAY. ATTENDEES MUST STAY THE ENTIRE DAY TO RECEIVE CREDIT FOR THE CLASS. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.

**** PLEASE NOTE - THERE ARE NO CEU'S PROVIDED FOR CORE TRAINING. CORE IS A SEPARATE REQUIREMENT UNDER THE NJ SHADE TREE AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY ASSISTANCE ACT. ****

CORE training is designed to familiarize individuals with the background of community forestry and shade tree commissions, the legal aspects of managing trees and the recognition of hazardous tree situations; to enable individuals to help municipalities and counties gain approved municipal status. A fifth hour of CORE will include a discussion of tree inventory, planting and maintenance issues. Core training is for:

- *Persons participating in Shade Tree Commissions, local tree boards, or groups designated by the Mayor as the responsible party for community trees

- *Any municipal or county representative or employee charged with the mission of providing maintenance or stewardship to community trees

A **minimum** of two persons per municipality or county seeking accreditation under the Act must attend the CORE training.

- *One must be a municipal employee

- *One must be a commission member, board member or volunteer from the municipality

- *An elected official will satisfy either position

- *Great introduction for new Shade Tree Commission members

Completion of this CORE training program will satisfy one of the four requirements of municipalities and counties seeking Approved Status under the requirements of the N.J. Shade Tree and Community Forestry Assistance Act.

CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS:

Municipal or county Approved Status will continue past the initial year when individuals attend programs that offer Continuing Education Unit (CEU) credits. At least two individuals representing the municipality or county must accrue a combined total of eight CEU credits annually to maintain Approved Status for the municipality or county. Any individual, not just CORE trained people, can attain CEU's on behalf of the municipality or county. **There are no CEU credits provided for CORE training. CORE is a separate requirement under the N.J. Shade Tree and Community Forestry Assistance Act.**

Friday **and** Saturday attendance at the general session of the Shade Tree Federation conference offers a total of ten possible CEU credits for the two days or five CEU credits per day per person. This provides an excellent opportunity for municipalities and counties to fulfill their CEU requirements for this year.

For more information about the N.J. Shade Tree and Community Forestry Assistance Act, contact the New Jersey Community Forestry Program at 609-292-2532.

CORE Training is coordinated by the Committee for the Advancement of Arboriculture (CAA):
"Helping Hands for the Arboreal Community". Visit our website at CAANJ.org for
safety and tree care training opportunities.

CORE SESSION

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2015

- 8:30-9:05** COMMUNITY FORESTRY IN NEW JERSEY: Helping Your Community Achieve, Partners, and Grants
- 9:05-10:00** WHAT MAKES A TREE A TREE: Define a Tree, Beginners Guide to Tree Anatomy, How to Get and Plant a Tree
- 10:00-11:00** COFFEE BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS
Ocean Ballroom
- 11:00-12:00** COMMUNITY FORESTRY ASSISTANCE ACT: Basics of a Plan, CEU's, Approved Status, Annual Report
- 12:00-1:15** LUNCHEON WITH EXHIBITORS
Ocean Ballroom and Bally Room
- 1:15-2:30** LEGAL ISSUES IN COMMUNITY FORESTRY
- 2:30-3:00** BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS
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Ocean Ballroom
- 3:00-4:00** HAZARDOUS TREES: Why Trees Fail, Defects, Targets, How to Assess
- 4:00-5:00** ELEMENTS OF A COMMUNITY FORESTRY MANAGEMENT PLAN:
Inventory, iTree, How to Prune and Maintain, Storm Assessment

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2015

- 8:30-9:05** COMMUNITY FORESTRY IN NEW JERSEY: Helping Your Community Achieve, Partners, and Grants
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