



CITY OF FOREST GROVE  
COMMUNITY FORESTRY COMMISSION  
COMMUNITY AUDITORIUM CONFERENCE ROOM, 1915 MAIN STREET  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2013 - 5:30 P.M.

Councilor Thompson

Jen Warren, Chair  
Bruce Countryman  
Mark Nakajima

David Hunter, Vice Chair  
Lance Schamberger  
Dale Wiley, Secretary

All public meetings are open to the public and all persons are permitted to attend any meetings except as otherwise provided by ORS 192:

→ Citizen Communications – Anyone wishing to speak on an issue not on the agenda should sign in for Citizen Communications prior to the meeting. The presiding officer will call the individual or group by the name given on the sign in form. Each person must state his or her name and give an address for the record.

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## A G E N D A

**Call to Order and Approval of Meeting Minutes:** October 16, 2013

**Citizen Communication.** Anyone wishing to speak on an item not on the agenda may be heard at this time. In the interest of time, please limit comments to three minutes or less.

### Old Business:

### New Business

- (1) Tree City USA Application (Attached)
- (2) Oregon Community Trees Arbor Day Celebration Grant Opportunity (Attached)
- (3) 2014 Planning Retreat Ideas

### Project Reports:

- (1) Oak Wood Project – Bruce
- (2) Event Display Board - Jen
- (3) Commemorative Tree Project/Brochure - Mark
- (4) Urban Forest Management Plan – David, Lance, Bruce
- (5) Bare Root Recommendations – Lance, Dale, David
- (6) Tree Planting Standards – David
- (7) Sustainability Commission Update – Bruce

### Member Updates

### Announce Next Meeting and Adjourn

**December 18, 2013**

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# Tree City USA



TREE CITY USA

## 2013 Application for Certification

The Tree City USA award is in recognition of work completed by the community during the 2013 calendar year.

### As Mayor or Equivalent of the Community of Forest Grove

I herewith make application for this community to be officially certified/recertified as a Tree City USA for 2013, having achieved the standards set forth by the Arbor Day Foundation as noted below.

**Standard 1: A Tree Board or Department**

Community has a Tree Board only

Tree Board Chair

Jen Warren Tree Board Chairperson 503-992-3226 driordan@forestgrove-or.gov

**Standard 2: A Community Tree Ordinance**

✓ Our community ordinance is on record

**Standard 3: A Community Forestry Program with an Annual Budget of at Least \$2 Per Capita**

Total Community Forestry Expenditures	\$205424.18
Community Population	21720
Per Capita Spending	\$9.46

**Standard 4: An Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation**

✓ Official Arbor Day proclamation is on record

Mayor or Equivalent Signature

MAYOR

Title

4 NOV 2013

Date

### Application Certification

To Be Completed By The State Forester:

#### Forest Grove

The above named community has made formal application to this office. I am pleased to advise you that we reviewed the application and have concluded that, based on the information contained herein, said community is eligible to be certified as a Tree City USA community, for the 2013 calendar year, having in my opinion met the four standards required for recognition.

State Forester Signature

Title

Date



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Forest Grove

# 2013 APPLICATION INFORMATION

**Status : In Progress**

**Community Name:** Forest Grove

**Community Website:** [www.forestgrove-or.gov](http://www.forestgrove-or.gov)

**Mayor or Equivalent:**

Peter Truax  
PO Box 326  
Forest Grove , OR 97116

**City Forestry Contact:**

Daniel Riordan  
PO Box 326  
Forest Grove, OR 97116  
(503) 992-3226  
[driordan@forestgrove-or.gov](mailto:driordan@forestgrove-or.gov)

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Forest Grove, OR 97116  
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## *Standard 1 - A Tree Board or Department*

**Community Type:** Community has a Tree Board only

**Frequency of Meetings:** Monthly

**Chairperson:**

Jen Warren  
PO Box 326  
Forest Grove, OR 97116

**Tree Board Members:**

Bruce Countryman  
David Hunter  
Jen Warren  
Dale Wiley  
Ronald Thompson  
Steve Huffman  
Lance Schamberger  
Mark Nakajima

**Dept. Chair/City Manager:**

## *Standard 2 - A Community Tree Ordinance*

**Date ordinance established:** 3/1/2009

**Ordinance verified:** Ordinance has been verified

## *Standard 3 - A Community Forestry Program with an Annual Budget of at least \$2 Per Capita*

**Community population:** 21720

**Tree Planting and Initial Care:** \$25,250.00

**Tree Maintenance:** \$46,000.00

**Tree Removals:** \$0.00

**Management:** \$3,755.00

**Utility Line Clearance:** \$127,000.00

**Volunteer Time:** \$2,094.18

**Other:** \$1,325.00

**Other description:** Register Tree Inspections

**Total community forestry expenditure:** \$205,424.18

**Per Capita:** \$9.46

**Trees Planted:** 145

**Trees Pruned:** 1500

**Trees Removed:** 0

## *Standard 4 - An Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation*

**Date observance was held:** 4/8/2013

Proclamation and Supplemental Documentation have been uploaded.

## *Signature Form*

Signature form has not been uploaded/received

# STREET TREE FUND

## DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

The City's Development Code requires all subdivisions and partitions to install street trees. To prevent trees from being damaged, street trees are not installed until construction is completed. As a result, each development is assessed for the cost of acquisition, installation and one year of maintenance for the street trees required for a project. The Street Tree Fund is the collection of these assessments.

## BUDGET DETAIL

FY 12-13 Revenues							
Street Tree Fund							
Fund & Dept & Division: 212-31-60							
2009-10	2010-11	2011-12			2012-13	2012-13	2012-13
Actual	Actual	Budgeted	Account	Resource Allocation	Proposed	Approved	Adopted
				LICENSES, PERMITS, FEES			
18,896	41,458	44,100	450140	Tree Planting Fees	47,600	47,600	47,600
18,896	41,458	44,100		TOTAL LICENSES, PERMITS, FEES	47,600	47,600	47,600
				MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE			
938	336	250	470105	Interest	250	250	250
370	-163	0	472025	Tree Compensation Revenue	0		
1,308	173	250		TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	250	250	250
				FUND BALANCE AVAILABLE			
79,896	74,318	87,145	495005	Fund Bal Avail For Approp.	97,150	97,150	97,150
79,896	74,318	87,145		TOTAL AVAILABLE	97,150	97,150	97,150
100,100	115,949	131,495		TOTAL STREET TREE RESOURCES	145,000	145,000	145,000

FY 12-13 Expenditures							
Street Tree Fund							
Fund & Dept & Division: 212-31-60							
2009-10	2010-11	2011-12			2012-13	2012-13	2012-13
Actual	Actual	Budgeted	Account	Title	Proposed	Approved	Adopted
				MATERIALS & SERVICES			
0	2,050	0	520273	Citywide Tree Purchases	0		
25,781	25,849	131,495	520290	Street Tree Planting	145,000	145,000	145,000
25,781	27,899	131,495		TOTAL MATERIALS & SERVICES	145,000	145,000	145,000
25,781	27,899	131,495		TOTAL STREET TREE EXPENDITURES	145,000	145,000	145,000

STREET TREE FUND

**PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS**

	<u>Appropriated</u> <u>FY 10-11</u>	<u>Appropriated</u> <u>FY 11-12</u>	<u>Proposed</u> <u>FY 11-12</u>
Director	1.00	1.00	1.00
Operations Superintendent	1.00	1.00	1.00
Engineering Manager	1.00	1.00	1.00
Administrative Assistant	1.00	1.00	1.00
Administrative Specialist II	0.75	1.00	1.00
Working Foreman	2.00	2.00	2.00
Meter Relay Foreman	1.00	0.00	0.00
Meterman	1.00	2.00	0.00
Lead Meter Relay Technician			1.00
Lead Substation Meter/Relay Technician			1.00
Lineman	7.00	7.00	7.00
Apprentice Lineman	1.00	1.00	0.00
Apprentice Meterman	1.00	0.00	0.00
Journeyman Tree-Trimmer	2.00	2.00	2.00
Temp System Engineer			1.00
Project Engineer	1.00	1.00	1.00
Engineering Tech	1.00	1.00	1.00
Meter Reader	1.32	1.32	1.32
Senior Utility Worker	2.00	2.00	2.00
Economic Dev. Coordinator	0.50	1.00	1.00
Economic Dev Intern		0.20	0.20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25.57</b>	<b>25.52</b>	<b>25.52</b>

**LIGHT AND POWER**

Range Classification	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>Police Association - Effective July 1, 2011</b>						
<b>Monthly Rate</b>						
Police Records Specialist	2,995	3,114	3,240	3,369	3,503	3,644
Community Service Officer	3,183	3,325	3,471	3,630	3,794	3,967
Evidence Tech	3,402	3,538	3,679	3,827	3,980	4,141
Police Officer	4,224	4,502	4,704	4,964	5,187	5,471
Sergeant	5,232	5,492	5,768	6,056	6,359	6,676

<b>IBEW, Local No. 125 - Effective July 1, 2012</b>							
<b>HOURLY RATE</b>							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Meter Reader	17.61	20.86	24.59				
IBEW Mechanic	21.03	22.31	23.59	24.61	25.47	26.31	
Senior Utility Worker	22.20	25.03	27.84				
Apprentice Lineman	26.28	28.30	29.51	30.73	32.34	33.96	36.39
Journeyman Tree Trimmer	32.33	(flat rate)					
Journeyman Tree Trimmer Foren	36.39						
Journeyman Lineman	40.43	(flat rate)					
Journeyman Meterman							
Lead Meter Relay Tech	43.26						
Lead Substation Relay Tech	43.26						
Working Foreman	44.47	(flat rate)					
Meterman Foreman							
Meter Relay Foreman	45.69	(flat rate)					
Line Foreman	46.49	(flat rate)					

COMPENSATION PLAN

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A review of this fund revealed that administrative charges have not been transferred appropriately for the past 14 years. The retroactive administrative charges of \$101,650 will be transferred to the Major Maintenance Fund, and the on-going charges of \$6,750 will be transferred to the General Fund.

## BUDGET DETAIL

<b>FY 13-14 Revenues</b>							
<b>Street Tree Fund</b>							
<b>Fund &amp; Dept &amp; Division: 212-31-60</b>							
2010-11	2011-12	2012-13			2013-14	2013-14	2013-14
Actual	Actual	Budgeted	Account	Resource Allocation	Proposed	Approved	Adopted
				<b>LICENSES, PERMITS, FEES</b>			
41,458	44,570	47,600	450140	Tree Planting Fees	51,000	51,000	51,000
41,458	44,570	47,600		<b>TOTAL LICENSES, PERMITS, FEES</b>	51,000	51,000	51,000
				<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE</b>			
336	380	250	470105	Interest	500	500	500
-163	0	0	472025	Tree Compensation Revenue	0		
173	380	250		<b>TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE</b>	500	500	500
				<b>FUND BALANCE AVAILABLE</b>			
74,318	88,050	97,150	495005	Fund Bal Avail For Approp.	129,500	129,500	129,500
74,318	88,050	97,150		<b>TOTAL AVAILABLE</b>	129,500	129,500	129,500
<b>115,949</b>	<b>133,000</b>	<b>145,000</b>		<b>TOTAL STREET TREE RESOURCES</b>	<b>181,000</b>	<b>181,000</b>	<b>181,000</b>

<b>FY 13-14 Expenditures</b>							
<b>Street Tree Fund</b>							
<b>Fund &amp; Dept &amp; Division: 212-31-60</b>							
2010-11	2011-12	2012-13			2013-14	2013-14	2013-14
Actual	Actual	Budgeted	Account	Title	Proposed	Approved	Adopted
				<b>MATERIALS &amp; SERVICES</b>			
25,781	28,343	131,495	520290	Street Tree Planting	181,000	72,600	72,600
25,781	28,343	131,495		<b>TOTAL MATERIALS &amp; SERVICES</b>	181,000	72,600	72,600
				<b>TRANSFERS</b>			
			570103	Transfer to General Fund	0	6,750	6,750
			570127	Transfer To Other Funds	0	101,650	101,650
				<b>TOTAL TRANSFERS</b>	0	108,400	108,400
<b>25,781</b>	<b>28,343</b>	<b>131,495</b>		<b>TOTAL STREET TREE EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>181,000</b>	<b>181,000</b>	<b>181,000</b>

## Oregon Arbor Week Grants



### What We Do

The mission of Oregon Community Trees (OCT) is to promote healthy urban and community forests through leadership, education, awareness, and advocacy. We assist community groups, local governments and schools with our expertise to promote urban and community forestry, an often overlooked and very valuable resource that cost-effectively protects every Oregonian's quality of life.

### Eligibility

Oregon Community Trees is offering grants of up to \$500 each to at least four Tree City USA communities to enhance Oregon Arbor Week celebrations in April.

### Why Tree Cities?

The Tree City certification requires an annual recertification effort and OCT would like to support the cities in these efforts.

### Schedule/Deadlines

Nov 4	Notice of grants and applications sent out
Jan 10	Applications due
Jan 31	Applications reviewed/selection made
Feb 7	All applicants notified of decision and Grant Agreement sent to grantees
Feb 21	Grant Agreement due back to OCT
Feb 28	Disburse funds
April 6 – 12	Oregon Arbor Week
Mar 15	Reminder to communities that have not returned signed agreement
May 20	Grantees provide photos or video to OCT



Electronic submissions of the pdf form are preferred. Responses may also be provided in the body of an email or a Word document. Please number responses 1-15 to match the application form. Grantees must provide OCT with documentation of how funds were spent with digital photographs or videos of the activity - preferably with people using, enjoying or participating in the celebration. These images and information provided on this application will be used to promote the winners' Tree City USA as well as the grant program on our website and at our annual conference. Permission for OCT to use the material in this way shall be automatically granted on acceptance of the award, and it shall be the organization's responsibility to obtain any necessary permission when taking the required photographs or videos.

### Use of Funds

All funds are to be used to celebrate Oregon Arbor Week in your community. Funds can be used for a one-time use or event or to purchase items that can be used for celebrations again and again. Some ideas for the using the grant include:

- To support a community tree planting activity.
- To support a school tree planting activity with children.
- To purchase and plant trees.
- To purchase tree-related books for the local library.
- To create a portable, hands-on activity station.
- To create banners or other signage.
- To purchase a reusable canopy for outdoor events.

- To purchase tree planting tools.
- To create an award or plaque for citizens or volunteers.
- To purchase t-shirts, hats, vests or other supplies for volunteers.
- To support a guest speaker, community training event, or produce creative community outreach materials.
- To purchase prizes for local poster or writing contest.



Please acknowledge Oregon Community Trees at your event, by announcing and/or printing: **This project is supported with funding from Oregon Community Trees.** We

also ask that the OCT logo be displayed if your project includes printed materials or a website.

**Criteria to be used in evaluating proposals**

Preference will be given to proposals that meet the following criteria:

- Cost effective
- Education and/or outreach is incorporated to raise awareness and build support for community trees.
- Interdisciplinary approach that incorporates elements of creativity as well as science
- Events or materials placed in a prominent place that the community sees or visits regularly
- Communities that received the award in 2013 are not eligible this year

**Contact information to send application or questions**

Contact Maria Cahill, Board Member, Oregon Community Trees, 503-334-8634 [octgrants@gmail.com](mailto:octgrants@gmail.com)

**Oregon Arbor Week Grant Application**

1. Tree City USA: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Project Coordinator, Name: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Project Coordinator, Email: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Project Coordinator, Phone: \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_
5. Are you a:  city staff person     tree board member     community civic org volunteer  
 non-affiliated volunteer     teacher     other: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Signing Authority for Grant Agreement, Name: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Signing Authority for Grant Agreement, Email: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Signing Authority Grant Agreement, Phone: \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_
9. Grant Amount Desired (up to \$500 per Tree City USA): \$ \_\_\_\_\_
10. Describe your proposed project.



11. How will the funds be used cost-effectively?

12. How will this project benefit your community's Arbor Day recognition/celebration?

13. What key groups or partners have committed to working on this project with you?

14. Any other information you would like to add, such as how this event fits into your urban forestry program, whether you anticipate attracting new participants who are not usually involved in urban forestry, how this grant would impact your existing budget, etc.

15. Please confirm that your organization and/or the project coordinator agrees that any photos or materials supplied by the grantee may be used by Oregon Community Trees on its Facebook page, web page, at the conference or in any other print or electronic capacity deemed helpful to promote your program or event, our grant, the value of trees, and the achievements of Oregon's Tree City USA members. It is the responsibility of the photographer or videographer to solicit permissions at the time of recording.

I agree       I do not agree



Dr. Brian Kane addresses over 70 urban forestry professionals on "Tree Biomechanics" at the 2013 OSU Arboriculture Short Course held in September.

# Community Tree Connections

*Connecting people with resources to help improve their Community Forests*

The Newsletter of the Oregon Department of Forestry  
Urban and Community Forestry Program

Number 72

[www.odf.state.or.us](http://www.odf.state.or.us)

November 2013



## CALENDAR OF COMMUNITY FORESTRY EVENTS

**November 5-7, 2013**

**2013 Society of Municipal Arborists (SMA) Conference LiveCast** - Can't travel to Pittsburgh for this year's SMA conference? SMA wants to allow all urban forestry professionals the opportunity to attend the 2013 SMA Conference, being held November 5-7th, by offering a virtual LiveCast experience. LiveCast allows participants to join the conference virtually through a live webcast and ask questions to speakers and attendees for a reduced cost of the actual conference. Access to the full presentation will be available for one year. More information at: [www.urban-forestry.com/assets/documents/2013-sma-conference-livecast-info.pdf](http://www.urban-forestry.com/assets/documents/2013-sma-conference-livecast-info.pdf).

**November 14, 2013**

**ODF Pruning Brown-Bag Seminar, Lincoln City, OR**

Bring your lunch and learn new perspectives on pruning practices. To register for this free seminar, contact Kristin Ramstad at [kramstad@odf.state.or.us](mailto:kramstad@odf.state.or.us).

**December 1, 2013**

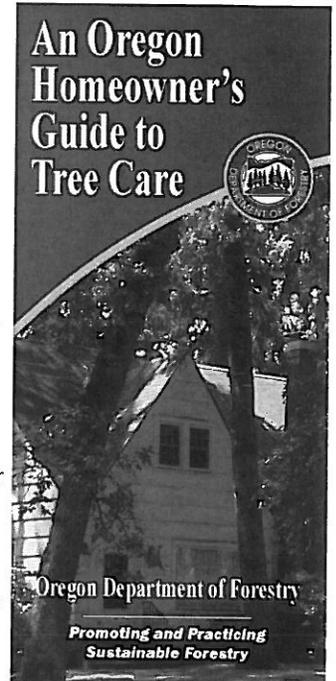
**Application Deadline for the 2014 Municipal Forestry Institute**, being held February 24-28, 2014 in Nebraska City, NE. Details at: [www.urban-forestry.com](http://www.urban-forestry.com).

**December 16, 2013**

**Recertification Deadline for Tree City USA and TreeLine USA.** The online recertification process is now available. If your city is applying for Tree City status for the first time, contact Kristin Ramstad at [kramstad@odf.state.or.us](mailto:kramstad@odf.state.or.us)

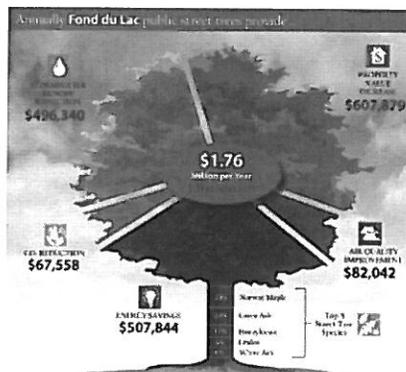
## An Oregon Homeowner's Guide to Tree Care - Newly Revised and Ready For Your City To Help Distribute

ODF is pleased to announce that one of its most popular publications, An Oregon Homeowner's Guide to Tree Care, has been newly revised and reprinted. Now in its third version, over 100,000 copies of this publication have been distributed in the last 20 years. The brochure covers a wide range of tree care topics of interest to homeowners, including the right way to plant a tree, proper pruning, proper tree care practices, and how to hire an arborist. The content of this publication is aimed at a general audience that wants to know about how to properly plant and care for trees in their yard. Many cities have distributed the previous version of this brochure at their planning department permit desk, in nature centers or community centers, or in other office spaces where information is available to the public. A few cities have even included copies of the publication with their utility bills. If your city would like to acquire a FREE quantity of this publication for distribution, they are available in lots of 100 brochures each. Please contact Becky Christensen at [bchristensen@odf.state.or.us](mailto:bchristensen@odf.state.or.us) with your request. Include the quantity requested and a shipping address.



## What's a Tree Worth? Ask i-Tree!

Now in its fifth iteration, i-Tree is a free tool developed by the U.S. Forest Service and the Davey Tree Expert Company that is designed to assess the value of trees in hard cash. With so many states and localities pruning money from parks and tree planting programs to balance budgets, i-Tree helps public officials put a monetary value on the benefits of growing them. i-Tree works by calculating the "leaf surface area" of a city and assigning the canopy an economic value. The value comes from the environmental services trees provide, such as how much carbon is stored; the effect on building heating and cooling costs; and trees' effect on hydrology. i-Tree can even link with Google Maps to provide users of the effects a tree would have if planted in a specific place. If your community is looking for ways to strengthen their urban forest management programs or advocate for current or future efforts, consider quantifying the services trees provide by using i-Tree. Visit [www.itreetools.org/index.php](http://www.itreetools.org/index.php) for more information on i-Tree. For additional advice on quantifying the benefits of trees, contact your ODF Community Assistance Forester.



## COMMUNITY FORESTRY AROUND OREGON

**Echo Named America In Bloom (AIB) Program Champion** - In September, Echo, OR was named AIB champion for cities with a population under 4,000. The AIB program recognizes cities that promote beautification through education and community involvement by encouraging the use of plants, trees, and other environmental and lifestyle enhancements in their community. This award has moved Echo into the "Circle of Champions" rank as they have now received three awards from AIB. Congratulations Echo on your award! For more information about AIB, visit: [www.americainbloom.org/](http://www.americainbloom.org/).

**Portland Parking Lot Project Keeps Runoff from Streams** - With the rainy season upon us, at least one parking lot will be equipped to process rainwater runoff in an environmentally sensitive manner. The Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District and Tualatin Riverkeepers have partnered to create a porous-pavement parking lot interspersed with runoff-absorbing native plants at the Sunset Swim Center in Portland. As a result of the project, they estimate that more than 650,000 gallons of rain fall will be intercepted and kept out of local waterways each year. For more information about the project visit: [www.tualatinriverkeepers.org/](http://www.tualatinriverkeepers.org/).

## COMMUNITY TREE CONNECTIONS

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### Resources You Can Use

Here are some urban forestry items of interest that can help you manage your community forest:

- Technical Aspects of Tree Appraisal Online Course** - Tree appraisals play an important role in tree inventories, real-estate transactions, plant condemnation actions, insurance claims, and more. But, what exactly is involved in establishing a correct appraisal? The American Society of Consulting Arborists (ASCA) is now offering an in-depth 4-part online course that explores the technical aspects of replacement cost and trunk formula methods—size, species, condition, and location—providing you with the tools to perform any appraisal with confidence. Up to 4 CEUs are available for this 4-part online series. To register, visit: [www.eo2.com/partners.com/users/ascanew/session.php?id=11186](http://www.eo2.com/partners.com/users/ascanew/session.php?id=11186).
- OpenTreeMap Released October 2013** - Increasingly, organizations are building tree maps and helping community members get involved in gathering tree data and exploring the impact of those trees. OpenTreeMap is a unique subscription-based collaborative platform that combines a suite of tools for data collection, condition assessment, ecosystem benefits calculations, and public engagement. Now, all this is made possible from the cloud. To sign up and start your urban forest map or for more information visit: [opentreemap.org/](http://opentreemap.org/).



### Visit the NEW ODF Urban and Community Forestry Website!

The ODF UCF web page has received a makeover! Visit our redesigned page and keep up on the latest urban and community forestry information from the **Oregon Department of Forestry** at:

[www.oregon.gov/odf/urbanforests/Pages/index.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/odf/urbanforests/Pages/index.aspx)

### ACTrees Launches Community Groves<sup>SM</sup> Program

The Alliance for Community Trees has launched Community Groves<sup>SM</sup>, a program to improve the health and livability of neighborhoods through planting, maintaining, and harvesting fruit and nut trees. With over 90% of Americans living in urban areas, many have limited access to fresh, healthful food. The Community Groves<sup>SM</sup> program provides tools and resources for bringing the benefits of fruit and nut trees to any neighborhood. Check out the Guidebook at: [www.actrees.org/what-we-do/community-groves/community-groves-guidebook/](http://www.actrees.org/what-we-do/community-groves/community-groves-guidebook/).



### OSU To Offer Online Urban Forestry Courses During Winter Quarter 2014 - Including A New Graduate Level Urban Forestry Course

Oregon State University is offering an new online advanced urban forestry course for graduate credit. FOR/HORT 455/555 *Urban Forest Planning Policy and Management* covers many important aspects of urban forestry, including green infrastructure, urban tree risk management, ecosystem services, low impact development, and many others. The new 555 designation is in response to graduate students seeking additional coursework in the field, but is also open to any urban foresters interested in expanding their knowledge of the topic. It will be offered online during Winter Quarter 2014 (January to March). FOR/HORT 350 Urban Forestry, an introductory course, is also taught online Winter Quarter. These two online courses are a great way for people who work in the natural resources field to become more familiar with urban forestry without having to travel to OSU's campus in Corvallis to take a course. More information, including a sample course syllabus, is available at: <http://ecampus.oregonstate.edu>.

