

Help Tree Harrisburg-- Become a Trained “Tree Tender”

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Want to see Harrisburg become a healthier, greener city? Willing to pitch in and help plant and care for young trees? Become a Tree Tender!

The eight-hour Tree Tender course empowers citizens to play an active role in restoring and caring for tree canopy in their communities. Subjects covered include the benefits of trees, tree identification, tree biology, planting, pruning, and how to organize a tree planting event. After completing the training, Tree Tenders help plant and care for trees, and eventually lead tree planting events in their communities.

This May, through a grant, the TreeVitalize program is offering Tree Tenders training to a limited number of participants from five communities, including Harrisburg. If interested, please complete the brief application form here: <https://forms.gle/ykAjB7r5T3heB9m39>, indicating why you are interested in attending and how you'll use the information. While there is normally a charge of \$35/person, there will be no charge for those who attend this course.

The course involves four live online sessions plus two pre-recorded sessions. The live sessions will be held twice each Tuesday in May— participants can attend either from 12:00-1:30 p.m. or from 6:00-7:30 p.m. While participation from home is possible, Harrisburg participants are encouraged to join the City Forester and experienced Tree Tenders during the evening sessions at a protected, socially-distanced outdoor setting at 901 N 12th St. Refreshments will be served and a hands-on optional field activity to supplement the online training will be offered. Events planned to engage Harrisburg Tree Tenders once the training is complete will be discussed.

If you'd like to attend the Tree Tenders training, complete the form at <https://forms.gle/ykAjB7r5T3heB9m39> . Only a limited number of slots are available. For questions, contact citytree@harrisburgpa.gov or (717) 255-3003.



Tree Tenders gathered to care for newly planted trees at Reservoir Park