



TREE AMBASSADOR POSITION DESCRIPTION

Seattle's urban forest needs your help! Seattle has a goal to reach 30% canopy cover by 2037, growing from our current 23%. To meet that goal, we need to plant and care for 200,000 net new trees in residential areas; residential areas make up 67% of Seattle. To help meet this goal, we are recruiting Tree Ambassadors who can serve as local neighborhood advocates for our urban trees.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Tree Ambassador program empowers residents to become stewards of the urban forest and serve as resources for their local community. Tree Ambassadors will be trained in the basics of urban forestry, leadership and community organizing. As a Tree Ambassador, you will work in neighborhoods teams of 2-4 people to develop projects which could include tree walks, invasive species removal workdays, and/or tree plantings. No previous tree experience necessary, only a desire to learn and a passion for urban greenery.

Tree Ambassador is a project of the Green Seattle Partnership, a collaboration between the City of Seattle and Forterra. Program work is funded in part by a grant from the U.S. Forest Service's Urban and Community Forestry program.

COMMITMENT:

5-10 hours / month after initial training sessions
Volunteers commit to serving as a Tree Ambassador for two years

SPECIFIC DUTIES:

- Attend evening training workshops on 5/17, 5/24, 5/31, 6/14, and 6/28. Attend Saturday morning field trips on 6/9 and 6/23. Attend one additional training per year
- Coordinate and lead at least 2 volunteer residential urban forest events and activities in your neighborhood
- Manage event and material needs
- Work with staff and volunteers to create a neighborhood Tree Walk
- Serve as a resource to answer neighbors' questions on urban trees

BENEFITS:

- Skill development
- Opportunity to plant trees and improve the urban forest in your neighborhood
- Connect with others interested in urban greening and learn more about Seattle's urban forestry efforts
- Professional technical support from staff to implement neighborhood plans
- Access to tools and resources such as free trees and mulch

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Strong communication and event planning skills
- Ability to maintain a positive working relationship with others
- Experience coordinating and leading volunteer events
- No tree knowledge necessary; only a desire to learn and a passion for trees
- Tree Ambassadors must live in Seattle

QUESTIONS?:

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