

TreeKeepers Program 2014



The TreeKeepers program includes several levels and types of classes. They range from the purely educational to those involving hands-on training that will help citizens care for their trees and environment.

Some of the hands-on training will allow citizens to perform work on public trees that requires a permit by City code; these classes will have a "test of competency" that will certify citizens to perform the work on public trees--provided the work is performed by volunteers and they keep their feet on the ground (i.e., no money changes hands and no climbing is involved). Testing is to establish that the participant understands best practices and perform the required tasks. In addition to the classroom and outdoor workshops, there are lectures and educational events offered to TreeKeepers and the general public throughout the year.

The TreeKeepers program is designed to take on the road offering tree stewardship to communities where there is sufficient interest in tree care and planting. Our goal is to train a diverse group of volunteers representing many communities (neighborhoods, schools, churches, companies, etc.) in Baltimore. **A mobile TreeKeepers can bring classes to your community; especially where the need for environmental education is greatest. Let us know if you want to host!**

102 – Science of Trees
Saturday, March 14, 2015
9:00 a.m. – 12 noon

Welcome.....Amanda Cunningham, Baltimore Tree Trust

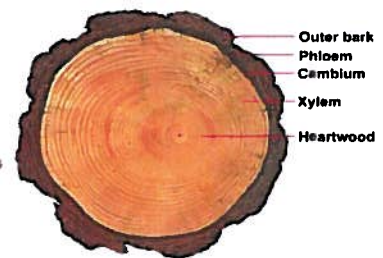
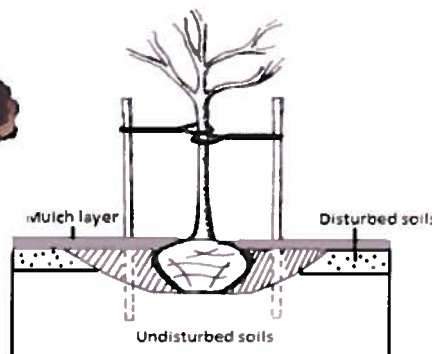
Tree Biology, How Trees Grow.....Erik Dihle, Forestry Division

Basic Soil Science.....Quin Holifield, Ph.D., USDA Forest Service

Tree Selection, Planting, and Maintenance.....Charlie Murphy, TreeBaltimore

Emerald Ash Borer..... Gary Letteron, Forestry Division

Street Tree Planting Demo



Who we are:

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Amanda Cunningham is the Executive Director of the Baltimore Tree Trust. She is an ISA Certified Arborist and Tree Risk Assessor and a volunteer on the City Forestry Board. Amanda is a city native and has managed urban forestry programs, co-owned a landscape contracting firm, and lasted for six years doing the corporate thing. She has been an active volunteer Master Gardener for 18 years. Her favorite trees include white fringe, sweet gum, and white oak.

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Erik Dihle is the City Arborist for Baltimore and is Chief of the Urban Forestry Division, Department of Recreation and Parks. His jurisdiction includes all public trees and plantings throughout the city's streets and parks, and also the TreeBaltimore planting program. Erik was for many years the Director of Horticulture and Arboriculture for Arlington National Cemetery, and previously ran a nationwide variety testing program for the USDA at a number of universities. He was raised in California and received his education in botany and plant genetics at the University of California, Davis.

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Quintaniay Holifield, Ph.D., is the quintessential environmental educator. A Soil Scientist for the USDA Forest Service Northern Research Station, she currently works out of the Baltimore Field Station at the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC). She is also an adjunct professor of soil sciences at UMBC. Quin studied the natural sciences at Alabama A&M University (Normal, AL) where she completed her undergraduate work in Zoology and Chemistry and her master's degree in Plant & Soil Science. Quin achieved her doctorate in Forest Resource Management at the State University of New York, College of Environmental Science & Forestry (Syracuse, NY), with a concentration in Forest Soil Chemistry. She has worked with the Baltimore Ecosystem Study Long-Term Ecological Research Project since 2004, publishing several studies relating to soils and carbon sequestration. Quin also serves as a SEEDS Advisory Board Member with the Ecological Society of America and contributes her expertise to Project B.L.U.E., an environmental education program of the Parks and People Foundation. gholifield@fs.fed.us 443-820-8913

Charlie Murphy is the Operations Manager for TreeBaltimore and has worked in the city Parks Department for five years. He grew up in Baltimore and graduated with a degree in Forest Resource Management from West Virginia University. Charlie's other passion, besides trees, is to grab his 45lb backpack and explore what's left of the wild places all over the world. Charles.Murphy@baltimorecity.gov 410-396-6109

Gary Letteron is an ISA Certified Arborist, Maryland Tree Expert and works as an Urban Forester with the City's Forestry Division. Gary most recently worked for 8 years in the City's Department of Planning. Gary completed a fellowship with the Open Society Institute in 2001 and has two degrees in Environment Planning. Gary has over 20 years experience in urban forestry and is the original "Tree Man of Baltimore" – a legend in his own mind, a rumor in his own time. An avid bicyclist, Gary lives in Harwood. GLetteron@baltimorecity.gov 410-396-6109

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Upcoming Tree Pruning & Planting Opportunities toward Certification

Baltimore Tree Trust

Volunteer Community Street Tree Plantings

Old Goucher in Central Baltimore

Sat., 4/11 – 9:00 am – 1:00 pm Old Goucher neighborhood

Sat., 5/9 – 9:00 am – 1:00 pm Old Goucher neighborhood

Sat., 5/23 – 9:00 am – 1:00 pm Federal Hill Park

Please register at baltimoretreetrust.org. Contact Amanda Cunningham, Director of Programs, at amanda@baltimoretreetrust.org, 443-827-4201.

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Blue Water Baltimore

Volunteer Tree Plantings - All plantings 9am-12pm.

Sat., 3/21: Herring Run Park, 4500 Parkside Dr, Baltimore MD 21206

Sat., 3/28: Gwynns Falls Park, 2527 Cedar Dr, Baltimore MD 21207

Sat., 4/4: Moores Run Park, 5506 Frankford Estates Dr, Baltimore MD 21206

Sat., 4/18: Frederick Douglass HS, 2111 Windsor Ave, Baltimore MD 21217

Sat., 4/25: Chinguapin Run Park, 5715 Chinguapin Pkwy, Baltimore MD 21212

Sat., 5/2: Bocek Park, 3025 E Madison St, Baltimore MD 21205

Sat., 5/9: Gwynns Falls Park at Gwynndale Ave, 5400 Gwynndale Ave, Gwynn Oak MD 21207

Sat., 5/16: Essex Farms Park, 1504 Jeffers Rd, Towson MD 21204

To register for any of these events, please visit bluewaterbaltimore.org. Other questions? Contact Katie Dix, Volunteer Coordinator, at volunteer@bluewaterbaltimore.org.

Friends of Herring Run

Tree Planting for Erosion Control

Sat., April 18: Meet at College Ave and Woodsdale Ave. Contact Patty at fhrrp@gmail.com for more info.

Mount Vernon Belvedere Assn Street Tree Events

For more information email trees@mvba.org.

Parks & People

Community Street Tree Plantings

community – All plantings 9 am – 1pm

Sat., April 4: Gilmore Street planting. Meet at the YO! Baltimore Center, 1506 W. Lafayette Ave.

Sat., April 11: Lower Gwynns Falls (Wilkins Ave & Hurley Ave). Meet at basketball court by 460 Font Hill Ave.

Sat., 4/18: New South West/Mount Clare. Meet at the Wilkins Ave Mennonite Church, 1616 Wilkins Ave.

Sat., 4/25: New South West/Mount Clare. Meet at the Wilkins Ave Mennonite Church, 1616 Wilkins Ave.

Sat., 5/2: Middle Branch Park. Meet at 3301 Waterview Ave.

Tools and water provided. Church has small parking lot and there are restroom facilities. RSVP to kelly.macbride-gill@parksandpeople.org, 448-5663 ext 111. Other questions? Contact Kliffi.blackstone@parksandpeople.org, Community Forestry Project Organizer

IMPORTANT

All dates subject to change due to weather conditions. Additions to this list will be emailed to TreeKeepers.

Please register in advance for each event and keep in touch with the Contact.

On day of event, please let your Contact know you are a TreeKeeper-in-Training!



Video Contest 2015



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WINNERS!

\$7,000
\$500
\$250

Baltimore Tree Trust
Transforming Baltimore with trees

Baltimore Tree Trust invites **YOU** to film, edit and submit a 1-2 minute video, about the importance of trees in the city and rally people to participate in **TreeKeepers**

Submission Begins: March 16, 2015

How do **YOU** celebrate trees?.....
Go to baltimoretreetrust.org to review contest rules & get started TODAY!
Contact Info: kashawna@baltimoretreetrust.org
Submission Deadline: June 1, 2015



Tree Give-Away

Pick up a free tree at Eddie's in Roland Park.

Sunday, April 19th

Register to help at treebaltimore.org