



Roanoke Tree Stewards

Free Class Starts in January 2009

Roanoke is offering a Tree Steward class designed to train volunteers to care for trees and teach others about the urban forest.

Volunteer Tree Stewards prune trees, plant new trees in parks and public areas, conduct tree inventories, plan Arbor Day events, and educate homeowners.

The Tree Steward course begins with 30 hours of combined classroom and hands-on training. An additional 30 hours of volunteer work will be required to complete the class.

The Tree Steward class gives practical information on trees, how they grow, soil and root systems, planting and maintenance, tree selection and identification, insect and disease problems, and pruning.

Roanoke City is able to offer the class at no cost due to a grant from the Urban and Community Forestry Program of the USDA Forest Service and the Virginia Department of Forestry.

The class starts in January 2009. It includes weeknight sessions and several Saturdays of field work. The schedule will be announced soon.



To sign up or ask questions, contact Helen Smythers, Urban Forestry Planner, Roanoke Department of Parks and Recreation, at helen.smythers@roanokeva.gov or 540.853-5225.

