Our Mission:
To Enhance the Quality of Life Through Stewardship of
Our Commonwealth’s Urban and Community Trees

2015 Annual Report

Academic Scholarships
Awarded $4,000 in Undergraduate and Graduate programs
Undergraduate scholarship recipients
- Robert Nance, Virginia Tech, B.S. Horticulture, Concentration in Landscape Contracting, $1,700
- Louise Cohn-Still, Virginia Tech, Forestry, $800
Graduate scholarship recipient
- Keith O’Herrin, Virginia Tech, Urban Forestry, $1,500

Trees Virginia Workshops
- Held the Roanoke Tree Care Workshop Working with Trees Naturally in March
- Held the Waynesboro Tree Care Workshop Revelling in the Magnificence of Trees in September

Northern Virginia Urban Forestry Roundtable
- Biennial Conference, Healthy Soils for Healthy Trees

Hampton Roads Urban Forestry Roundtable
Two Roundtable meetings were held in Hampton Roads
- Specifying, Selecting and Planting Quality Trees
- Brock Environmental Center and Pleasure House Point Natural Center

Experts Agree – Don’t Top Your Tree
Sponsored the Big Tree Intern

The 2015 Virginia Big Tree Program Intern was John Matiuk, a graduate student in the College of Natural Resources and Environment at Virginia Tech.

We Also:

- Provided a scholarship to Jennifer Hughes the arborist from the City of Lexington to attend the Society of Municipal Arborist’s Municipal Forestry Institute, covering the full cost of her registration

- Provided funds to communities to plant their Arbor Day Tree. This year 9 communities received funding; Fairfax, Franklin, Fredericksburg, Lexington, Luray, Reston, Richmond, Vinton and Waynesboro

- Representatives from Trees Virginia visited our Congressmen in Washington DC to make contacts and provide outreach

- Fundraising has continued for the Bonnie Appleton Memorial Fund

Tree Stewards

- The Front Royal/Warren County, Arlington & Alexandria, Charlottesville Area, Central Rappahannock Area, Roanoke and Jamestown Tree Stewards groups were awarded $2,500 in Mini-Grants to support volunteers in providing education and tree care in their communities around the Commonwealth.

- A new Tree Steward group, Central Rappahannock held its first training class in the spring of 2015. There are now 12 groups with over 450 members.