

Community & Urban Forestry

Indiana's Community & Urban Forestry (CUF) program funded 14 "Make your Trees Count" grant projects in all congressional districts, totaling \$82,000 for street tree inventories and management plans. A grant donation from ExacTarget enabled us to award 5 tree planting projects totaling \$14,150.00.

CUF completed phase 1 of the Sample Urban Statewide Inventory Project which was the street tree data collection of 22 cities and towns throughout the state. Three inventories were done by CUF staff and volunteers: Richmond State Hospital, Indiana State Fair Grounds, and the Town of Glenwood. Each inventory contained an ecological analysis component on each tree and the overall urban forest. Signs were posted throughout the Indiana State Fairgrounds on the ecological values of trees in the area.

The program recertified one new Tree Line USA and certified two others bringing our Tree Line USA total to 4. CUF certified four new communities as Tree Cities USA: Alexandria, Fishers, Rensselaer, and Rising Sun bringing our Tree City USA count to 64.

CUF served over 1000 Hoosiers with urban forestry information at the Indiana State Fair where we had an urban forestry booth for 12 days in the Purdue Extension Horticulture Building and at the Indianapolis Flower and Patio Show.

The Program and its supporters provided services for over 3,476,775 Hoosiers in urban forestry developing and managing communities and generated 66,937 volunteer hours of urban forestry support.

Indiana Community Tree Stewards educational course boosted our Tree Steward advocates and volunteer base to 956. Workshops and conference totals for 2008: 382.