

INDIANA TREE STEWARDS AGENDA



March 30 & 31, 2026
9am-3pm

Training Site:

Floyd County Family YMCA
33 State Street
New Albany, IN 47150

Directions: [Google Maps Link](#)

Day 1 – Monday March 30, 2026

- 9-9:45am **Check-in, Introductions**
Benefits of Trees, the Urban Forest and How YOU Can Help
Community and Urban Forestry Team (IDNR)
- 9:45-10:15am **Tree Physiology - How Does a Tree Grow?**
Speaker: TBD
- 10:15-10:30am **Break**
- 10:30-11:00am **Tree Identification (Part 1)**
Speaker: TBD
- 11:00-11:45am **Tree Identification (Part 2)**
Speaker: TBD
- 11:45-12:30pm **Right Tree – Right Place: Selection**
Speaker: Jacob Roos (IDNR Community and Urban Forestry)
- 12:30-1:30pm **Lunch + Networking**
- 1:30-2:00pm **Recommended Tree Maintenance**
Speaker: Jeff Sutton (Eager Beaver Tree Care)
- 2:00-3:00pm **Tree Planting Demo**
Speaker: Jeff Sutton & Mark Stephens (Eager Beaver Tree Care)

****Be prepared for any of the sessions to go outside. Dress appropriately for the outdoors and for the weather. We will be using pruning tools for this training so please bring eye protection and a pair of gloves if possible, otherwise they will be provided. Please let us know ahead of time if you have any physical constraints so we can work to accommodate.**

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Day 2 – Tuesday March 31, 2026

- 9:00-10:00am **Pruning Basics Part 1**
Speaker: Ryan Lewis (City Tilth and Trees)
- 10:00-10:45am **Pruning Basics Part 2**
Speaker: Ryan Lewis (City Tilth and Trees)
- 10:45-11:15am **Abiotic Disorders and Common Tree Defects**
Speaker: Russ Stevens (Twisted Nature)
- 11:15-12:15pm **Biotic Tree Problems**
Speaker: Eric Bitner (Five Saplings)
- 12:15-1:15pm **Lunch + Networking**
- 1:15-2:15pm **About Local Advocacy + Brainstorming Session**
Speaker: IDNR Community and Urban Forestry
- 2:15-3:00pm **Wrap-Up and Volunteer Opportunities**
Community and Urban Forestry Team (IDNR)

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