

INDIANA TREE STEWARDS AGENDA



September 11 & 12, 2025
9am-3pm

Training Site:
Shanklin Park
411 W Plymouth Ave Goshen, IN
46526
Directions: [Google Maps Link](#)

Day 1 – Thursday September 11, 2025

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| 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: Emma Conrad (HartWood Tree Care) |
| 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: TBD |
| 12:30-1:30pm | Lunch + Networking |
| 1:30-2:00pm | Recommended Tree Maintenance
Speaker: Melanie Helmuth and Kendel Martin (City of Goshen) |
| 2:00-3:00pm | Tree Planting Demo
Speaker: Melanie Helmuth and Kendel Martin (City of Goshen) |

****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 – Friday September 12, 2025

- 9:00-10:00am **Pruning Basics Part 1**
Speaker: Steve Thomas (Thomas Tree Care)
- 10:00-10:45am **Pruning Basics Part 2**
Speaker: Steve Thomas (Thomas Tree Care)
- 10:45-11:15am **Abiotic Disorders and Common Tree Defects**
Speaker: Derek Jacobs (Rooted Tree Solutions)
- 11:15-12:15pm **Biotic Tree Problems**
Speaker: Eric Biddinger (IDNR Division of Entomology & Plant Pathology)
- 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**
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