Minnesota Tree Care Advocate Program

2019 Annual Report

140 Active Tree Care Advocate Volunteers

4,586 Volunteer Hours

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Our Program

The Minnesota Tree Care Advocate Program is an organization of University of Minnesota trained volunteers throughout the state dedicated to urban and community forestry. Our mission is to educate citizens of the state about their urban forests so that they, in turn, can volunteer in their neighborhoods and communities. This program is currently comprised of three community forestry programs including the Tree Care Advisor Program (1993), the Citizen Pruner Program (2013), and the Tree Steward Program (2016).

Eco Experience Booth at the Minnesota State Fair

The Minnesota Tree Care Advocate Program has been hosting a booth in the Eco Experience Building at the Minnesota State Fair since 2013. The booth includes both the "Ask a Tree Care Advisor "desk and a Bingo attendant for the building-wide activity. Our involvement includes hosting six shifts a day over the 12 days of the State Fair for a total of 72 shifts.





2019 Volunteers Trained by Program



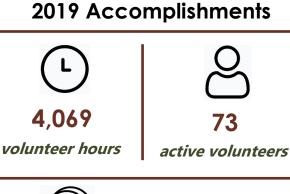


Tree Care Advisor Program

The Tree Care Advisor Program was founded in 1992 and has since educated independent volunteers to act as volunteers, educators, and facilitators in communities throughout Minnesota. These volunteers are trained through a 40 hour Core Course on all things related to trees and shrubs. Volunteers are asked to complete 25 hours of volunteer service and 4 hours of continuing education each calendar year to remain active and up-to-date on the latest research.



Tree Care Advisor Accomplishments



\$114,542.35

value of volunteer contributions

Forest Resources Outreach Line

The over 50 year old Forest Resources Outreach Line is a resource for Minnesotans to ask questions about their trees and shrubs via email or phone call. Tree Care Advisor volunteers assist in answering these questions to provide research-based and a non-biased resolution to their questions. In 2019, Mary Magers and Annette LeDuc managed the outreach line.

Overall Accomplishments





volunteer hours

trained volunteers



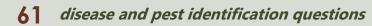
value of volunteer contributions

246 questions were received





- residents were advised to contact a city forester or certified arborist
- 71 general tree management questions



questions about specific diseases/insects

Citizen Pruner Program

The Citizen Pruner program is designed to train community volunteer to clear small and easy accessible branch material in order for arborists and urban foresters to focus on larger pruning needs. These volunteers are asked to complete 10 hours of volunteer work each calendar year to remain active.



Citizen Pruner Accomplishments









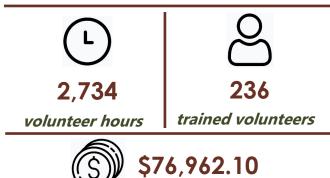
\$9,458.40

value of volunteer contributions

Tree Steward Program



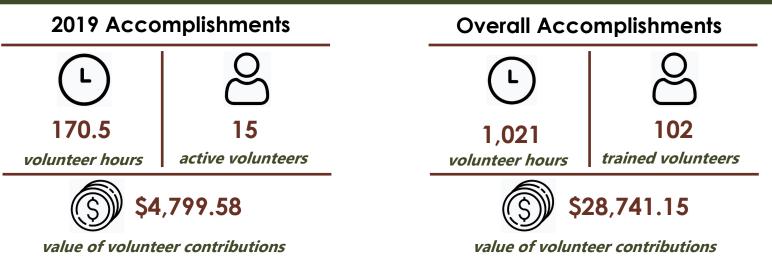
Overall Accomplishments



value of volunteer contributions

The Tree Steward Program is created to train community volunteers on a wide array of topics related to planting, watering, pruning, monitoring young tree health, and leading others in regards to young tree care. These volunteers are encouraged to complete 10 hours of volunteer work each calendar year to remain active.

Tree Steward Accomplishments



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