



TREEmail

AN UPDATE FROM THE VERMONT URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM

Have a DIRTY Arbor Day

Get involved, get outside, and get dirty planting and caring for our trees



Tree champions in Montpelier getting dirty pulling a tree from the community tree nursery to be planted as a street tree.

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GETTING DIRTY

Join your fellow Vermonters and send us your best pictures of how you get dirty planting and caring for trees on Arbor Day!



Horsford Nursery Pays it Forward With gift of trees for local schools

Charlie Prutt is a tree man. In fact, he is a nurseryman. Owner of Horsford Nursery on Route 7 in Charlotte, Prutt knows well the



Students and teachers gather for a school wide Arbor Day ceremony and getting dirty planting a tree on their school grounds in Middlebury. Tree provided by Horsford's Nursery.

suite of benefits that trees bring to communities and believes it is important to connect youth with trees in order to foster future tree stewards. Twenty years ago, this belief motivated him to approach the principal at Charlotte Central School with an idea for a school-wide Arbor Day celebration. [Read more](#)



Get Your 2013 Tree Trading Cards Growing Works of Art winners highlight maple trees

This year's contest winners were asked to identify a maple tree species that grows in Vermont, draw a picture of it, and provide five facts about the tree. The winners' works were made into a set of tree trading cards that will be collected and enjoyed by students across the state. The student contest winners, who were each honored by the Governor on Arbor Day, are:



- Klara Hopkins, Brandon
- Hunter Tinker, Johnson Elementary School
- Willow Snow, Hyde Park Elementary School
- Jayna Goldfarb, The Mountain School
- Cael Christian, Castleton Elementary School
- Madelline Maxham, Braintree Elementary School

To request sets of the 2013 Tree Trading Cards please provide the information requested or contact Wendy Richardson at 802-828-1531 or wendy.richardson@state.vt.us with the number of sets needed.



Communities, Utility and University Honored At state Arbor Day Ceremony



TREE CITY USA

Seven Vermont communities qualified for the National Arbor Day Foundation's *Tree City USA* program, which recognizes communities of all sizes that proactively care for and manage their public trees. Burlington, Enosburg Falls, Hartford, Montpelier, Peacham, Rutland, and South Burlington were honored. Vermont Electric Power Company received the *Tree Line USA*

designation for their work promoting best practices in utility arboriculture and public education. Middlebury College received the



Tree Campus USA designation for effectively engaging their students on campus and in the community in managing their trees.

Get Dirty Resources

We are here to help you do it right!

- [Vermont Tree Selection Guide](#) - pdf
- [Right Tree Right Place](#) - pdf
- [Planning to Purchase A Tree](#) - pdf
- [Protecting the Investment](#) - pdf
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 - Invasive pests on the horizon
 - Vermont tree laws: A refresher
 - Seven habits of highly effective tree boards
 - Community gravel beds for bare root planting



Burlington Receives Urban Forestry Grant Through the TD Green Streets Program



Residents and volunteers celebrate the newly planted trees, a mix of maples, crab apples, and tree lilacs.

Congratulations to Burlington for being one of ten U.S. municipalities to receive a \$20,000 TD Green Streets grant through a partnership between TD Bank and the Arbor Day Foundation.

Through the TD Green Streets grant a community tree planting event was held on Saturday, April 27th

in the Old North End neighborhood of Burlington; 14 large shade trees were planted by more than 40 volunteers from the neighborhood, TD Bank, Branch Out Burlington!, UVM, and Burlington's Department of Parks & Recreation. The TD Green Streets grant will also fund a number of public education materials and events, as well as other opportunities for citizens to become more engaged in the care of Burlington's urban forest.

For more information about the TD Green Streets program, visit www.tdgreenstreets.com.

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Branch Out Burlington! and Hartford's Trees Matter are using social media - 'Like'

them

Students Assist with Tree Inventories In Burlington & Rutland this spring!

Tree Wardens and City Arborists know that conducting and maintaining a tree inventory is an important step towards managing and promoting a healthy urban forest. This spring, the municipalities of South Burlington and Rutland both got some help from college students in the time-consuming and extremely important task of inventorying their trees.



In South Burlington, 10 students from UVM's Rubenstein School of Environment & Natural Resources in Prof. Kimberly Wallin's Forest Ecosystem Health course inventoried 627 ash trees on 17 residential streets over the course of four afternoons in the field. Several neighborhoods in South Burlington are heavily planted with ash and the inventory data and overall ash health assessment will help City Arborist Craig Lambert better prepare for the threat of emerald ash borer.

In Rutland, Nick Trapeni, an Environmental Science major with CCV in Rutland, did his capstone project with UCF by inventorying and surveying ash trees on city streets. Through this project Nick discovered that street trees can be assaulted by a number of things -- woodpeckers, snow plows, and yard sale signs to name a few -- and was pleasantly surprised by how many curious and thankful residents he had the opportunity to interact with.

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