

Lincoln Land Trust
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LINCOLN LAND TRUST NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FOR TREE INVENTORY

The Town of Lincoln Land Trust, courtesy of a grant through the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management- Division of Forest Environment, the Rhode Island Tree Council and America the Beautiful, will be conducting a street tree inventory on local streets in Lincoln from August 2007 through August 2008. We need 30-40 people to help carry out the project. You do not have to live in Lincoln; volunteers will be welcomed from nearby towns as well. Volunteers will work in pairs and will cover one specific area, or zone, in the town of Lincoln.

Volunteers will be asked to attend one indoor training session and one outdoor training session, and to commit to at least one zone in the town of Lincoln. Zones will be drawn to a size that should be able to be completed in 20-30 hours overall. The work can be spread out over a span of several weeks or months based on your availability. Volunteers who participate will have their name acknowledged on the town web site and in the newspaper. Volunteers who participate and complete an entire zone will also receive a certificate suitable for framing.

This project is perfect for girl scouts, boy scouts, garden clubs, tree stewards, retirees, adults, community groups, and college students. High school students! You need to log a number of hours of community service hours before you graduate, this is perfect for you. High school students who participate will get a signed letter verifying the hours worked.

Town Land Trust Chair Judy Hadley states: "The town currently has no written plan for maintenance of its street trees." "The information gathered in this inventory will be used to establish a tree identification database, which will be then be used to determine future maintenance and planting needs, as well as to establish a tree ordinance." So come on out enjoy the summer, get to know your neighborhood, or a different one and do something for the town that will make a difference and have a lasting beneficial effect!

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