



Celebrate Arbor Day by helping us plant trees in four Madison Parks:

**WARNER PARK,
WHITETAIL RIDGE PARK,
CARPENTER-RIDGEWAY PARK,
and MARLBOROUGH PARK**



The Urban Tree Alliance is proud to announce a new partnership with the Madison Parks Department and several groups of dedicated volunteers. Thanks to committed volunteers who have offered to 'adopt' one or more trees over the next two years, we will be planting more than fifty trees in four Madison Parks this spring. We have been working closely with Parks Department staff, the Carpenter-Ridgeway neighborhood association, the Allied Dunn's Marsh neighborhood association, the nonprofit advocacy group Wild Warner, residents of the Whitetail Ridge neighborhood, and volunteers in our new Citizen Forester program.

Tree planting will take place in Warner Park on Saturday, April 18th (9 am–1 pm); Carpenter–Ridgeway Park on Sunday, April 26th (9 am–noon); Whitetail Ridge Park on Sunday, April 26th (1–4 pm); and Marlborough Park in May (date TBA). Thirty trees will be planted at Warner Park, five at Carpenter–Ridgeway, seven at Whitetail Ridge, and nine or more at Marlborough.

A unique feature of this partnership is that each of these trees will be ‘adopted’ by a volunteer (or group of volunteers) who is committed to watering the tree for two years. Without regular watering, the survival rate for newly planted trees is very low. Volunteers will be hauling water from park shelters, nearby creeks and lagoons, and, in many cases, from their own homes. Thank you to all of our volunteers who are making this ambitious project possible!

In line with the Urban Tree Alliance’s mission to promote species diversity in our urban forests, the planting list includes several oaks, Kentucky coffee tree, hackberry, ironwood, musclewood, American larch, shagbark hickory, and Turkish filbert. By planting a wide variety of species we are strengthening our urban forest as a whole and lessening the impact of diseases and pests such as the emerald ash borer.

We hope you will consider joining us for tree planting in these Madison parks this spring. We welcome volunteers at Warner Park on April 18th, Whitetail Ridge Park on April 26th, and Marlborough Park in May (details listed under ‘events’ below). Most of the trees are quite large (about 6–12’ tall) so there will be plenty of digging, mulching, and watering to go around. If you would like to help out, please email Patricia at patricia@urbantreealliance.org or call her at 556–5331.

Also, Wild Warner is seeking volunteers to join them in watering their new trees for the next two years. Please get in touch with Patricia if you’re interested.

Our goal is to continue this partnership for years to come, adding new Madison parks each year. If you would like to ‘adopt’ a tree in a Madison park, please check out our new [Citizen Forester program](#) and fill out the [interest form](#) on our website. (Please note that not all parks are good candidates for tree planting through this program. The Madison Parks Department must approve the planting of all trees in city parks.)



New from the Urban Tree Alliance: THE CITIZEN FORESTER PROGRAM

We believe that a sustainable, resilient urban forest is possible only when supported by the efforts of educated and engaged citizens like you. With this vision in mind we have created the Citizen Forester Program. With your help we aim to educate the public on tree planting, tree care, and other urban forestry topics, provide service opportunities to those who wish to help grow and maintain our urban forest, and guide and support community-driven urban forestry projects.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

We call our volunteers Citizen Foresters. As a Citizen Forester you can choose from a variety of volunteer opportunities related to tree planting, tree care, and urban forestry education and outreach. We offer all of our Citizen Foresters the chance to take part in the classes we teach on topics such as pruning, planting, and tree care at no cost. We welcome all volunteers, irrespective of your level of experience with urban forestry or the amount of time you can invest in us.

There are four levels of Citizen Forester volunteers: Supporter, Caretaker, Steward, and Master.

- Citizen Forester: Supporter (no minimum time commitment or required classes)
- Citizen Forester: Caretaker (two-year commitment to watering a newly planted tree in a public area such as a school or park)
- Citizen Forester: Steward (15 or more volunteer hours per year, one required class)

- Citizen Forester: Master (20 or more volunteer hours per year, additional education requirements)

Please see the [Citizen Forester homepage](#) for details.

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

To become a Citizen Forester, please begin by filling out [this form](#). We will send you a welcome email and add your contact information to our Citizen Forester list. If you express interest in becoming a ‘Steward’ or ‘Master’ Citizen Forester, we will invite you to discuss project ideas with us.

All Citizen Foresters receive regular emails advertising volunteer opportunities, classes, and events (about 1–2 emails per month, April–October). If you would like to join us for one of the offerings mentioned in the email, please reply and we will confirm availability.

For a list of volunteer opportunities and classes we offer on a regular basis, please see the [Citizen Forester homepage](#) on our website.

All volunteers will be recognized in our newsletter and at an end-of-year volunteer appreciation party. Depending on interest, we may also coordinate occasional social events and field trips.

We hope you will join us this year. Please remember that no matter how much or how little time you have to volunteer we welcome your support. We couldn’t do it without you!



Upcoming events: [Tree Planting at Madison Parks](#)

If you would like to help us plant trees at one of the locations listed below, please RSVP by emailing Patricia at patricia@urbantreealliance.org or calling her at 556-5331. Thank you!

1) Saturday, April 18th, 9 am-1 pm: Warner Park, 2930 N Sherman Ave.
(please meet at the recreation center at 9 am)

2) Sunday, April 26th, 1-4 pm: Whitetail Ridge Park, 1818 Anhalt Dr.

3) A weekend in May (TBA): Marlborough Park, 2222 Whenona Dr. (If you would like to join us at Marlborough, please call or email Patricia and she will inform you of the date.)

Photos from past events: Pruning Workshop on March 14th

Thanks to everyone who attended our first pruning workshop! Special thanks to Lakeview Library and Community GroundWorks at Troy Gardens for hosting the workshop.





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The Urban Tree Alliance is a non-profit organization serving the greater Madison, WI area.

Our mission is to preserve and grow the urban forest canopy in a sustainable and innovative manner in partnership with the public.

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