



*Get involved and root your passion in something worthwhile!*

## **Become a Citizen Forester**

*Develop leadership skills, network with urban environmentalists and gain technical tree planting experience while restoring the tree canopy across Detroit.*

**Purpose:** Over the past 23 years, The Greening of Detroit has planted more than 68,000 trees on city streets, in parks, on school lots and in other public spaces within Detroit, Hamtramck and Highland Park.

In an effort to grow our environmental impact, The Greening of Detroit is seeking leaders to join our volunteer Citizen Forester program to lead groups of volunteers during our upcoming tree planting season this spring.

This is a great opportunity to develop your leadership skills, gain experience managing volunteers, contribute to Detroit's green infrastructure, become familiar with different Detroit neighborhoods and meet others while working to make Detroit a better place.



### **Responsibilities:**

- Guide and oversee up to 35 volunteers working in small groups of 2-3 people
- Maintain an educational volunteer experience by leading a tree planting demonstration and reinforcing quality planting techniques throughout the planting
- Keep your groups on task by recognizing what needs to be done and delegating responsibilities among your volunteers
- Promote proper tool usage and safety throughout the planting

### **Required Time Commitment:**

- Attend one indoor Citizen Forester Orientation (2 hours)
- Attend one outdoor Citizen Forester Field Day (2 hours)
- Attend at least three tree plantings between March 17<sup>th</sup> and June 9<sup>th</sup> (plantings typically last 5 hours)

### **Ideal Candidate:**

- 18+ years old
- Prior experience in tree planting or a desire to learn
- Comfortable performing physical labor outdoors in variable weather conditions
- Comfortable speaking in front of large groups, working with people and delegating tasks
- Dependable, flexible and works well in a fast-paced environment



## Citizen Forester Program Application

Instructions for completing application: Complete the shaded areas below. Save the second page as a PDF or Word Document and email the file to [caitlyn@greeningofdetroit.com](mailto:caitlyn@greeningofdetroit.com) or send by mail to:

Caitlyn Pisarski, Community Engagement Coordinator  
1418 Michigan Avenue  
Detroit, MI 48216

### Training Schedule:

- **One mandatory Citizen Forester Orientation** from 6-8pm at The Greening Office (1418 Michigan Ave, Detroit 48216) – *Please select one:*

Thurs., February 23<sup>rd</sup>

Wed., February 29<sup>th</sup>

Tues., March 6<sup>th</sup>

- **One mandatory Field Training session** on Sat., March 10<sup>th</sup>, 1-3pm, location TBD

*Please select if you are **unable** to attend the Field Training date*

- **One optional Volunteer Management Training session** on Sat., March 10<sup>th</sup>, 10am-12pm

*Please select if you would like to attend Volunteer Management Training*

### Application:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization/School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: (    )    -    cell other

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have prior experience landscaping, tree planting or leading groups of people? If so, please describe.

Have you volunteered with the Greening of Detroit before? If so, please tell us when and how many times?

Tell us about yourself! For example: How do you spend your time and why are you interested in this volunteer position?