

# INDIANA TREE STEWARDS AGENDA



*May 21-23, 2024*  
*9am-3pm*

**Training Site:**  
Rieke Park  
1600 Indiana Ave Auburn, IN 46706

Directions: [Google Maps Link](#)

## Day 1 – Tuesday, May 21, 2024

- 9-9:30am      **Check-in, Introductions**  
**Benefits of Trees, the Urban Forest, and How YOU Can Help**  
Jacob Roos: Community and Urban Forestry (DNR)
- 9:30-10:15am      **The Scoop on Soils**  
Speaker: Bill Ward (DeKalb County SWCD)
- 10:15-10:30am      **Break**
- 10:30-11:30am      **Tree Physiology - How Does a Tree Grow?**  
Speaker: Racheal Stenger (DNR CUF)
- 11:30-Noon      **Tree Identification (Part 1)**  
Speaker: Quentin Beahrs (DNR District Forester)
- Noon-12:30pm      **Lunch (provided)**
- 12:30-1:15pm      **Right Tree – Right Place: Selection**  
Speaker: Jacob Roos (DNR CUF)
- 1:15-2:45pm      **Tree Identification (Part 2) & RTRP Application**  
Speakers: Quentin Beahrs and Jacob Roos

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### Day 2 – Wednesday, May 22, 2024

- 9-10am            **Tree Planting Presentation**  
Speaker: Mitchell White (Safety Management Group) and Tony McGuire (Fort Wayne Forestry Department)
- 10-11am           **Tree Planting Demo**  
Speaker: Mitchell White (Safety Management Group) and Tony McGuire (Fort Wayne Forestry Department)
- 11-11:45am       **Diagnosing Tree Problems (Pest and Diseases)**  
Speaker: Eric Biddinger (DNR Entomology)
- 11:45-12:30pm   **Identifying Tree Defects**  
Speaker: Anthony Ley (Monster Tree Service of Fort Wayne)
- 12:30-1pm        **Lunch (provided)**
- 1-2:30pm         **Pruning Basics** (bring your pruners!)  
Speaker: Thomas Myers (Myers Plant Health Care LLC)
- 2:30-3pm         **Recap and Questions from Day 1 & 2 and Volunteer Opportunities**  
Community and Urban Forestry Team (DNR)

**Work Day(s)**     **TBD**

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