

# Extend your resources with volunteers



Volunteers who help your forestry staff or other local government departments may save your community thousands of dollars each year. Learn how to build and make the most of a corps of volunteers at a free workshop offered by the Regional Trees Initiative.



## Workshop dates & locations

### *July 16, 1 to 3 p.m.*

Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Chicago

### *July 17, 1 to 3 p.m.*

Downers Grove Village Hall, 801 Burlington Ave., Downers Grove

### *July 18, 1 to 3 p.m.*

Vernon Hills Village Hall, 290 Evergreen Drive, Vernon Hills

**Welcoming volunteers can really pay off. In 2012, 5,800 volunteers donated more than 200,000 hours to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Their work was worth \$1.4 billion!**

## Each workshop will cover:

### Risk management

Municipalities may be concerned about liability (though the IDNR has never been sued by a volunteer). Attorneys from the municipal law firm of Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni & Kraftheter, PC, will discuss how and why to use waivers and what liability issues to consider.

### Openlands TreeKeepers

These are trained urban forestry volunteers ready to work in your community. Learn how TreeKeepers are organized and trained, what useful skills they have, and how you can encourage residents to become TreeKeepers. Training classes for new TreeKeepers will be held in three suburban locations this fall (Ryerson Woods in Lake County; The Morton Arboretum, DuPage County; Chicago and Evanston, Cook County).

### How volunteers can help

The Morton Arboretum will provide examples of ways in which municipalities can employ regular volunteers to get work done, extend budgets, and build resident support for programs.

**To attend any of the three workshops, RSVP to Melissa Custic at [mcustic@mortonarb.org](mailto:mcustic@mortonarb.org).**