



i-Tree Eco Training Workshop

Trees in our built environments can do more than just give us aesthetic beauty. Their canopy cover provides shade, water interception, pollution removal, and health benefits that are valuable to society. The value of these benefits can be estimated using the U.S. Forest Service tool, i-Tree Eco. With results from this tool, advocacy for and management of our natural resources can be better justified.

Learn how to use the i-Tree Eco tool from project design and development to generating reports and influencing policy. This workshop will demonstrate the steps necessary to set up your own project, collect the necessary data needed by the tool, submit your data for processing, and generate reports. This workshop will also discuss how to use this information to influence policy and affect change.

Who should attend: Urban Foresters, natural resource managers, educators, extension specialists, non-profit groups related to natural resources

Date: Tuesday, August 12

Time: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Location: Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA
Information Technology (IT) Building, Room 1201

Registration: \$10; Lunch will be provided. Please register by August 5.
To register, please provide your name, telephone number, and email address to Robert Seamans at Robert.Seamans@statesboroga.gov.
Send registration fee (payable to City of Statesboro Tree Board) to:
Robert Seamans
City of Statesboro
PO Box 348
Statesboro, GA 30459.

Recommendations: Portions of this training workshop will be conducted outdoors. Please dress appropriately.

Optional Training: Wednesday, August 13; hands-on data collection session at Georgia Southern University campus from 7 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

More Information: Contact Eric Kuehler at 706-559-4268 or ekuehler@fs.fed.us

This workshop will be limited to the first 25 registrants.

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Tuesday, August 12, 2014

8:30 – 9:00	Check-in
9:00 – 9:30	Introduction – Ecosystem services and i-Tree models
9:30 – 10:30	i-Tree Eco Phase I: Getting started with the project
10:30 – 10:45	Break
10:45 – 11:30	i-Tree Eco Phase II: Getting started with Eco
11:30 – 12:00	i-Tree Eco Phase III: Out in the Field – Data Collection Protocol
12:00 – 12:45	Lunch
12:45 – 2:15	Data collection on sample plots (outdoor exercise)
2:15 – 2:30	Break
2:30 – 3:15	i-Tree Eco Phase IV: Running Eco – Data entry/submission/loading
3:15 – 3:45	i-Tree Eco reports (what do they tell you and how to use them)
3:45 – 4:15	QA/QC and using other i-Tree Tools in conjunction with Eco
4:15 – 5:00	Using ecosystem services tools to influence policy change

Wednesday, August 13, 2014 (Optional hands-on data collection session)

7:00 – 8:30	Group plot set-up and data collection on campus
8:30 – 11:30	Break into crews for plot data collection on campus

