

## i-Tree Update—August 2005

### i-Tree Website Launched

The i-Tree website ([www.itreetools.org](http://www.itreetools.org)) is the new point source for all things i-Tree. For those of you wondering how i-Tree can be used in your community, [www.itreetools.org](http://www.itreetools.org) is the answer.

The website provides a step-by-step process for conducting a UFORE (Urban Forest Effects Model) or STRATUM (Street Tree Resource Assessment Tool for Urban forest Managers) analysis in your community. Additionally, i-Tree Utilities are outlined to give potential users a better idea of how these tools can be utilized to facilitate data collection, provide a better understanding of the urban tree resource, and spur investment in community forests. Utilities you may be already aware of include:

- ✓ MCTI (Mobile Community Tree Inventory)
- ✓ Storm Damage Assessment protocol
- ✓ Tree Inventory PDA Utility
- ✓ Sample Inventory Generator



Visit the [website](http://www.itreetools.org) for all of your i-Tree questions.

### i-Tree Beta Release

This fall, a beta version of available i-Tree components will be accessible to communities or individuals interested in testing the applications and utilities. The software—accompanied by manuals and guidelines for use—will be delivered to interested parties on CD and will be free of charge. As i-Tree testers, users will agree to provide feedback on how the applications and utilities were used and what problems were encountered.

In the coming weeks, details of the beta release will be highlighted on the website ([www.itreetools.org](http://www.itreetools.org)) and sent to mailing list members. If you haven't done so already, sign-up for the mailing list!

#### i-Tree Mailing List

Be the first to get i-Tree news and updates! Visit the i-Tree website and sign-up for the [mailing list](#).

### 2006 i-Tree Training Workshops



Participants of the spring 2005 workshop held at the [Center for Urban Forest Research](#) in Davis, CA.

The Forest Service, The National Arbor Day Foundation, and Davey Resource Group have teamed up to develop a series of training workshops designed to provide the necessary knowledge and skills needed to conduct a project using i-Tree tools. These workshops are aimed toward communities, industry professionals, or anyone interested in their urban forest resource.

Past workshop participants included community foresters, arborists, non-profit tree organizations, landscape architects, contractors, planners, and environmental consultants. Through classroom, computer lab and field activities, they explored topics in tree management, resource structure, benefit-cost analyses, and leveraging public support for their program.

Currently, three regional workshops are planned for 2006. Join the [mailing list](#) for upcoming announcements regarding the location and dates of these trainings.

### Have i-Tree Questions?

A free technical support and help line is being established to coincide with the release of i-Tree. At this time, general questions can be answered by visiting [www.itreetools.org](http://www.itreetools.org) or emailing your questions to [info@itreetools.org](mailto:info@itreetools.org).