i-Tree Newsletter—August 2006

It finally happened: the i-Tree Suite of software tools has been released!

The i-Tree Cooperative is pleased to announce the release of i-Tree Software Suite version 1.0. Thanks to everyone whose efforts and collaboration have made this possible!

Background
After two decades of development by the USDA Forest Service Research & Development and its collaborators, the applications included with i-Tree are now being made available to the public within a fully developed support framework. The i-Tree website serves as a gateway to all aspects of the Suite, and you can find out more about the developmental history and scientific basis of i-Tree by visiting the Resource/Learning Center and exploring its materials.

Purpose
The i-Tree suite of software tools was developed to help users—regardless of community size or technical capacity—identify, understand and manage urban tree populations. Better awareness of the benefits and services provided by the urban forest resource leads to increased attention to stewardship, appreciation of operations, and investment in maintenance.

FAQs about the Release

How do I obtain the Suite?
The i-Tree Software Suite 1.0 is being distributed by CD upon request. Go to the i-Tree website and click on "Get the i-Tree Tools CD-ROM." That link takes you to a request form that you need to fill out and submit. You should receive your CD in the mail within 5-14 business days.

What's being included on the CD?
The following applications and utilities are included:

- UFORE — Urban Forest Effects model to estimate ecosystem benefits
- STRATUM — Street Tree Resource Analysis Tool for Urban forest Managers
- MCTI — Mobile Community Tree Inventory
- SDAP — Storm Damage Assessment Protocol
- Tree Inventory PDA Utility — Data collection and management tool (WM 5.0 compatible)
- Sample Inventory Generator — Random sampling tool

How can I get involved?
Feedback is critical to i-Tree's success! We learn from your experiences and discoveries, so please keep us informed. Send an email to info@itreetools.org with any comments, suggestions, or problems. Thanks!

Training Workshops

Registration is now closed for the third 2006 workshop that will take place November 15-16 at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities campus. For details, visit the following link: Midwest i-Tree Workshop.

Hands on learning at the Clemson i-Tree Workshop.

Stay tuned for more training opportunities in 2007!

Have i-Tree Questions?

A free technical support system has been established to answer your i-Tree questions. Call us, write us, or create a personal i-Tree knowledge center to get your questions answered.

Visit i-Tree Frequently Asked Questions or Support for details.