

Training workshops completed at Virginia Tech and Rutgers



Sixty hardworking souls attended two [i-Tree workshops](#) this spring in Blacksburg, VA and New Brunswick, NJ. Many people worked with members of the i-Tree Cooperative to pull the workshops off and make them successful—university professors, Forest Service specialists and, of course, the people who came. Thanks to everybody for the help!



What the heck is that?! Academy (top) and Mid-Atlantic (bottom) attendees working it out for themselves...

The i-Tree Academy at Virginia Tech that started on April 29 was restricted to future trainers, and dedicated four days to the details of the installation, configuration, and deployment of i-Tree components. We ran into a couple of technical issues—so *everybody* learned something—but managed to figure them out. What a great group of i-Tree instructors has been unleashed upon the world of urban forestry!

The two-day workshop that began at Rutgers on June 12 had a more general audience that ranged from State Coordinators to municipal managers and consultants. The intense training left people ready to leave—to spread the word in the Mid-Atlantic!

More i-Tree Updates Coming...

We are hard at work improving i-Tree based on your feedback from this spring and summer field season! Here are some of the updates to expect in the coming months:

UFORE

- Better error checking
- Improved graphics
- Automatic report writer

STRATUM

- New Climate Zone for Temperate Interior West

MCTI

- Dynamic DBH and condition reporting
- Resolved data field inconsistencies

PDA Utilities

- Simplified installation & compatibility with Windows Vista

SDAP

- Standard errors in report
- Precision estimate
- Corrections to code

Species Selector

- New utility!
- Allows selection for *functional* benefits important to a user in a particular region
- Developed by USDA FS Research Unit in Syracuse NY

Known Issues in i-Tree v1.2

These three issues with the version released this spring (v1.2) have been found so far:

- Random generators don't work in ArcMap 9.2 SP1
- The key element in PDA use, the transfer of an Access database, may not work without modification in MS Vista
- An error in the formulas of SDAP that prevents the correct calculation of storm debris when pre-storm data do not exist.

Details can be found on [the new forum](#).

Factoids about the User Forum:

- 143 registered users
- 5 new forums and a new Job Board
- 20 unique visitors per day
- 75 pages loaded per day
- 1,464 views of the most popular post
- Hints and tricks in the Trainer's Corner

The i-Tree Cooperative is Growing!

We are pleased to announce the newest member of the i-Tree Cooperative—the International Society of Arboriculture. Their expertise, resources, and representation of the i-Tree user-base will be critical to successful future developments. Welcome aboard!