2020 i-Tree Academy Course
Student Project Summary/Action Plan

As part of the i-Tree Academy course, students will plan and complete a small i-Tree project. Conducting a project will provide practical experience, reinforce the training, and help share the value of i-Tree with communities or other individuals. The project could involve conducting an assessment which uses one or more i-tree tools in a community, or conducting a small i-tree training/workshop with others who are interested. Students will share a summary of their completed project with the class and with the community involved. Completing this summary form, will serve as a starting point for your project.

Student Name: Claire Shield

Employer or Organization: Nebraska Forest Service

Project Title or Type: Training/workshop

Name of Community, Geographic Area and/or Tree Resource Involved: Other NFS employees and small communities across Nebraska.

Objective of Project – What Issue Will You Address: Many communities around the state are becoming very interested in tree inventories and learning about the benefits that trees provide for their community. Learning how to use various iTree tools will help them to understand more about their trees. I will also be teaching other NFS employees across the state so that they too can help communities who need it. This will also be good for me because I will become even more familiar with the tools.

Key i-Tree Tools to Be Used:
Online tools: Design, Landscape, County
Download: Eco

Brief Description of Project: I plan to host a workshop or webinar that covers how to use a few of the iTree tools. I plan to have a small presentation followed by a demo of the tools. I have created a brief powerpoint presentation and will also use sample projects and my homework projects that I have started to do demonstrations of each iTree tool that is geared toward use in NE communities. I also plant to do a Zoom recording of my presentation and demo that can be used in the future.

Partners/Others Who Will Assist (If any):

Proposed Time Line:
Note: Project should be substantially completed and summary report submitted before final class.

I was planning to do a training session in April, but that was cancelled and my workload was refocused because of coronavirus. I might have to put together a webinar or wait until the fall depending on the course that coronavirus takes. As of now I have sample projects for demos and a brief powerpoint summary of each tool.

Resources Needed:

Describe End Products:
Note: One required end product will be a final project summary (could use this template outline). This will be shared with the class and the community and posted on the UNRI website.

Can We Use Your Project Work Time as Grant Match?: I don’t think so since I’m already funded on federal grants.
The i-Tree Academy is supported by a grant from the U.S. Forest Service. Student time spent on completing these projects may be used to help match this grant (unless that time is paid for with federal funds, or used to match other federal funds).

Are you eligible to use your time as part of the match? Yes or No

Are you willing to have us use your project time as part of the grant match? Yes or no
(If yes, we will provide you with a form to track and value your project time).