Spring 2024 – i-Tree Open Academy Session 2: Online with MyTree, i-Tree Design, and i-Tree Planting



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i-Tree Open Academy 2024

Session 2: Tools for Individual Trees

Online with MyTree, i-Tree Planting, and i-Tree Design

March 27, 2024 1:00pm Eastern Time Davey Institute/USDA Forest Service















Accessing the Science of Tree Benefits

- www.itreetools.org 7
- Session 1 now online!
- Exercises available
- Use Chat for questions
- Certificates of completion available after Academy close



The trees around you: remove hazardous pollutants from the air you breathe absorb carbon dioxide from the air to store as wood and control storm water by intercepting and absorbing rainfall.

Trees provide more than just beauty and shade.

They work hard for all of us, every day! Click here to learn more.

Tools for assessing individual trees **MyTree** Are you new to i-Tree? Start with our EASIEST tool! MyTree helps you quickly assess individual trees with a minimum of fuss. browser or Android | Apple devices; Learn How to use it: i-Tree Design A full-featured web tool with expanded building interactions and forecasting for estimating the benefits of individual trees. via your web browser- Learn How to use it! i-Tree Eco Eco is our flagship tool that accommodates tree inventory IMPORT or field data evaluation to derive individual tree benefit estimates.



i-Tree is for everyone. These are free tools and free support for students of all levels, homeowners, community advocates, sustainability officers, urban foresters, and more

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 - Video Recording
 - Presenter Slides
 - Self-Directed Exercise Session 2

i-Tree Open Academy - Spring

2024

Register Here

What:



The i-Tree Open Academy virtual learning series is back for spring of 2024, with everything you need to explore the latest from the i-Tree suite of tools. Whether your work with trees involves planting, managing, funding, educating, or beyond - i-Tree can help you better understand the benefits that trees provide, the impacts of where those benefits are, and how to apply that science to your project goals.

Who:

This seminar-style offering will serve as both a refresher and an introduction to the newest tools and features, with one-hour virtual sessions over a six-week period. There is no fee for the Academy, and you can join all live sessions, or select those that meet your schedule and interests. Register by filling out the participant form.

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How:

When:

www.itreetools.org

i-Tree Website Resources

- www.itreetools.org
- Access to all tools
- Methodologies and How-To Resources
- See projects that use i-Tree and learn how to get help





Support

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For new users, here is a handy

Learn to use the i-Tre

Manuals, Guides, and We

• Project Planning and

training.

i-Tree helps people understand the benefits that trees provide and our support free support in using the tools, understanding the science (and pointing the wa

Support Overvie

There are several options for seeking help with including:

- i-Tree System Requirements for Installin Video Learning
- Video learning i-Tree Manuals, Guides, and Workbooks

 International Use of i-Tree Individuals interested in using i-Tree a Notes section of the website and refer to do

Reporting Technical Problem

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i-Tree Tools Resource Guide

experienced users to find the tools, guides, and other resources on the i-Tree Website that you need to help make your project a success.

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Find the tools

The core tools are all available directly on the homepage www.itreetools.org. This includes the tree assessment tools, MyTree and i-Tree Design as well as the canopy assessment tools i-Tree Canopy and i-Tree Landscape. Beyond these web-based tools, you can also learn more about i-Tree Eco from the homepage or head directly to the downloads page to request your download link. For additional tools like i-Tree Species and i-Tree Planting visit the All Tools page.

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Learn to use the tools (for most of the web-based tools go to Menu>Help to find the "How to use" guide) Video walkthroughs - Start by checking our learning videos to see if we have any videos to help you get started or complete specific tasks. You can also head to our YouTube channel for even more videos, including recorded webinars and presentations.

workbooks to help you complete specific tasks like post-stratifying your i-Tree Eco project or looking up synonym species in the i-Tree database. Similar documentation in other languages can be found here.

and others.

User's reports - Reports shared with the i-Tree team from a variety of different applications of the i-Tree tools. Additional international reports in a variety of languages can be found here.

community perceptions and/or influence management strategies.

Understand the science of i-Tree

Understanding i-Tree - This document is the starting point for all explorations of the science underlying the i-Tree models and estimates. It provides summary descriptions of all model workings and links to peer reviewed publications for additional details.

Methods documentation - A collection of many of the publications, white papers, and data sources representing the science of i-Tree, broken down by tool and topic.

Software and Science change logs - The i-Tree tools are continually updated with the latest research. Sometimes, the software is updated before the documentation can be added to the website. Check out the software and science change logs for the latest changes.

For international i-Tree users

International use - Find information about the use of i-Tree outside the US. You can also find reports shared by international users and available translated documentation linked at the bottom of that page.

Email us - If you can't find the answers to your questions on the i-Tree website you can always reach our support team by emailing info@itreetools.org.

Feedback form - Use the feedback form if you have suggestions on how to improve the tools or if you would like to share your own project on the i-Tree website.

User's Forum and FAQs - If you have a question others could benefit from, or you think you may have stumbled across a common problem, feel free to post to or search the forum.





Teaching with the tools - We have a collection of curricula and teaching resources created by the i-Tree team

See how others have used the tools

Project profiles - For selected user's projects we have a deeper dive into how the project was used to change

 Screen captures (Ctrl + Print screen) and e · We may ask you to send us a copy of your

International Technical Support

Computer and system information such a A description of the problem encountered

The i-Tree User Forum is a moderated discuss communicate experiences and view frequent Forum requires registration, which is separat Get support

The i-Tree Feedback Page is a quick webtom about your projects. User Forum

info@itreetools.org

Plan for today

- 1. Introduce the online tree tools
- 2. MyTree Demo
- 3. i-Tree Design Demo
- 4. i-Tree Planting Demo
- 5. Comparing the online tree tools









The 2023 i-Tree Suite of Tools





**i*-Tree Tools that can be used internationally



















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Species

i-Tree Tool Relationships













Arbor Day Foundation











i-Tree model basics: data tree benefits





Simple tools require simplifying assumptions

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- Crown assumptions
- Less specific inputs
- Fewer outputs
- Mortality assumptions

Key field variables

- DBH
- Species
- Crown ٠ measurements
- Tree health
- Building interactions < Simplified •
- Light availability •



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Let's give MyTree a try







MyTree: Common uses

- Education
- Engagement
- Connect people to the benefits of the trees around them



[Photo Source: L. Paqueo 2022]



[Photo Source: J. Garden 2017]





https://www.unri.org/news/treetags042019/



MyTree: Strengths and limitations

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Strengths

- Simple to use
- Created for mobile devices
- Easy to grasp outputs
- Quick
- 20 year projection

Limitations

- No ability to save projects
- Not great for more than 10 trees
- No internet = no MyTree

Potential Upcoming Features

- Mapping collected trees
- Support for group projects



i-Tree Design *Demonstrate the Value of Trees*

Davey Institute/USDA Forest Service

















i-Tree Design

Features -

- Accessible online
- Easy to use, easy to edit
- Estimates current year, benefits-to-date, and future benefits
- Printable report summary

Considerations – Limited to smaller scale projects, benefits processing can be ...slow, can not export tree data





i-Tree Design v7.0 considerations

- Can be used on a tablet...but test it first
- Reports can be printed or
 you can save and email a
 PDF document
- Project saving and sharing is possible



Provides Quantities and \$ Value of Tree Benefits



- Estimates 4 core ecosystem services -
 - CO₂ reduction
 - Air pollution removal
 - Stormwater interception & avoided runoff
 - Heating and cooling energy effects when trees are near buildings



Breakdown of tree benefits

design.itreetools.org

Shows Trees Are an Investment





Benefits in 2044 = **\$272**

To date = **\$2,470**



Advocate for Tree Care

Highlight gems, suggestions for overall health and diversity





Arbor Day Foundation





Advocate for Tree Care



Reduce risk Increase benefits



Engage Residential and Small Commercial Property Owners

Existing Trees

• My trees have value?

Proposed Trees

- Where to plant
- Species selection









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Report Features: relatable examples







Benefit Based Approach to Choosing Species Benefit Comparison of Different Tree Species





plantmaster.com/share/eplant.php?plantnum=24550

Compare 9 northern hackberry (medium size) with 6 Chinese elm trees (large size)

netpsplantfinder.com/





9 hackberry trees will provide **\$1,139** worth of benefits over the next 40 years including diverting **23,197 gallons** of stormwater and remove **438 pounds** of air pollution ...

...6 Chinese elms will provide \$1,148 worth of benefits over the next 40 years including diverting 25,860 gallons of stormwater and remove 315 pounds of air pollution





Design Example Walkthrough

design.itreetools.org ...or access from www.itreetools.org



i-Tree Design: Common uses

- Connecting with property owners
- Engaging visuals
- Landscape planning
- Scenario evaluation



Preferred planting zones to maximize tree benefits are shown around the structure.









i-Tree Design: Strengths and limitations

Strengths

- Great visuals (maps, benefits web, graphs)
- Shareable report
- Interactive evaluation

Limitations

- Limited to a handful of buildings and few dozen trees
- Helps to have a mouse for drawing

Upcoming Features

- Modernization
- Expanded capacity



i-Tree Planting: Common uses

- Tracking planting projects
- LEED Certification of landscapes
- Carbon accounting
- Funding requests/reporting
- Sustainability impact reporting





i-Tree Planting: Example Use





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i-Tree Planting: Strengths and limitations

Strengths

- Easily project thousands of trees
- Flexible projection length
- Includes mortality
- Editable parameters

Limitations

- No import ability
- Simplified mortality schemes

Upcoming Features

- Annual results
- Spreadsheet importing



Flexible applications

- **Compare species**
- Evaluate the impact of maintenance (change condition or mortality)
- Estimate time to replacement for removed trees
- Evaluate policy decisions

2 inch red maple \$1.64 / yr in benefits



Tool Characteristics



- Great for groups
- Quickest and easiest
- Simple to use on a mobile device
- Education settings
- Good for up to 5-10 trees per person





- Great visuals
- Connect people to their own trees
- Multiple buildings and a few dozen trees
- Nice to have a mouse for drawing





- Perfect for planting projects
- Easily project hundreds of trees
- Ideal for carbon accounting
- Funding requests/reporting
- Use if you have many trees of each species
- More convenient on a desktop/laptop

Give the homework a try

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