Tools for assessing and managing Community Forests

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i-Tree Release Update

Since the release on August 1st, 2006, over 1,000 i-Tree Tools Installation CDs have been requested and delivered to municipal forest managers, members of non-profit tree groups, consultants, state and federal personnel, and university professors across the nation.



Our support and feedback network is working!

We are pleased that you are contacting us via email, phone and online to get your technical questions answered and to let us know of problems you encounter. Based on your feedback we are working to fix identified software bugs and will be issuing updated i-Tree applications & utilities via web-based downloads.

Remember, i-Tree is a work in progress.

Never before have these tools been widely available and accessible to the public in a supported environment. The initial release last August was only a first step. Development, dissemination, support, and refinement will continue, and hearing back from the you is critical to this process. We encourage you to continue contacting us with anything, from a critical issue to a simple suggestion, using any of the options listed at http://www.itreetools.org/support/index.html.

When will i-Tree updates be issued?

- Ongoing critical fixes will occur <u>as needed</u> to support active i-Tree users.
- During our <u>mid-cycle release</u> in February, applications and utilities found to have critical bugs will be updated and available for download via the web.
- Our <u>version 2.0 release</u> is scheduled for this coming August. Among other items, users can
 expect i-Tree v2.0 to have an improved user's manual, simpler installation, improved
 reporting, expanded climate zone functionality for STRATUM, and a new species selector,
 hydrological modeling, and population projector components for UFORE.

Training Workshops

Thank you to all participants and collaborators of our last workshop in 2006! Workshop materials are available for viewing and download by visiting the following link:

Midwest i-Tree Workshop



32 participants attended the training workshop held at the University of Minnesota last November.

Registration for the 2007 i-Tree Academy being held April 30 to May 3 has closed. Stay tuned for more training announcements!

New online discussion forum!

The new forum is designed to facilitate interaction among users as well as provide better access to frequently asked questions. For ease of use, it is organized by topic: Applications and Utilities, Project Descriptions, FAQs, etc. To access the new forum, visit: http://forums.itreetools.org/



i-Tree User's Survey

We want to know about your i-Tree experience! Which tools you are using, and how you are using them to improve your tree program, will determine the future of i-Tree. In the coming days you will be receiving a email asking you to take part in a short on-line survey.

◆ Please help shape the future of i-Tree by taking a couple of minutes to fill the survey out! ◆