

## What people are saying about SOUL

*"This program helped me examine my strengths and weaknesses as a leader and an initiator of action in my community."*

*"I have not spent much time thinking about forestry beyond the "forests". I now realize that trees and forestry in towns, communities and cities is just as important."*

*"The course opened my eyes to trees and paying attention to their health and their impact on our lives."*

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## Become a Tree Steward



### Stewardship of the Urban Landscape (SOUL)

*Enhancing the Quality of Life in Vermont  
Communities through Trees*

Winter 2012  
*Offered Statewide*



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# An Overview

- Are you passionate about trees?
- Are you interested in learning more about trees and tree care?
- Do you want to make a difference in your community?

The Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Program offers a course called Stewardship of the Urban Landscape (SOUL) that prepares participants to become stewards of the forest in which they live.

The program is designed for individuals who are interested in:

- Enhancing their understanding of trees and proper tree care.
- Becoming a part of a local, knowledgeable and energized cohort committed to improving their community's economic, social and environmental quality through trees.

## Becoming a Vermont SOUL Tree Steward

To become a Vermont Tree Steward you must complete the eight-week SOUL course. In addition, you must complete 20 hours of volunteer service where you put your new skills to work improving your community's urban and community trees and forests.

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# The Course

The SOUL course includes eight evening sessions taught through Vermont Interactive Television (VIT), as well as three Saturday hands-on classes. The curriculum content is divided between technical sessions on trees and applied sessions on working effectively within the community. Presenters for the course are professionals in the field and represent a variety of organizations.

## Curriculum

Topics include:

- Tree Identification\*
- Tree Biology
- Tree Planting\*
- Tree Maintenance and Pruning\*
- Town Forest Management
- Tree Health
- Roadside Vegetation Management
- Resource Assessments
- Forestry Planning Tools
- Reviewing Landscape Plans
- Public Speaking and Presentations
- VT Tree Laws
- Working effectively at the local level

\* indicates topics covered via hands-on Saturday classes.

## Course Dates

The course will be offered Wednesday evenings 6-9pm, February 15 to April 4, 2012. In addition, participants are expected to attend three Saturday class, scheduled on February 11th, March 10th and May 12th.

## Course Locations

SOUL will be offered via Vermont Interactive Television at the following sites: Bennington, Brattleboro, Johnson, Middlebury, Montpelier, Newport, Randolph, Rutland, St. Albans, White River Junction and Williston. Site availability is dependent on a 10 participant minimum.

# Registration

Pre-registration for the course is required. Space is limited and registration is on a first come, first served basis.

Early Registration (by December 30th)- \$80  
Regular Registration (by January 20th) - \$100  
Late Registration (after January 20th)- \$120

Registration fee includes course materials and a copy of the SOUL course manual.

To register online go to: <http://vtsoul.wufoo.com/forms/soul-course-registration-form/>

If you would prefer a paper copy, please send your name and postal address to [soul.treesteward@uvm.edu](mailto:soul.treesteward@uvm.edu) or call (802) 223-2389 X 210.

## Accommodations and Financial Assistance

To request a disability-related accommodation to participate in this program, please contact us at (802) 223-2389 by January 4, 2012 so we may assist you. Scholarships may be available; please contact us for more information.

## Refund Policy

If you need to cancel your registration for any reason, the full amount may be refunded until January 4, 2012. After January 4, 2012, we cannot offer a refund.

## Questions?

Contact Kate Forrer, SOUL Program Coordinator, at (802) 223-2389 X 210 or [soul.treesteward@uvm.edu](mailto:soul.treesteward@uvm.edu)

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