What CTMI Graduates Are Saying

“CTMI was extremely beneficial and will be the cornerstone of our urban forestry program.”

“This is the first forestry training I’ve been to where it’s been just for people like me.”

“I learned that there’s a lot more to this forestry stuff than just trees.”

“My co-worker was impressed at how much I learned.”

“We all need to learn that our trees are constantly working for us. Being there, and working for us 24/7 they improve our quality of life and the environment!”
The CTMI Curriculum

Come to CTMI prepared to be challenged and inspired! CTMI offers a variety of learning formats in an informal, small-group atmosphere. Instruction includes field tour, small-group exercises, large-group discussions and informal networking. You won't just be sitting in a classroom listening to lectures, you will be working as a team to address your community's tree issues.

The following themes and subjects are illustrative of the CTMI curriculum:

Principles of Community Forestry Program Leadership
• Improving community livability through trees
• Understanding & promoting tree benefits
• Connecting trees with other local governance issues

Elements of Successful Community Forestry Programs
• Achieving tree goals through ordinances
• Tree inventories & management plans
• Cultivating community awareness & support
• Pulling it all together – Tour a successful forestry program

Technical Foundations of Healthy Community Forests
• How trees work
• Tree identification, selection & care principles
• Tree risk evaluation & management
• Diagnosing tree health problems

Contemporary Community Forestry Issues
• Field operations – efficiency & safety
• Trees & construction/infrastructure conflicts
• Trees & legal issues
• Budgeting & financing
• Contracting
• Tree canopy as infrastructure
• Solving community problems with trees

Sustaining a Successful Program through Partnerships
• Identifying & working cooperatively with partners
• Organizational dynamics & effectiveness

Instructional Staff

CTMI instructors include experienced urban forestry professionals from the public and private sectors, CTMI graduates, WI DNR staff and other program partners.

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