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Learn Specifics about Trees at the Celery Bog: September 9-10, 2013

If you are interested in gaining some in-depth knowledge of trees and particularly trees in Greater Lafayette, then you are encouraged to sign up for the Indiana Community Tree Steward Program for the Lafayette Area, September 9-10 at the Lilly Nature Center, from 8:00-4:30, both days.

This is an unusual opportunity to hear and see experts such as city foresters, certified arborists, Purdue University extension agents, and conservationists in the setting of one of Greater Lafayette's most cherished natural resources, the Celery Bog in West Lafayette.

The workshop is an introduction to becoming a tree steward, or a guardian of trees. Tree stewards receive many benefits and praise from the State of Indiana, including a signed certificate from the state forester, a Tree Steward pin, and a copy of the publication: *101 Trees of Indiana*.

Cost for the two-day workshop is \$30 per person, and that includes course materials such as a binder of tree care information and a reusable canvas bag.

Anyone who is interested is encouraged to sign up, even if you cannot walk long distances because the workshop is a combination of classroom and field instruction, and accommodations can be made.

Register early because space is limited, and no later than Aug. 30, 2013. Prepaid registration is required. Send a \$30 check made payable to Indiana Urban Forest Council, and mail to IDNR CUF Tree Stewards, 402 W. Washington, W 296, Indianapolis, IN 46204. When you register and pay, you will receive an e-mail confirmation. The registration and payment information can be found in a brochure on the Tree Lafayette website at the following link:

<http://treelafayette.org/downloads/TS2013LafayetteRD-1.pdf>.

View the curriculum for the Tree Stewards program at
<http://www.in.gov/dnr/forestry/files/fo-TScurriculumforweb.pdf>.

For more information e-mail ctauscher@dnr.in.gov, or call 317-234-4386.

The program is being organized by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Division of Community Urban Forestry or CUF. Tree Lafayette is one of several green organizations that is a partner in the event.