

What is it? NeighborWoods is an opportunity for citizens to take part in the stewardship of their community trees. Once a NeighborWoods group is established, they collaborate and prioritize their specific needs for enhancing their piece of the urban forest.

How do I participate? First, contact Urban Forestry or your local Neighborhood Council to see if a group is already active. If not, you can take the lead and start your own group by inviting other interested people. We recommend having a group of at least 5, but any number of people is a good start! You can always have more than one NeighborWoods group in one neighborhood – some neighborhoods are very large and would benefit from several groups.

Who is involved? NeighborWoods is a partnership between the formed citizen groups and Spokane Urban Forestry.

Who does what? The stewardship group is responsible for doing the legwork needed to determine their community's goals. We provide technical assistance and guidance to help you accomplish your tree goals. Urban Forestry can provide expertise, planting assistance, software, educational materials, and training.

Where? This program happens where you live. Each neighborhood has its own boundaries but feel free to partner with other neighborhoods. There are no restrictions on location within the city limits.

When? Planning your goals, conducting inventories, and other events can happen almost any time but assistance for planting trees happens in Spring and Fall.

Which Trees? Spokane Urban Forestry has compiled a great list of Approved Street Trees to help ensure that the right tree is planted in the right place. We are also working with The Lands Council to encourage more people to plant our native Ponderosa pines in places they are best suited. We can assist you in choosing the right tree and getting the best quality trees available.

Questions? If you have more questions about this program or would like to start a group in your neighborhood, please contact Spokane Urban Forestry at 509.363.5495, or email Matt McCain at mdmccain@spokanecity.org.

OUR PART

- ❖ Provide educational materials
- ❖ Plan workshops and lead classes
- ❖ Connect you to other groups and volunteers
- ❖ Supply trees and related materials
- ❖ Give ongoing advice for tree care and community growth
- ❖ Provide materials for inventory and data collection
- ❖ Facilitate a tree planting launch party for new NeighborWoods groups

YOUR PART

- ❖ Conduct research with neighbors, businesses, and officials to find out what their desires, interests and concerns are
- ❖ Commit to completing workshops to develop a plan
- ❖ Schedule meetings and events
- ❖ Take responsibility for trees
- ❖ Assume leadership positions to implement plan
- ❖ Help collect and inventory data

This program is provided free of charge by Spokane Urban Forestry and is a collaboration with the Alliance for Community Trees organization. If you would like to support tree planting in the City of Spokane please donate through the Parks Foundation's Reforest Spokane website: <http://www.spokaneparksfoundation.org/reforestspokane.htm>.