

# Auburn Tree Steward Program Application

Trees provide services that are essential to life and health. They make the City of Auburn a healthier and more beautiful environment for its residents. The Auburn Tree Commission created the Auburn Tree Steward Program to promote the City of Auburn's urban tree inventory by recognizing Auburn residents for their care of trees.

Any resident of the City of Auburn can apply to become an Auburn Tree Steward. The process entails filling out the application below and hosting a brief visit by a few members of the Tree Commission to show your support and sustenance of trees on your property. If approved, you will receive an attractive Auburn Tree Steward garden sign to place in your yard. If approved, your application contribution of \$20 will support the Tree Steward Program and the Auburn Tree Trust.

To apply, please fill out the form below and email it to [urbanforestry@auburnal.gov](mailto:urbanforestry@auburnal.gov).

## Contact Information:

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate what practices you use on your property by checking the items that apply.

- ☐ I have planted a tree(s) in my yard.
- ☐ I strive to protect the trees in my yard.
- ☐ I prune trees in my yard, carefully and as needed.
- ☐ I seek information to educate myself on appropriate care of trees.
- ☐ I try to control invasive trees/plants on my property.
- ☐ I use herbicides/pesticides as directed, if at all.
- ☐ Other (Please address in your response below.)

Please use the space below to share why you feel you might qualify to be honored as an Auburn Tree Steward. You may wish to use the checklist above to help you form your thoughts. 100 words.

Trees cool our air by creating shade as well as by releasing water vapor. Their leaves take carbon dioxide out of the air and release oxygen. They also filter out air pollutants – fine particulates that come from the burning of biomass and fossil fuels. For our soil, trees soften our heavy rainfalls and maintain the soil's ability to store water while their roots help prevent erosion. Trees support microbes vital to soil fertility and provide habitat for many living organisms, including birds and others that Auburn residents can enjoy. Trees improve our well-being — physically, mentally, and spiritually.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOVE OF TREES AND YOUR INTEREST IN  
BECOMING AN AUBURN TREE STEWARD!**