



Urban Forest Education & Stewardship Training Program – UFEST

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"Building Healthy Communities One Tree at a Time"

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3 Areas of UFEST Program:

1- Urban Forest Mentors

Cultivate leadership, skills and talents as general specialists in urban forestry & arboriculture for the Oakland community

- Train young adults in all of the areas the stewardship certification program and also
- Leadership training, personal & professional character development
- Public speaking and presentations
- Planning, organizing & coordinating tree planting and maintenance events.
- Mentors will eventually become ISA Certified Arborists.

2- Urban Forest Stewardship Training & Certification

Build community capacity in urban forest management & stewardship; inspire & train youth, young adults & hard-to-hire adults to care for and maintain their neighborhood/community forest

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| 1- Urban forest ecology & benefits | 7- Civic engagement & organizing |
| 2- Tree anatomy & physiology | 8- Young Tree Pruning |
| 3- Environmental stewardship ethic | 9- Working with people & trees |
| 4- Tree identification & selection | 10- Environmental Justice |
| 5- Tree health | 11- Natural resource jobs & careers |
| 6- Tree planting, care & monitoring | 12- Public speaking & communication |

3- General Urban Forestry Education & Outreach

Increase general awareness and knowledge of ecological, environmental, and human benefits of trees in our urban community

- ✓ Primary & Secondary Schools
- ✓ Community based organizations
- ✓ Local businesses
- ✓ General Public

Why is UFEST important?

- ✓ Greening for health and climate change is needed for urban communities, particularly marginalized neighborhoods.
- ✓ Increase youth & young adult civic participation and involvement in positive, productive community based projects.
- ✓ Engage Oakland youth in science & environmental education.
- ✓ Train local residents how to care for and maintain their community forests.
- ✓ Build Oakland youth skills, talents and experiences in green jobs and careers.
- ✓ Increase Oakland citizen knowledge on the environmental and ecological benefits of trees and green spaces.

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