Urban Forest Education & Stewardship Training Program – UFEST

Urban Releaf
“Building Healthy Communities One Tree at a Time”
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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.

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

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