



Sacramento Tree Foundation

Exclusive Volunteer Opportunity: Save The Elms Program (STEP) Citizen Scientist

Time Frame: May 2018—September 2018

Time Commitment: 5-20 hours total from May—September depending on number of trees you commit to monitor (each tree should take less than 5 minutes to monitor)

Location: Monitoring occurs throughout the City of Sacramento

Purpose

Dutch Elm Disease (DED) is an incurable, rapidly-spreading fungal disease that has taken the lives of thousands of Sacramento elm trees since the 1990s. The city needs YOUR help identifying DED in Sacramento's 2,000 remaining elm trees in order to stop the spread of disease. As a STEP Citizen Scientist, you will be trained on monitoring and identifying DED. You will then be asked to commit to monitoring 10+ elm trees 3 times during a 4-month period (May—September). You can either work individually or recruit volunteers to work as a STEP team.

Key Responsibilities and Requirements

- MUST be able to attend STEP Citizen Scientist Orientation & Training
- Willingness to “adopt” and monitor 10+ public elm trees within the City of Sacramento
- Commitment to relaying monitoring information through GreenprintMaps mobile device app or website. Mobile device (Android or Apple, smartphone or tablet) highly recommended.
- Ensure that the proper trees are monitored by using online maps to confirm tree location

Attitude, Abilities, and Skills

- Willingness to learn how to enter data into GreenprintMaps mobile device app or website
- Comfortable with reading online maps
- Comfortable with learning how to identify elm trees and potential disease in trees
- Ability to provide own transportation for monitoring route

Benefits and Rewards

- Free Sacramento Tree Foundation STEP t-shirt
- Invitation to our STEP Celebration Party in October
- Certificate of Completion for monitoring season
- Satisfaction of knowing that you've helped save our remaining elm trees!

If interested, please contact us at volunteer@sactree.com or (916)-974-4310

Interested in helping us save the elms, but don't want to monitor?

We may have something for you! Please contact us!