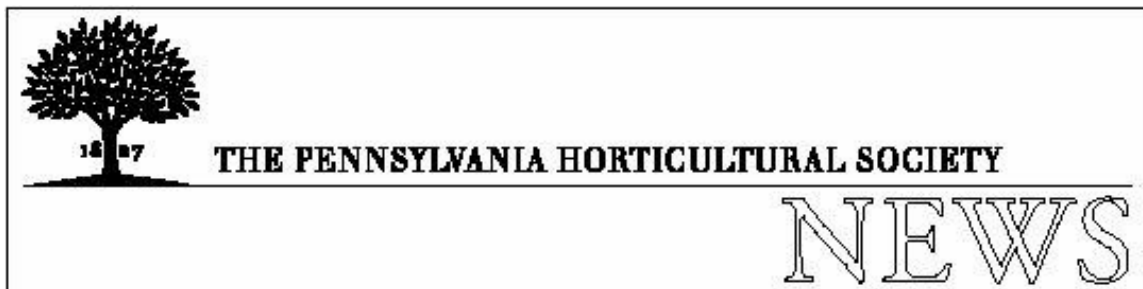


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**HELP THE URBAN FOREST –  
BECOME A TREE TENDER THIS FALL**

**(July 2008)** The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society will lead hands-on workshops this fall in Delaware, Chester and Philadelphia counties to help residents take an important step in improving the environment in their communities. The free, nine-hour training includes tree identification, proper planting and maintenance techniques and a lesson in community organizing. Registration is required.

Since 1993, PHS' Tree Tenders program has trained more than 2,000 community volunteers from 150 neighborhoods in Southeast Pennsylvania. Tree Tenders help to support the TreeVitalize program designed by Pennsylvania's Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), working to increase tree cover and the benefits trees provide.

Trees not only improve air quality, but studies show greening can serve as an economic stimulus tool and raise nearby property values by up to 30 percent. Properly placed trees help to moderate indoor/outdoor temperatures, and can reduce energy costs, noise pollution and crime rates, among many other environmental, social and health benefits.

Although individuals are welcome in this free training program, groups of three or more neighbors who complete the training can become an active Tree Tender group and receive tools and special opportunities/resources for planting trees in public spaces.

**FALL 2008 TRAINING**

Delaware County  
Springfield Township Municipal Building  
50 Powell Road, Springfield, PA 19064  
Wednesdays, Sept. 10, 17 & 24 • 6-9 pm

Chester County  
Valley Forge Christian College  
1401 Charlestown Road, Phoenixville, PA 19460  
Thurs., Sept. 25, Oct. 2 & Tues., Oct. 7 • 6-9 pm

Philadelphia County  
PHS, 100 North 20th Street, 5th Fl  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
Wednesdays, Oct.15, 22 & 29 • 5:45-8:45 pm

To register, call Dawn Waters, 215-988-8810 or register online at  
[www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org](http://www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org).

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