



Tree Census Project Field Assistants

The 2010 Tree Census project is a scientific assessment of the urban forest in the seven county Northeast Illinois metropolitan region using I-Tree Eco protocols. This study will determine the structure of the region's urban forest and quantify the value of the ecosystem services it provides. The data collected will be used to develop a regional strategy for enhancing urban forest sustainability that will enable conservation, protection and enhancement of an important resource contributing to the mitigation of climate change.

Field data will be collected by multiple crews of field assistants during the summer of 2010. A total of 14 seasonal positions are anticipated. Project field assistants will be expected to collect data accurately and repeatedly (eg. plant species, size and condition, ground cover, plantable space), interpret field maps to locate sampling sites, identify landscape trees and shrubs, communicate with members of the general public, use a PDA and related computer-based applications, operate field equipment and vehicles and keep them in good working order.

Qualifications: In pursuit of, or attained, an undergraduate degree in horticultural, environmental or biological science. An equivalent combination of training and experience will also be considered. Excellent organization and independent working skills. Preference will be given to individuals with field and/or laboratory experience and knowledge of tree and shrub identification. Good written and oral communication skills. Valid Illinois driver's license, with clean driving record. Ability to reliably report to remote working location on time.

Applicants should send an employment application (http://www.mortonarb.org/images/stories/pdf/employment/employment_application.pdf) or resume with contact information for three references to: The Morton Arboretum, Human Resources, 4100 Illinois Route 53, Lisle, IL 60532 or jobs@mortonarb.org.

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