



## Greening of Detroit: Citizen Forester Program

### Project Overview

Over the past several decades Detroit has lost tens of millions of trees due to resource constraints, urban expansion, Dutch Elm Disease and Emerald Ash Borer. As part of a comprehensive urban forest restoration effort SFI Inc. will provide \$5,000 to support the Greening of Detroit's 2014 [Citizen Forester Program](#) to recruit and train 50 new volunteer Citizen Foresters. The training program will inform participants about the SFI program and the importance of sustainable forest management and feature SFI-labeled products. The Citizen Foresters will then take on a leadership role in the subsequent tree plantings throughout Detroit as part of Greening of Detroit's holistic approach to restore tree cover in a strategic manner providing a wide range of benefits to residents.

### Supporting the SFI Standard

The Greening of Detroit's Citizen Forester program supports the SFI program goals by strengthening sustainable forests, improving the sustainability of communities and addressing climate change. This grant directly addresses Objective 17: Community Involvement in the Practice of Sustainable Forestry and components of the SFI standard relating to aesthetics and recreation, and training and education.

### Project Partners

The Greening of Detroit will partner with the Michigan SFI Implementation Committee.