



ACCESS to CATS TECHNOLOGY and RESOURCES

The CATS website: A resource to educate, inform and inspire exploration of our tree community.

To Access: www.charlottesvilleareatrestewards.org

Explore the tabs on the CATS website navigation menu to:

- Sign up for walks and lectures.
- View a re-cap of past and upcoming tree related events and news.
- Utilize our tree information resources.

Member Portal: This is the section of our website where you will log your volunteer hours, sign up for upcoming projects, meetings and events, access our photo library, find additional training materials, locate contact information for members, pay member dues, etc.

An orientation to this member-only area of the website is part of your September 8th assignment (Moodle - Module #2). The password to gain access to the Member Portal is **treehugger**.

Moodle: To become a Tree Steward you will have to access Moodle, the online learning platform coupled with Dropbox. You do not need to have a Dropbox account to view the training materials.

Please use the following instructions:

- Open your preferred web browser (Chrome, Firefox, Edge, Safari) and navigate to <https://cvilleareatrestewards.moodlecloud.com>
- Enter the Username and Password provided in an automated email from Moodle (*remember to check your spam folder for this email*)
- Click Login
- Additional support and help for using Moodle can be found at: https://docs.moodle.org/310/en/User_quick_guide
- If you have any issues or questions, please contact Emily Ferguson: emily.ferguson@gmail.com

Track It Forward.com: Track it Forward (TIF) can be accessed at www.trackitforward.com and at the Member Portal on the CATS website. We are awarded grant money based on our volunteer work and our educational programs. Each reported hour is worth about \$32 in funding from the Virginia Department of Forestry, so remember to **LOG YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS**, including travel time getting to and from a site.

- To register for a TIF account go to either site mentioned above and follow directions to create your username and password. If this isn't clear, review Moodle - Module #2: "Recording Volunteer Hours Using TIF."
- For questions contact: Barbara White at va.treelady@gmail.com or Walt Morgan at wamman9@yahoo.com

CATS' Photo Library on SmugMug: The www.SmugMug.com website contains a photo library documenting our tree walks, tree classes and public work events and sites. It also includes photos for tree ID by leaf, fall color, buds and bark and photos for invasive ID. An orientation is provided in Moodle - Module #3: "Intro to CATS' Library."

Instructional guides for how to access and use the Photo Library:

- **How to upload**
- **How to download**
- **How to add titles, captions and key words**

We welcome your additions to our photo library. If you are unable to upload your photos, you can always email them to the Photo Library Manager, who will post them for you. Please include enough information about each photo to make it a useful educational or marketing resource using the guide on adding titles, captions and key words if clarification is needed.

Module #3 Assignment Help: Pam Dorland - For questions email: ptdorland@gmail.com

Photo Library Manager: Jackie Savage - For questions email: jacks1326@gmail.com

Access: www.smugmug.com

Username: education3@cvilleareatreestewards.org

Password: treestewards3

Book Library and Reviews: The CATS library is located in the Geology Library at the Virginia Department of Forestry (VDoF). We hope you will take advantage of this wonderful resource for tree related books.

For information on how to use the library and for the location of the key to gain access to the cabinet, go to the Member Portal and to the "Library and Review" section. This web page also contains book reviews and a catalogue of our available books.

Librarian: Anne Benham - For questions email: apbe4n@gmail.com

CATS Social Media:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/charlottesvilleareatreestewards

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/cvilleareatreestewards>

Additional Apps to Explore:

iNaturalist is used to aid in tree and invasive plant identification: <https://www.inaturalist.org/>

iTree is a collection of urban and rural forestry analysis and benefits assessment tools, including ones that can help with canopy assessment and tree planting: <https://www.itreetools.org/>

EDDmapS, the Early Detection & Distribution Mapping System is a mapping system for invasive species and pest distribution. It should be used to report sightings of particularly threatening invasives species such as wavyleaf grass: <https://www.eddmaps.org/>