



## The Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA)

### Program at West Virginia State University, FY 2008



Tree City  
USA/Arbor Day  
Celebration



Tree  
Health  
Seminar

The Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA) program funds allocated to West Virginia State University are utilized by the Extension Agriculture and Natural Resources program area. Our RREA program is strategically aimed at increasing urban forestry stewardship education throughout the state. As an 1890 institution, our University is allocated just over \$11,000.00 per year via competitive grant submission.

#### Urban Forestry

The Urban Forestry program provides trees, printed materials, web-based educational materials, and hands-on learning tools to the citizens of West Virginia. A new series of Urban Forestry seminars was initiated to further facilitate outreach in topics related to urban forestry for citizens in the greater Charleston area. In addition, we provide trees to the West Virginia Division of Forestry to plant during arbor month (April) in various municipalities, tree cities, schools, and high profile roadways. RREA funding also helped purchase tree inventory software for state and minority historical sites.

Direct population impacts are nearly 100,000 people throughout the state. Within West Virginia, 45 trees were planted. Several hundred "Choosing and Planting Trees for Cities and Communities" brochures were distributed

through workshops, location fairs, and educational seminars.

Burlap goodie bags with tree cookies, magnifying glasses, and plastic bugs were distributed to school age state youth. Seminar participants received valuable tools, such as tree pruners, loppers, tree booklets, easy grip reachers for those with physical challenges, and tree seedlings.

*"Because of the generous support of WVSU's urban forestry program, Arbor Day tree planting ceremonies were held in each Tree City USA community and over 20 schools across the state. Also our Urban and Community Forestry Council were able to plant nine trees at a new rest area in cooperation with the Department of Highways". --Bob Hannah, Urban Forestry coordinator, West Virginia Division of Forestry*

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