



**CHICAGO
REGION
TREES
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Our Trees.
Our Communities.
Our Future.

CRTI Community Trees Network
January 18, 2017
Possibility Place Nursery
9:30 am to 1:30 pm

Fireside Forestry: Nursery Visit

Introduction to Community Trees Network

9:30 AM to 9:50 AM

Daniella Pereira and Michael Collins

The Community Tree Network is a peer to peer mentoring program to share expertise and provide mentorship to other urban foresters, tree commissions, forestry advocates, public works administration, and budget managers. The goal of the Network is to connect neighboring communities and pool their knowledge to

- 1) *understand the challenges and be able to advocate for best practices to their municipality and council members to address their forestry concerns and/or increase their forestry budgets,*
- 2) *implement or tweak their operations to conform to the best practices for the benefit of their trees, and*
- 3) *create a regional community of tree experts to meet the growing complexity and scale of ecological challenges that cut across our municipal barriers.*

Nursery Tour

10:00 to 12:00 p.m.

Kelsay and Tristan Shaw will take participants on a nursery tour, that includes visits to the onsite mill, a discussion on winter pruning, tips on nursery tree selection, and information about their grow bag system.

Lunch and Networking

12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

Participants will have a chance to discuss current forestry issues while sitting around a bonfire. Thank you to Possibility Place Nursery for providing lunch!

Workshop Wrap Up

1:00 to 1:30 p.m.

This time will be set aside for participants to talk as a larger group about the biggest challenges they face in their day to day forestry work.