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LINCOLN LAND TRUST ANNOUNCES DATE FOR SPRING TREE INVENTORY

The Town of Lincoln **STREET TREE INVENTORY** is about to resume. The Lincoln Land Trust recently received a grant through the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, Division of Forest Environment, to conduct a street tree inventory on local streets in the Town of Lincoln. Last fall 35 dedicated volunteers attended a training session on how to conduct a tree inventory. A tree inventory is a collection of data on town trees that grow inside the first 8 to 10 feet of a curb. Data such as diameter, location and species is recorded and later used for town wide planning, maintaining tree canopy and in assessing tree health and replacement.

A total of 1,138 trees comprising 58 different species were counted during the last tree inventory. Approximately one third of the town is complete. The goal is to complete the rest of the town by the end of August 2008. The Lincoln Land Trust is looking for 30-35 new volunteers to help complete this goal. This project is easiest if done in groups of two or three so bring a friend!

The Lincoln Land Trust will conduct another training session on Monday April 7th 2008 at 6:30 PM at Lincoln Town Hall 100 Old River Rd. 02865. Please call 333-1100 or go to www.lincolnri.org for directions. Volunteers will be given a map of a "survey zone" to complete. This project is perfect for girl scouts, boy scouts, garden clubs, tree stewards, retirees, adults, community groups, and college students. If you are a high school student and need to perform community service hours before you graduate, this is perfect for you. High school students who participate will get a signed letter verifying the hours worked.

"The town currently has no written plan for maintenance of its street trees." The information gathered in this inventory will be used to establish a tree identification database, which will be then be used to determine future maintenance and planting needs, as well as to establish a tree ordinance," said Judy Hadley, chairperson of the Lincoln Land Trust.

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