

CommuniTree Steward Project Volunteer Agreement 2018

We are pleased in your interest in becoming a CommuniTree Steward with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Erie County (here after referred to as "CCE"). Please affirm your acceptance of the terms of this agreement, stated on the back with your signatures. Also please accept our sincere thanks for your valuable contribution to Cornell Cooperative Extension.

1. I agree to attend every class in order to gain a broad education on the many aspects of general tree care. I will talk with the CommuniTree Steward Project Coordinator about the feasibility of what is an acceptable solution should I miss any class due to illness or emergencies.
2. I agree that as a CCE volunteer my participation in the activities outlined in the attached volunteer position description is without monetary or other compensation. **The document, including the Code of Conduct it contains, shall be considered a part of this agreement.**
3. I understand that CCE shall have the right to suspend or release me as a volunteer at any time and for any reason, within the discretion of CCE. I also understand that I have the right to terminate this agreement, recognizing that if I receive significant training for the volunteer position that there is an expectation of volunteer service.
4. I understand that CCE does not provide volunteers with medical insurance; therefore CCE is not responsible for any medical expenses incurred by me. Further, I understand that I am neither covered by Worker's Compensation nor entitled to employee benefits as a result of my CCE volunteer affiliation.
5. CCE will cover me as a volunteer under the CCE commercial general liability to protect me against any covered claims for injury to persons or damage to property arising out of activities as a volunteer. In exchange for volunteer liability insurance protection I, on behalf of myself, my heirs and my representatives, do hereby release Cornell Cooperative Extension and the Association, its officers, directors, employees, and other volunteers from any liability whatsoever for any injury to myself, including death, or damage to my property that arises out of or is in any way related to my volunteer activities unless my injury is the result of the sole negligence of Cornell Cooperative Extension or the Association. I understand that the liability insurance coverage only applies when I am on duty, acting in accordance with CCE guidelines for my volunteer assignment, and all other applicable pre-conditions for coverage under the CCE insurance policy are met.
6. CCE agrees to provide the orientation, training, supervision and support deemed necessary by CCE for the successful fulfillment of my volunteer responsibilities.
7. I am aware of the terms and conditions of this agreement and agree that the provisions of this agreement do not constitute a contract, either expressed or implied, for employment between CCE and myself.
8. I understand and agree that either I, or CCE, may terminate the volunteer relationship at any time for any reason or for no particular reason or cause. CCE reserves the right to determine and change its policies and procedures applicable to volunteers at any time for any reason.
9. I understand that I am committing my volunteer time in exchange for education. At the successful completion of training, I agree to provide five hours of volunteer time to projects organized by CCE and the City of Buffalo.
10. I will share research based information to others and refrain from giving out information from personal experience that could be construed by the public to be as official statement from Cornell.
11. I will fully adhere to the guidelines and principles outlined in the CCE Volunteer Code of Conduct.
12. This agreement is valid from March 2018 through March 2019. You will have to re-register to be a CommuniTree Steward Project in future years.

Sign and Date: _____