



Volunteer Job Description TREE SURVEYOR

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT / PURPOSE OF ASSIGNMENT: Canopy's tree care monitors the health of Palo Alto's young street trees. During the dry summer months, Canopy staff and volunteers visit all of the street trees planted within the past 5 planting seasons. Trees are assessed to be sure they are receiving adequate water and are inspected for other problems such as staking or mulching. The information collected is turned over to the City of Palo Alto's Public Works Department so that any necessary work can be performed.

OUTLINE OF VOLUNTEER'S RESPONSIBILITIES: Tree Care Survey volunteers walk routes provided by Canopy in small teams (2-3) and collect data –such as soil moisture level– on the trees they are assigned to visit. They may also perform small first care activities –such as weeding and removing suckers– Most of the tree care survey takes place during two scheduled survey days. Volunteers may also survey routes on their own time.

SUPPORT PLAN: Tree Care Survey volunteers go through a 30 minute training during which they learn about problems to look for, how to record data and first care. Groups are led by an experienced volunteer.

TIME COMMITMENT: Each route generally takes survey teams around 2 hours to complete. There are often opportunities for trained volunteers to take on additional routes during their own time.

QUALIFICATIONS NEEDED: Ability to walk 2-3 miles, follow directions and read maps. Some driving routes are available – please let us know if you would prefer one of these.

BENEFITS: All Canopy volunteers are invited to Canopy's Annual Party, receive the Canopy's newsletter and receive credit in Canopy's Annual Report. Learn how to plant trees correctly from professionals and meet others in the community, while growing a healthy urban forest.

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