



TOWN of LISBON Forest Inventory Plan

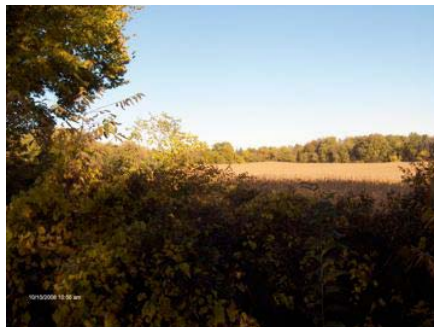


Preserving the Town of Lisbon's rural lifestyle

Lisbon's rural lifestyle involves trees and prairies and a quality of life that is like a complex flower that blooms and becomes a field of dreams. Natural challenges to that field of dreams cannot be ignored.

Trees and forests contribute to the value of public and private properties. Forested lands developed and improved by local residents are a projection of life itself in Lisbon. They are part of Lisbon's rural lifestyle. They are a basic element in the quality of life for the community. They are an extension of our residents' life, energy and ingenuity.

As Emerald Ash Borer and other pests spread across the nation, they challenge rural forests. They require that residents take action to engage in forest management practices to save their rural forest heritage. Management practices that preserve Lisbon's quality of life are practices that the Town of Lisbon Forest Inventory seeks to identify and employ for the benefit of the Town and all its forests. **You can be part of this program** to preserve our Town's rural lifestyle and forests.



"Mapping" Forests – Data Collection

The road to forest management is paved with leaves of great variety. Many types of soils and environmental conditions affect the growing of a forest. Protecting forests requires attention to details of sound forest management practices. Pests like the Emerald Ash Leaf Borer (EAB) cannot be ignored. This pest is invading and destroying forests across the nation. It could kill a significant number of Lisbon's trees in the next few years. How will you prepare to save your trees?

You can become proactive ... by helping to develop a Forest Inventory Plan for the Town of Lisbon. Learn as you become involved. **Join the Forest Inventory Team** by filing the form inside this brochure today.

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LISBON PARK COMMITTEE
PAID FOR BY THE 2009 WDNR URBAN
FORESTRY GRANT TO THE TOWN OF LISBON

Lisbon's Forest Inventory begins with the 2009 WDNR Urban Forestry Grant. That grant provides access to education and resources needed to plan a forest inventory plan for the Town of Lisbon. The plan will benefit the Town's forests, wildlife, air quality, and tree



practices for community properties. It also provides opportunities for residents to learn how they can be involved in

identifying and mapping trees on private properties throughout our Town.

Developing a Town of Lisbon Forest Inventory

A 2009 Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources Urban Forestry grant to the Town of Lisbon provides funding for 1) inventory of trees and tree health conditions on Town of Lisbon properties, and 2) public education relating to the Emerald Ash Leaf Borer (EAB).

During two 3-hour workshops, park staff and local residents have the opportunity to work side-by-side with an arborist. They will learn how to conduct a tree inventory that they can use to preserve and protect the value of trees. They will also learn specifically about EAB, an invasive pest that has the potential to kill 15-20% of trees in the area. Finally, they work in the field (4-6 hours) to identify and collect inventory data on trees on Town of Lisbon properties. For Town residents who participate in these workshops and inventory, the Forest Inventory program offers real BENEFITS. Tools and knowledge gained during the program can be applied to improve forest practices on both Town owned and private properties.

Residents can participate in this program by volunteering to serve on the Town of Lisbon Forest Inventory Team. The workshops prepare participants to help conduct the inventory using iTree software. This software has been used by communities, consultants, volunteers, and

students to report on urban forests of all sizes. It is designed to use field data from a tree inventory to quantify forest structure and value to the Town.

What is the value of our Town's forests? Forests increase the value of public and private properties in many ways. They provide shade, screens and shelter for wildlife. They clean pollution from the air. They supply oxygen to fuel brain cells for growing minds. They serve as a basic resource in community parks that provide recreation areas for Town of Lisbon families. And forests are a renewable resource.

As Town of Lisbon residents consider the possibilities for how local forest resources can be used now and in the future, developing a forest inventory and management plan emerges as a worthwhile goal.



Volunteer to learn Urban Forest Practices you can take home and use to plant a forest of your own.



_____ Yes, I would like to volunteer for the 2009 WDNR Urban Forestry Grant's Town of Lisbon Forest Inventory Team. I will attend two 3-hour training workshops and help with data collection (4-6 hours). (NOTE: only 12 seats available at Saturday morning workshops in September & October, dates TBA. Training in use of iTree software included, free download for volunteers.)

If you are interested in learning more about developing a forest inventory you will find educational material and the final report from the 2009 WDNR Urban Forestry grant on the Parks Dept. website www.lisbonparks.org/forest

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