

Fall 2026 – Newark Tree Canopy Initiative Training Schedule

Training Hours: 9:30 am – 3:00 pm

Lunch: 30-minute unpaid lunch break each day

Address: 15 Washington St, Newark, NJ 07102

Thursday, September 10 – Day 1

9:30–10:15 — Welcome & Introductions

10:15–10:45 — Classroom Expectations & Norms

10:45–11:00 — Workbooks & Online Resources

11:00–12:15 — Trees 101

12:15–12:45 — Lunch

12:45–1:15 — Icebreakers & “Being the Tree” Activity

1:15–2:45 — Tree ID Basics

2:45–3:00 — Wrap up

Friday, September 11 – Day 2

9:30–10:00 — Review & Workbook Questions

10:00–12:00 — Safety Training: Emergency, Tool, Machine, Digging & Road Safety; Tree Planter Wellness

12:00–12:30 — Lunch

12:30–2:15 — Plant ID Part 1

2:15–2:45 — Planting Containers: Types, Pros & Cons

2:45–3:00 — Wrap up

Thursday, September 17 – Day 3

9:30–10:00 — Review & Workbook Questions

10:00–12:00 — Plant ID Part 2

12:00–12:30 — Lunch

12:30–1:30 — Pruning

1:30–2:45 — Soil Basics

2:45–3:00 — Wrap-up

Friday, September 18 – Day 4

9:30–11:00 — Pruning instruction

11:00–11:30 — Lunch

11:30–2:30 — Outdoor Pruning Lesson

2:30–3:00 — Wrap-Up

Thursday, September 24 — Day 5

10:00 — Arrive on **New Brunswick Campus; Location TBA**

10:15–12:00 — Campus Tree Planting

12:00–12:30 — Livingston Tiny Forest Visit

12:30–1:00 — Lunch

1:00–2:30 — Rutgers Gardens Visit

2:30 — Travel Back to Newark

Friday, September 25 — Day 6

9:30–10:00 — Review, Workbook Questions & Planting Methods

10:00–10:45 — Review Activities & Tool Identification

10:45–11:00 — Tracking Planting Success & Survivorship

11:00–12:30 — Site Assessment & Outdoor Walk

12:30–1:00 — Lunch

1:00–2:45 — Practice Tree ID Walk

2:45–3:00 — Review, Questions & Wrap-Up

Reminder: Bring a printed copy of your resume for Day 7.

Thursday, October 1 — Day 7

9:30–10:00 — Review & Workbook Questions

10:00–10:45 — Guest Presentation

10:45–11:45 — Outdoor Tree Condition Assessment

11:45–12:15 — Lunch

12:15–12:45 — Guest Presentation / ISA

12:45–3:00 — Interview Skills & Resume Workshop

Friday, October 2 — Day 8

Location: UVSO, 1033 Rte 510, Newark, NJ 07106

Rutgers Newark classroom is unavailable.

9:30–10:00 — Review & Workbook Questions

10:00–11:00 — Tree ID Walk Review

11:00–12:00 — Group Discussion, Wrap-Up & Planting Coordination

12:00–12:30 — Lunch

12:30–1:30 — Cooperative Extension, Finding Reliable Information & Post-Planting Care

1:30–2:45 — Career Panel

2:45–3:00 — Final Survey & Program Conclusion