i-Tree Open Academy – Session 2 Q&A

Q: How do I attend the remainder of the iTree Academy Sessions?

A: This link will allow you to attend all of the sessions and will not change for the remainder of the course.

Q.: If a species of interest is not in the database, is it possible to include it?

A: Yes, you can add to the species database here.

Q. What tools are available to help identify trees?

A. Here are some of the resources available to help identify trees.

Q. Is there a way to determine the benefits of older trees to show they should not be cut down?

A. Yes, iTree tools can show the current benefits of any tree, no matter how old. The calculations will use the size and health of the tree to show benefits and demonstrate the value of keeping mature trees in place.

Q: (My Tree) Can the trees I add be saved and downloaded?

A: At this time, trees added to MyTree and the results are only saved in the browser. Other iTree tools allow users to create and save projects.

Q: (Design & Planting) What tree DBH should I use for my iTree inputs?

A. Use the current DBH measured at the time of planting. The tools will model tree growth and ecosystem services over time.

Q. **(Design & Planting) What if my trees are shorter than DBH (4.5 feet or 1.37m) at the time of planting? What should my DBH input be?**

A. The minimum DBH input accepted by iTree is 0.5 inches (1.27 cm). One approach to this problem is to adjust projection time length from your estimate of when trees will reach minimum DBH. For example, if your tree takes 3 years to reach 0.5 inch DBH, change your projection length from 20 to 17 years.

Q. (Design & Planting) Which tool should I use for my tree planting project?

A. Both Design and Planting provide useful outputs for planning a tree planting project but the answer will depend on how many trees you hope to plant. For a smaller project, Design will provide great reports and visuals and but for larger projects (thousands of trees), Planting will be a better suited tool.

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