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For immediate release:

### **“Tree Tenders” Needed**

Your trees need you! Join us in learning how to plant and keep alive your neighborhood trees by becoming “Tree Tenders”. Tree Tenders is a free training course offered by the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. Created in 1993, the Tree Tenders project has trained nearly 3,000 community volunteers from 200 Southeast Pennsylvania neighborhoods. Tree Tenders is part of the “growing” TreeVitalize program designed by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) to increase Southeast Pennsylvania’s tree cover and the benefits that trees offer us all.

This 9-hour course covers urban stresses on trees, basic planting, pruning, tree pit care, and tree identification. Groups of three or more from a community who attend all sessions will receive special tree tending tools and benefits.

Registrations are now being taken for trainings this spring. They will occur at two different locations on weekday evenings.

- Norristown Borough Hall on Thursdays, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and April 2<sup>nd</sup>,  
235 East Airy Street, Norristown, PA 19401
- West Chester University on Tuesdays, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, Room  
113 Boucher Hall, South Church Street, West Chester, PA 19383.

Individuals and groups interested in attending should register by contacting Barbara Van Clief at (215) 988-8793, [bvanclief@pennhort.org](mailto:bvanclief@pennhort.org) or through the PHS website, [www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org](http://www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org).

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