

The Urban Forest Initiative Presents  
**Adopt a Kentucky tree...**



**to build your own forest!**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Activity 1: Adopt your favorite tree!

Write 10 words about how this tree makes you feel.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_\_\_

8. \_\_\_\_\_

9. \_\_\_\_\_

10. \_\_\_\_\_

# Your adopted tree:

Circumference: \_\_\_\_\_

Tree species: \_\_\_\_\_

Stormwater intercepted (gallons): \_\_\_\_\_

Carbon dioxide reduced (pounds): \_\_\_\_\_

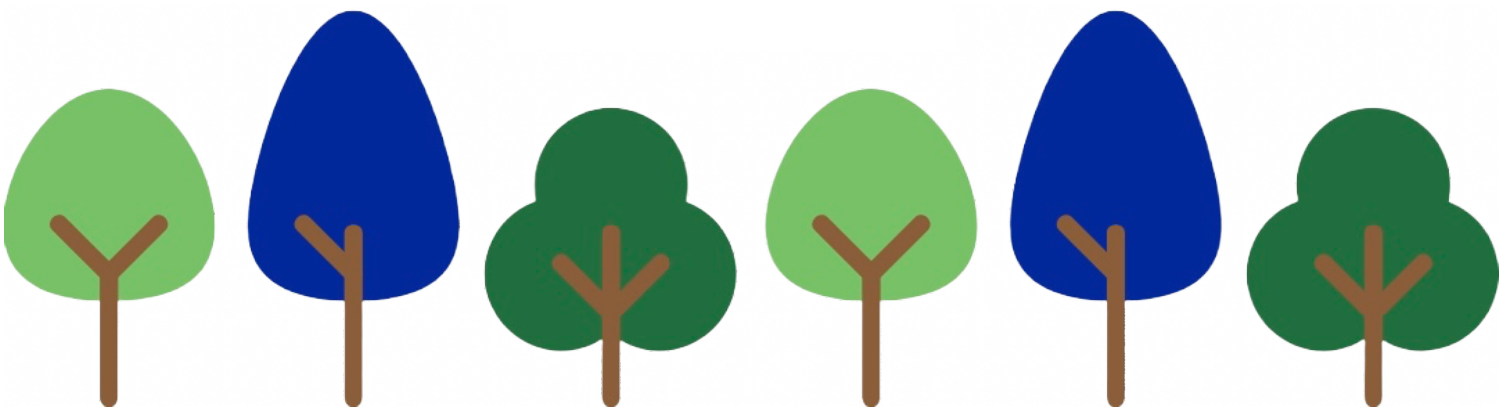
Energy conserved (kWh): \_\_\_\_\_

Why did you choose this tree? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



# Activity 2: Deciduous vs. Coniferous

Sketch of your deciduous tree

Sketch of your coniferous tree

## Your adopted deciduous tree:

Circumference: \_\_\_\_\_

Tree species: \_\_\_\_\_

Stormwater intercepted (gallons): \_\_\_\_\_

Carbon dioxide reduced (pounds): \_\_\_\_\_

Energy conserved (kWh): \_\_\_\_\_

Why did you choose this tree? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## Your adopted coniferous tree:

Circumference: \_\_\_\_\_

Tree species: \_\_\_\_\_

Stormwater intercepted (gallons): \_\_\_\_\_

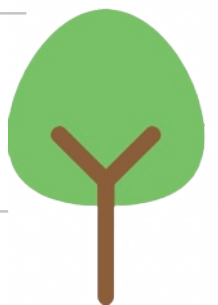
Carbon dioxide reduced (pounds): \_\_\_\_\_

Energy conserved (kWh): \_\_\_\_\_

Why did you choose this tree? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



# Activity 3: Simple vs. Compound Leaf

Simple leaf

Compound leaf

## Your adopted tree:

Circumference: \_\_\_\_\_

Tree species: \_\_\_\_\_

Stormwater intercepted (gallons): \_\_\_\_\_

Carbon dioxide reduced (pounds): \_\_\_\_\_

Energy conserved (kWh): \_\_\_\_\_

Why did you choose this tree? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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## Your adopted tree:

Circumference: \_\_\_\_\_

Tree species: \_\_\_\_\_

Stormwater intercepted (gallons): \_\_\_\_\_

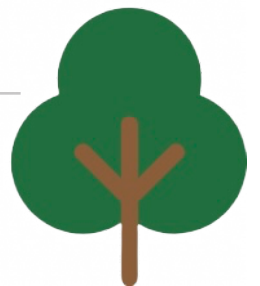
Carbon dioxide reduced (pounds): \_\_\_\_\_

Energy conserved (kWh): \_\_\_\_\_

Why did you choose this tree? \_\_\_\_\_

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# Activity 4: Big vs. Little Tree

What are some benefits that trees provide?

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## Side-to-side comparison

**Little Tree**

**Big Tree**

**Stormwater  
intercepted**

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**Carbon  
dioxide  
reduced**

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**Energy  
conserved**

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## Your small adopted tree:

Circumference: \_\_\_\_\_

Tree species: \_\_\_\_\_

Stormwater intercepted (gallons): \_\_\_\_\_

Carbon dioxide reduced (pounds): \_\_\_\_\_

Energy conserved (kWh): \_\_\_\_\_

Why did you choose this tree? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## Your big adopted tree:

Circumference: \_\_\_\_\_

Tree species: \_\_\_\_\_

Stormwater intercepted (gallons): \_\_\_\_\_

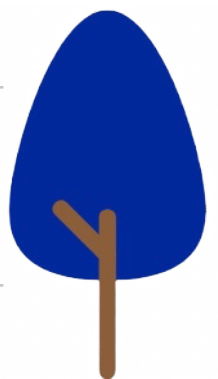
Carbon dioxide reduced (pounds): \_\_\_\_\_

Energy conserved (kWh): \_\_\_\_\_

Why did you choose this tree? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_





# Your adopted tree:

Circumference: \_\_\_\_\_

Tree species: \_\_\_\_\_

Stormwater intercepted (gallons): \_\_\_\_\_

Carbon dioxide reduced (pounds): \_\_\_\_\_

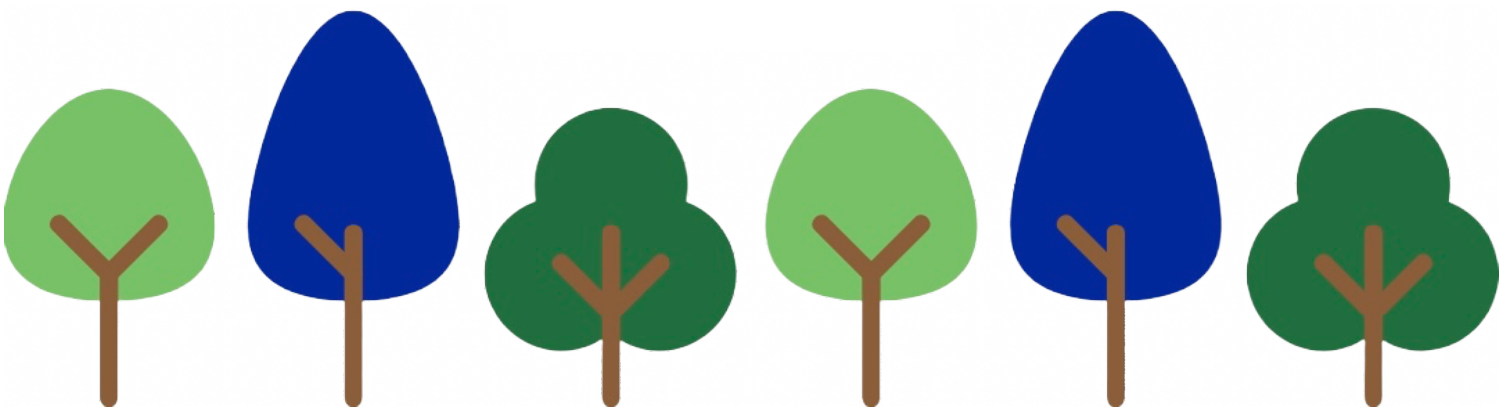
Energy conserved (kWh): \_\_\_\_\_

Why did you choose this tree? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

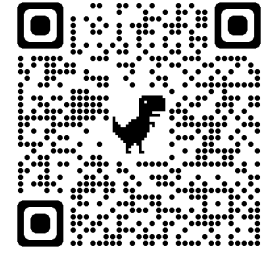
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# Activity Recaps

## Activity 1

Link to Adopt a Kentucky Tree webform:



## Activity 2

Broadleaves



Hickories

Oaks



Maples



Conifers



Pines

Baldcypress



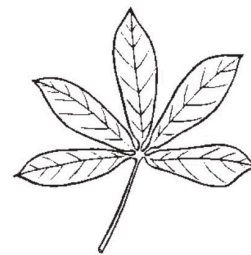
Redcedar



## Activity 3



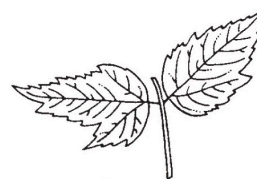
Simple



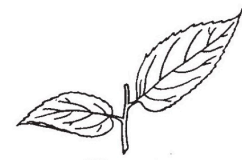
Palmately Compound



Pinnately Compound



Opposite



Alternate



Whorled

## Activity 4

**Stormwater intercepted:** how much rainwater the tree holds

**Carbon dioxide reduced:** how much carbon the tree stores in its wood

**Energy conserved:** the shade a tree creates and its ability to break the wind

## Activity 5

Trees can act as homes to squirrels, bugs, birds, lichens, and fungi. They support the lives of these organisms, and can be used for food and shelter. Tree diversity is important in making sure that all organisms are supported and can thrive in an environment.