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FRIENDS OF TREES NEVADA COUNTY

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Friends of Trees Nevada County is a group formed in 2007 to increase public awareness of trees.

In 2008, FTNC completed its first project, the Walking Tree Tour Guide for Nevada City. This beautiful poster provides a walking, educational guide for trees throughout Nevada City's downtown area and was created with support from California ReLeaf, Nevada City Chamber of Commerce, Nevada County Land Trust, California Native Plant Society and the Nevada City Downtown Association.

FTNC is now fundraising to produce a printed self-guided Walking Tree Tour Guide for Grass Valley. Funds generated from spring and fall walking tours will provide the foundation for this important project.

In spring this year, FTNC initiated the Spring Tour in Grass Valley. It was enthusiastically received; the informed guides shed light on the identity and characteristics of

the cities' memorable trees.

FTNC members consider themselves part of the movement toward sustainability. Come learn how trees reduce global warming, enhance our environment and add to the beauty of our communities.

We also offer suggestions for successful tree planting and care.

The goals of FTNC are to:

- Increase public awareness and appreciation of trees, (both in urban forest settings and on private land).
- Increase tree owner awareness of the unique importance of trees to public and private well-being and to property values in both private and commercial settings.
- Provide garden, tree and ecology education to community groups and schools.
- Safeguard tree health through increased public awareness of appropriate tree care.

For more information or to join Friends of Trees Nevada County, contact us at Friends of Trees Nevada County, 228 Commercial St., Box 441, Nevada City, CA 95959.