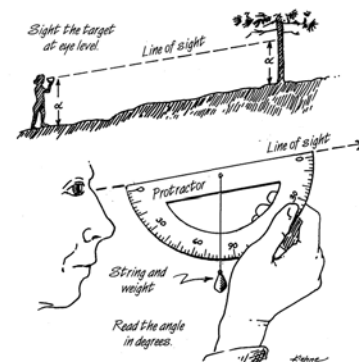


RREA funds support Extension programs in forestry, fisheries, wildlife, and forest products. They helped leverage over \$1.7 million from the National Science Foundation to develop Master Naturalist Programs in Minnesota and Florida. They also leveraged about \$10,000 from the wood products industry and external sales of educational materials to support housing and forest products education and applied research.

- **Wildlife and Natural Sciences:** RREA funds helped launch the Minnesota Master Naturalist program. We trained 114 volunteers and 45 instructors in conservation and management of wildlife, forests and grasslands. Volunteers who received 40-hours of instruction devoted more than 855 hours to natural resource stewardship, 1782 hours to environmental interpretation and education, 1682 hours of program support, and 1616 hours to citizen science projects. Their service was worth over \$109,080 based on estimates of volunteer service by independentsector.org.
- **Forestry:** A website improved for urban tree management, forest management, timber harvesting, and agroforestry was accessed by approximately 10,000 users from Minnesota and beyond: 33% urban forestry, 16% forest management and harvesting, 15% agroforestry, 24% forest health, and 12% new research and other links. A tree and shrub care poster and magnet for the North Central Region were developed and distributed in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service. A trail design publication was produced for owners of small properties. We revised and distributed over 70 copies of the Tree Care Inspector Manual. Staff funded by RREA helped conduct the annual Shade Tree Shortcourse for 840 tree care professionals and responded to 1321 phone, email and office visits.
- **Forest Products:** Staff funded by RREA contributed to teaching 35 industry professionals in workshops related to building materials, wood products manufacturing and utilization, and residential housing. They helped plan the Great Lakes Kiln Drying Association meetings for 65 participants, and the Forest Products Society meeting with 60 participants, plus additional workshops. Staff provided forest products information to the general public and wood products industry via the internet and web.

"I am now more aware of how individuals, community, and industry have impacted the environment and look for opportunities to share that knowledge with family and friends, along with ways we can make a positive difference. I have lived in the Twin Cities all my life, yet never realized what natural jewels are located here." Master Naturalist from Minneapolis Parks

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