



URBAN FORESTRY

“Managing Community Trees to Improve Our Environment”

BENEFITS OF URBAN TREES

- Reduce air pollution.
- Fight global warming by absorbing CO₂ and other greenhouse gases.
- Dissipate city heat island effect.
- Reduce home energy demand for cooling through shading.
- Improve stream water quality, reduce erosion and flooding.
- Increase property values.
- Provide beauty, forest recreation opportunities, and urban wildlife habitat.

URBAN FOREST MANAGEMENT

To maximize the benefits of urban trees and minimize the costs and liabilities, urban forests must be managed properly.

- Professional expertise of a city forester or urban forestry consultant is necessary.
- City tree ordinance to legally protect trees.
- Tree board or volunteer organization to provide public support for and vital public input to the Urban Forest Management Program.
- Public tree inventory and management plan.
- Community forestry budget.

TREE CITY, USA

Tree City, USA is a recognition program of the National Arbor Day Foundation designed to note and to honor communities that have outstanding tree programs.

To qualify for Tree City, USA status a community must meet four criteria:

- Create a city tree board or department.
- Adopt a city tree ordinance.
- Maintain a city forestry program with an annual budget of at least \$2.00 per capita
- Observe Arbor Day with an annual proclamation and tree planting.



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