

WHAT SHOULD COMMUNITIES DO?

- Recognize the need for urban & community forestry
- Establish a legal board, commission or committee (called a Tree Board) charged by ordinance with responsibility for development and administration of a comprehensive tree program
- Amend or implement needed ordinances to properly regulate tree planting, maintenance and removal
- Develop and prepare a long-range management plan with the assistance of the Division of Forest Resources
- Develop and implement annual work plans based on the long-range plan

GRANTS ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP

As much as \$10,000 may be available to your city, town or community through the U.S. Forest Service's Urban and Community Forestry Grants Program which is administered by the N.C. Division of Forest Resources.

Recipients include state, county and local government agencies, as well as non-profit groups that will use the money for a variety of community forestry projects, including tree management plans and inventories, education, publicity and volunteer programs.

Grant-winning projects have included: seminars and publications on urban forestry; completion of tree inventories and master plans for tree maintenance; and development of partnerships with volunteer groups.

An Urban & Community Forestry Program can make a significant difference in your community's environment. For assistance in creating your own program, contact:

North Carolina Division of Forest Resources
Urban and Community Forestry Program
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Raleigh, NC 27626-0581
(919) 733-2162 ext. 253, 249 or 251

<http://www.ehnr.state.nc.us/EHNR/DFR>

OTHER SERVICES AVAILABLE FROM THE DIVISION OF FOREST RESOURCES

Forest Protection:

- Forest fire control
- Forest insect and disease diagnosis and control

Nursery:

- Sale of a wide variety of forest tree seedlings - both pines and hardwoods

Forest Management:

- Examination and prescription of plans to manage woodlands
- Site preparation and tree planting
- Timber disaster assistance
- Financial assistance to woodland owners
- Marketing advice

State Forests:

- Demonstrations
- Forestry education
- Recreation

Does Your Community Have Tree Problems?



DOES YOUR TOWN HAVE THESE COMMON TREE PROBLEMS?

- ✦ Tall trees planted under utility lines requiring severe pruning
- ✦ Trees planted too close to sidewalks and street corners
- ✦ Trees planted too close together
- ✦ Trees with spreading crowns next to roadways causing obstruction
- ✦ Trees that break easily in snow, wind and ice storms
- ✦ Areas void of trees
- ✦ No long-range tree planting program
- ✦ No planned program for removal of dead and dying trees
- ✦ No planned tree maintenance and care program
- ✦ No vegetative plan for parks and public buildings
- ✦ An aging urban forest with no plan for tree replacement

These scenarios are common in many North Carolina communities. Awareness, concern and action can eliminate many tree problems and will prevent future ones. Development and use of an urban forestry program is one way to address these situations.



Solving Your Community's Tree Problems Starts With Urban & Community Forestry

WHAT IS AN URBAN & COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM?

Urban Forestry is a planned and supervised program for the long-range management of street, park and other public trees. With thoughtful management, the urban environment can be enhanced for businesses and residents. Trees can benefit your community by:

- blocking wind and reducing erosion
- reducing noise levels by absorbing sound
- improving air quality by filtering out impurities and adding oxygen to the atmosphere
- providing relief from hot weather by cooling surrounding air
- increasing property values
- making towns physically attractive

The North Carolina Division of Forest Resources' Urban & Community Forestry program will assist towns, cities and communities that want to manage their urban forest resources. Urban & Community Forestry does not cost much, but it does require a realization of problems and a desire and commitment to solving them.

WHAT CAN THE N.C. DIVISION OF FOREST RESOURCES DO FOR YOUR COMMUNITY ?

The Division of Forest Resources will provide technical assistance and services to communities willing to manage their tree resources. The Division will:

- visit the community, make a presentation on urban & community forestry and answer questions
- assist the local town council in creating a program and appointing a Tree Board
- provide a sample tree ordinance
- help the tree board conduct a detailed tree inventory and present a written report to the Town Council
- assist the Tree Board in developing a long-range comprehensive Urban & Community Forestry Plan
- print, free of charge, the master plan and provide copies to the Town Council and Tree Board
- assist the Tree Board in developing an annual work plan
- provide advice to the Tree Board on solving specific problems as they arise
- provide training in proper tree planting and maintenance techniques
- offer guidance on applying for grants and other program funding alternatives
- assist the community in meeting the criteria to become a "Tree City USA"