



SUFC defines **URBAN FORESTS** as the sum total of all trees (on private and public lands) and green space that provide essential environmental, health and economic benefits to a community.

Current SUFC Members



Sustainable Urban Forests Coalition

What is the SUFC?

The Sustainable Urban Forests Coalition (SUFC) is a group of national organizations advancing a unified urban forest agenda. SUFC members work together to integrate trees as a vital component of sustainable infrastructure for every community.

SUFC members include urban planners, educators, landscape architects, public works and utility associations, foresters, scientists, diverse nonprofits, tree care industries, and landscape and nursery associations. Working together since 2004, these diverse professionals monitor, care and advocate for urban trees and green infrastructure.



Urban trees in the United States remove some **784,000 TONS** of air pollution annually with a value of **\$3.8 BILLION**.¹

- Alliance for Community Trees
- America in Bloom
- American Forests
- American Nursery & Landscape Association
- American Planning Association
- American Public Works Association
- American Rivers
- American Society of Consulting Arborists
- American Society of Landscape Architects
- The Davey Tree Expert Company
- International City/County Management Association
- International Society of Arboriculture
- Keep America Beautiful
- National Arbor Day Foundation
- National Association of Conservation Districts
- National Association of State Foresters
- National Hazard Mitigation Association
- National Recreation and Park Association
- Society of American Foresters
- Society of Municipal Arborists
- Tree Care Industry Association
- TreeLink
- Utility Arborist Association

A typical community forest of 10,000 trees will retain **10 MILLION GALLONS OF RAINWATER** per year.²

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Over the next 50 years,
**URBAN AREAS ARE
PROJECTED TO INCREASE
SUBSTANTIALY.**

The role of urban forests
will become even more
critical to ensure healthy
and livable communities.



The presence of larger trees
in yards and as street trees
can **ADD FROM 3% TO
15% TO HOME VALUES**
throughout neighborhoods.³

The most recent research
suggests that trees may
improve driving safety.
One study found a **46%
DECREASE IN CRASH
RATES** across urban arterial
and highway sites after
landscape improvements
were installed.⁴

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SUFC works to:

- 1 Increase tangible support for urban forests on a national, regional and local level;
- 2 Educate diverse audiences about the value and need for healthy trees in cities; and
- 3 Network and leverage resources and knowledge among member organizations.

Trees affect immediate local temperatures, energy use, and air quality by providing shade, transpiring moisture, and reducing wind speeds. 100 million mature trees around U.S. residences saves approximately **\$2 BILLION ANNUALLY IN REDUCED ENERGY COSTS.**⁵



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