

It is estimated that 70% of Indiana's population live in our cities and towns.

That makes the importance of our urban forests **GROW** even more.

To help make our communities better places to live

CUF offers:

- ☞ Federal grant dollars for cities, towns, and non profits for urban forestry projects
- ☞ Free urban forestry town visits and technical assistance
- ☞ Urban forestry workshops and seminars sponsored by the: Indiana Urban Forest Council

IDNR, Community & Urban Forestry Mission

We will provide statewide leadership to increase public awareness of the value of trees and associated natural resources in urban, suburban, and ex-urban areas. We assist Indiana communities and encourage citizen involvement in protecting, expanding and improving our community forests.

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MORE BENEFITS OF THE URBAN FOREST

Reduces aggression and violence

Reduces energy consumption

Gives us oxygen and cleans the air

Urban forests account for about 25% of the total tree canopy cover in the U.S. and contain approximately 75 billion trees. (Dwyer et al 2001)



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TREES CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR TOWN!



Do you live in the urban forest?

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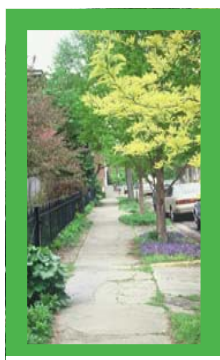
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Where is the community and urban forest and why is it important?

Urban forests are located in cities, towns, neighborhoods, shopping centers, along highways, in parks, cemeteries, and associated woodlands.

The trees where we live can make our communities prosper environmentally and economically.



The urban forest thrives in a Madison neighborhood!

The community and urban forest is right in your own backyard!

A maturing urban forest makes a difference if it is cared for.

Large healthy trees sequester approximately 90 times more carbon and remove 70 times more air pollution annually than small healthy trees.

(Nowak, 1994, USFS)

Young and mature trees need care if the urban forest is going to make a positive

You can help!

Encourage your community to become a **TREE CITY USA** by:

- ☞ Passing a public tree care ordinance
- ☞ Appointing a Tree Board and Municipal department to manage the tree care program
- ☞ Spending at least \$2 per capita tree care
- ☞ Having an Arbor Day event



When planted properly, trees make a difference in the noise from a busy highway, they create a visual buffer, and absorb and filter water runoff before it flows into a storm sewer or a stream.



To improve the health of the urban forest, communities can:

- ☞ Inventory trees on public property.
- ☞ Develop a management plan based on the inventory.
- ☞ Attend workshops offered throughout the state on urban forestry.
- ☞ Join the Indiana Urban Forest Council, the statewide urban forestry non-profit.
- ☞ Apply for grant dollars to hire a city forester, arborist, or consultant.
- ☞ Plant **ONLY** low growing trees under power lines.
- ☞ Learn what it means to plant the right tree in the right place the right way.
- ☞ Only hire certified arborists who **DON'T TOP** trees.
- ☞ Call the state urban forestry coordinator and request a free visit to your town to assess the urban forestry needs.
- ☞ Encourage residents, tree board members, and municipal staff to become Indiana Community Tree Stewards.



Tree Stewards spend time planting trees and serving on their local Tree Commissions for Tree City.