



PA Community Tree Assistance Program

The Pa Community Tree Assistance Program supports communities in caring for their trees by hiring tree-care professionals at no cost to the community



Financial Support for Trees

Get Help With Trees in Your Community

Trees can play a significant role in reducing flooding, keeping neighborhoods cooler, and fostering social connections. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) supports communities in caring for their trees by contracting directly with trusted tree-care professionals who will perform the work in eligible and approved communities.

Municipalities and nonprofit organizations can request help with:

- Larger-scale planting of new trees and caring for them as they grow
- Pruning and caring for existing trees to keep them healthy
- Inventorying trees and creating management plans
- Checking for tree hazards and making needed safety improvements

Eligibility

Who can apply? Shade Tree Commissions, non-profits, volunteer groups, municipalities, and other organizations involved with community tree care.

Project Area: Communities can apply if they fall within priority areas identified by federal and state environmental justice screening tools, which can be viewed in the Layers tab in DCNR's PATreeKeeper map. Projects must take place in public or community spaces like parks, street trees, cemeteries, and school grounds. Private property is not eligible for this program.

Project Size: Small communities are encouraged to bundle projects and work together. Projects should range from \$5,000 to \$50,000 in total cost. Larger projects should consider applying for a DCNR Conservation Community Partnership Program (C2P2) Community and Watershed Forestry grant.



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How to Apply

Municipalities and nonprofits are encouraged to contact DCNR Urban and Community Forestry staff for assistance and to discuss the project before applying. Interested communities need to complete a simple online application form. Applicants will be contacted to discuss project details and confirm eligibility.

Scan to learn more or apply!



<https://bit.ly/PATreeAssistance>

Become a Tree Care Provider

Tree-care experts including arborists, foresters, and landscape professionals, can apply to become approved vendors through the Commonwealth's Invitation to Qualify program. Contact DCNR Urban and Community Forestry staff to learn more.

Funding for the program comes from the Inflation Reduction Act, the U.S. Forest Service, the Keystone Tree Fund, and other sources.



Education and Technical Assistance

DCNR Urban and Community Forestry Program

Trees and forests play a vital role in addressing climate change as they pull in and store carbon (a process that also helps with clean air), as well as reducing energy costs, slowing runoff after storms, reducing noise, and attracting birds and wildlife.

DCNR's Urban and Community Forestry program helps build capacity within communities to plan for, plant, and care for trees.

Pennsylvanians can support tree planting efforts by donating to the Keystone Tree Fund through an online form or a voluntary \$3 check-off on driver's license and vehicle registration renewals. The fund supports planting trees in communities and along waterways.

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