



# Caring For Trees

## Urban and Community Forestry

The Bureau of Forestry's Urban and Community Forestry Program helps communities plan for, plant, and care for trees by providing technical and financial assistance.

Just as trees are an important part of our ecosystems, trees are also an important part of our communities. Studies show that regular contact with trees and green spaces improves physical, mental, and emotional well-being. Trees also reduce energy costs, reduce flooding during storms, improve water quality, reduce noise, save lives by moderating extreme air temperatures, and provide many other benefits. Pennsylvania's Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) provides support to plan for, plant, and care for trees in communities to ensure all Pennsylvanians have access to the benefits of trees.



Educational Workshops

## Tree Equity

The Urban and Community Forestry program aims to improve tree equity in Pennsylvania's communities. Tree equity ensures that there is a balance of trees throughout all neighborhoods providing a sustainable environment with the benefits of trees and quality of life for people to enjoy. Tree equity tailors strategic tree planning and planting based on the needs of the people in a community.

## Get Help for Your Community

We provide technical assistance, financial support, and education to communities for:

- Tree selection and planting
- Tree pruning and care
- Tree inventories and plans
- Hazard tree mitigation
- Urban wood utilization
- Workforce development



Community Tree Plantings

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# Key Programs

## Community Conservation Partnership Program (C2P2) Grants

The DCNR's Community Conservation Partnership Program (C2P2) offers Community and Watershed Forestry grants to support tree planning and planting projects greater than \$50,000. Grant applications open in January and are due in April each year.

## PA Community Tree Assistance Program

Communities can also receive financial assistance for tree care and planting through the DCNR's PA Tree Community Assistance Program. The program pairs community forestry projects with approved tree care vendors who can provide the needed services. Communities benefit from the projects completed while DCNR covers the costs.

## Arbor Day Foundation Programs

Tree City, Tree Campus, and Tree Line are Arbor Day Foundation programs that recognize communities, campuses, and electric utility companies that understand the importance of shade trees, and take active steps to properly care for them. Our staff can assist you with participation in these programs.

## Inventory Support through TreeKeeper

DCNR TreeKeeper is a free, interactive mapping tool for Pennsylvania communities to manage their tree inventories.

## Technical Assistance and Education

Regional community trees specialists provide technical assistance, presentations, and educational workshops to support the care and management of community trees.

## Keystone Tree Fund

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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