



## SUSTAINABLE URBAN FORESTS COALITION

The following coalition members support this request:

Alliance for Community Trees  
American Forests  
American Nursery and Landscape Association  
American Public Works Association  
International Society of Arboriculture  
National Arbor Day Foundation  
Society of Municipal Arborists  
Tree Care Industry Association  
TreeLink  
Utility Arborist Association

The Sustainable Urban Forests Coalition (SUFC) is a national coalition to advance a unified urban forest agenda for our nation's communities. The Coalition views urban forests as the aggregate of all community vegetation and green spaces that provide benefits vital to enriching the quality of life.

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# Sustainable Urban Forests Coalition FY 2008 Forest Service Budget Recommendations

## Key Benefits of Urban Forests

- **Public Health:** Access to trees, green spaces, and parks promotes greater physical activity, reduces stress, and reduces asthma risks.
- **Climate:** Trees cool ambient temperatures in cities, reducing emissions. Urban trees sequester 22.8 million tons of carbon per year – a service worth \$3.8 billion annually.
- **Energy:** Tree windbreaks reduce residential heating costs 10-15%, while shading and evaporative cooling from trees can cut residential cooling costs 20-50%.
- **Water:** Urban forests are efficient stormwater management systems that can help cities reduce infrastructure and water treatment costs.
- **Air:** Trees produce oxygen, intercept airborne particulates, and reduce smog.
- **Regulatory Compliance:** Increasing tree cover by 10% in New York City would meet over 1/3 of the city's federal air quality compliance needs for ground level ozone.
- **Risk Management:** Professional urban forest management contains threats in the "urban interface"—such as invasive species, exotic pests, and fire—that pose a risk to forestlands.

## Recommended Forest Service Investment in Urban Forests

### **\$50 million for the Urban and Community Forestry Program.**

- **\$36 million for State Cooperative Assistance.** U&CF leverages \$3 for every \$1 in federal assistance and serves 83% of the population. Funded at \$28 million in FY 2006, this USFS State & Private Forestry program helps communities assess, manage and utilize trees in urbanized landscapes. *The President's FY 2008 budget of \$17.4 million would cut funding by 38%.*
- **\$2 million for dedicated Technology Transfer and Education** to further practices and policies that improve urban forest management and care. Coordination across USFS field and research units and with external agencies will leverage resources.
- **\$12 million for a Metropolitan Areas Canopy Restoration Initiative** to assess, restore, and maintain urban tree canopy in 10 to 15 pilot cities. The initiative will devise science-based tree canopy targets, develop restoration goals and strategies to maximize ecological service benefits, and monitor effectiveness of implementation in a geographically varied range of pilot cities. Pilot cities will match funds and implement restoration through diverse and collaborative public-private partnerships.

### **\$6 million for urban forest research projects.**

In FY 2006, the Forest Service funded roughly \$3.5 million in research on urban forests as part of the overall Research & Development budget. \$6 million is needed to increase research capacity for urban natural resource issues. Key units:

Northern Station at Syracuse, NY – urban forest effects on air and water quality  
Northern Station at Evanston, IL – natural environments for human populations  
Northern Station at Burlington, VT – human values and urban forests  
Pacific Southwestern Station at Davis, CA – helping cities manage risks/benefits of trees  
Pacific Southwestern Station at Riverside, CA – wildland interface and urban cultures  
Southern Station at Gainesville, FL – southern fire and reducing wildland interface risks  
Southern Station at Athens, GA – technology transfer center

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## Organizations in support of the FY 2008 Sustainable Urban Forests Coalition Request:

### National & Regional

Alliance for Community Trees	Northern Forest Alliance
American Forests	Society of Municipal Arborists
American Nursery and Landscape Association	Tree Care Industry Association
American Public Works Association	TreeLink
Eastern Forest Partnership	US Conference of Mayors
International Society of Arboriculture	Utility Arborist Association
Local Government Commission	
National Arbor Day Foundation	

### State/Local

Alaska Community Forest Council	Juneau	AK
Juneau Urban Forestry Partnership	Juneau	AK
Drachman Institute - University of Arizona	Tucson	AZ
Los Angeles Orange County Urban Forest Council	Arleta	CA
Tree Guild of Arroyo Grande	Arroyo Grande	CA
TreePeople	Beverly Hills	CA
Coronado Street Tree Committee	Coronado	CA
California ReLeaf	Davis	CA
TREE Davis	Davis	CA
Tree Man of Fallbrook Inc.	Fallbrook	CA
Tree Fresno	Fresno	CA
Central Coast Region Urban Forest Council	Goleta	CA
Goleta Valley Beautiful	Goleta	CA
Huntington Beach Tree Society	Huntington Beach	CA
Santa Barbara County Releaf	Lompoc	CA
LA Conservation Corps	Los Angeles	CA
North East Trees	Los Angeles	CA
Greater Modesto Tree Foundation, Inc.	Modesto	CA
Mountain View Trees	Mountain View	CA
California Urban Forests Council	Novato	CA
Urban Releaf	Oakland	CA
CityTrees	Redwood City	CA
Roseville Urban Forest Foundation	Roseville	CA
City of Sacramento, Urban Forest Services	Sacramento	CA
Local Government Commission	Sacramento	CA
North Sacramento Chamber of Commerce	Sacramento	CA
Sacramento Tree Foundation	Sacramento	CA
Urban Corps of San Diego County	San Diego	CA
Friends of the Urban Forest	San Francisco	CA
Our City Forest	San Jose	CA
San Diego Regional Urban Forests Council	San Marcos	CA
Marin County ReLeaf	San Rafael	CA
City of Santa Cruz Parks & recreation Dept	Santa Cruz	CA
Casey Trees Endowment Fund	Washington	DC
Associated Landscape Contractors of Colorado	Denver	CO

Colorado Tree Coalition	Fort Collins	CO
New Haven Urban Resources Initiative	New Haven	CT
Delaware Center for Horticulture	Wilmington	DE
Sawgrass Nature Center & Wildlife Hospital	Coral Springs	FL
The Kids Ecology Corps	Fort Lauderdale	FL
Citizens for a Better South Florida	Miami	FL
Green Fox Project, Inc.	Sarasota	FL
ReLEAF Sarasota	Sarasota	FL
Georgia Urban Forest Council	Decatur	GA
Savannah Tree Foundation	Savannah	GA
Kaulunani Urban Forestry Program	Honolulu	HI
The Friends of Hawaii's Urban Forest	Kapolei	HI
Trees Forever	Marion	IA
City of Payette	Payette	ID
Idaho Nursery & Landscape Association	Idaho Falls	ID
Sustainable Innovations LLC	Boise	ID
Chicagoland Grows	Glencoe	IL
Openlands	Chicago	IL
Delphi Forestry Commission	Delphi	IN
City of Greencastle Dept of Public Works	Greencastle	IN
Greendale Park Board	Greendale	IN
Indiana Nursery and Landscape Assn.	Indianapolis	IN
Indiana Urban Forest Council, Inc.	Carmel	IN
The City of Carmel Urban Forestry DOCS	Carmel	IN
Vine & Branch Inc	Carmel	IN
Washington Township Parks & Rec.	Carmel	IN
Trees Indiana, Inc.	Fort Wayne	IN
Winamac Tree Committee	Winamac	IN
Kentucky Division of Forestry	Frankfort	KY
Kentucky Nursery & Landscape Association	Frankfort	KY
Northern Kentucky Urban and Community Forestry Council	Burlington	KY
Baton Rouge Green	Baton Rouge	LA
Louisiana Nursery and Landscape Association	Mansfield,	LA
Shreveport Green	Shreveport	LA
Eagle Eye Institute	Somerville	MA
MA Nursery and Landscape Assoc.	Conway	MA
Urban Ecology Institute	Chestnut Hill	MA
Maryland Urban and Community Forest Committee	Clarksville	MD
Parks & People Foundation	Baltimore	MD
City of Bath Forestry Division	Bath	ME
Pine Tree State Arboretum	Augusta	ME
Minnesota Shade Tree Advisory Committee	St. Paul	MN
Minnesota Turf & Grounds Foundation	South St. Paul	MN
RNeighbors, Rochester's Neighborhood Resource Center	Rochester	MN
Top Notch Treecare Company	Plymouth	MN
Heartland Tree Alliance/Bridging The Gap	Kansas City	MO

Missouri Community Forestry Council	Helena	MO
St. Joseph Woods	Ferguson	MO
Capital Trees Program	Research Triangle Park	NC
City of New Bern	New Bern	NC
City of Winston-Salem	Winston-Salem	NC
NC Urban Forest Council	Winston Salem	NC
Quality Forward	Asheville	NC
Groundwork Concord, Inc.	Concord	NH
University of New Hampshire - Community Forestry	Manchester	NH
NH Community Tree Steward Volunteer Program	Manchester	NH
Moose Mountain Regional Greenways	Union	NH
New Jersey Nursery & Landscape Association	Bordentown	NJ
Tree New Mexico	Albuquerque	NM
Nevada Shade Tree Council	Elko	NV
New York City Parks & Recreation	Flushing	NY
New York State Urban and Community Forestry Council	Cold Brook	NY
Trees New York	New York	NY
Piqua Tree Committee	Piqua	OH
Pacific NW Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture	Silverton	OR
PA Landscape and Nursery Association	Harrisburg	PA
Pennsylvania Horticultural Society	Philadelphia	PA
UC Green, Inc.	Philadelphia	PA
Nine Mile Run Watershed Association	Pittsburgh	PA
Rhode Island Tree Council	Providence	RI
Quality Trees, Inc.	Sparta	TN
TN Environmental Council	Nashville	TN
Austin Tree Experts Company	Austin	TX
International Society of Arboriculture Texas Chapter	Austin	TX
Texas Urban Forestry Council	Austin	TX
Texas Trees Foundation	Dallas	TX
West Texas Urban Forestry Council Inc.	El Paso	TX
Cross Timbers Urban Forestry Council	Fort Worth	TX
Embark Tree and Landscape Services	Houston	TX
Trees for Houston	Houston	TX
Buffalo Bayou Partnership	Houston	TX
Community Design Assistance Center	Blacksburg	VA
Virginia Tech Urban Forestry and Arboriculture Student Society	Blacksburg	VA
Trees Virginia (VA Urban Forestry Council)	Charlottesville	VA
Virginia Green Industry Council	Christiansburg	VA
Virginia Nursery & Landscape Association	Christiansburg	VA
Gateway Streetscape Foundation, Inc	Collinsville	VA
Above Ground Tree Care Company	Forest	VA
Mid Atlantic Chapter International Society of Arboriculture	Haymarket	VA
New River Valley Planning District Commission	Radford	VA
Valley Beautiful Fdn, Inc	Roanoke	VA

Vermont Association of Professional Horticulturists	N. Ferrisburgh	VT
Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Council	Waterbury	VT
City of Bonney Lake	Bonney Lake	WA
Bremerton Yacht Club	Bremerton	WA
Sound Tree Solutions Company	Duvall	WA
Evergreen Arboretum & Gardens	Everett	WA
Washington State Nursery & Landscape Association	Federal Way	WA
Dragonfly Landscape Design Company	Olympia	WA
City of Redmond	Redmond	WA
Greenway Urban Forestry Consulting	Redmond	WA
The Nature Consortium	Seattle	WA
City of Spokane Urban Forestry Program	Spokane	WA
Cliff/Cannon Neighborhood Council	Spokane	WA
Spokane Mountaineers, Inc.	Spokane	WA
The Lands Council	Spokane	WA
Urban Forest Council	Spokane	WA
Loon Lake Land Conservancy	Spokane	WA
Wisconsin Green Industry Federation	Greenfield	WI
Wisconsin Nursery Association	Greenfield	WI
Campbell County Parks and Recreation Department	Gillette	WY
Technical Forestry Services	Greybull	WY
City of Owen Tree Advisory Board	Owen	WI
Greening Milwaukee	Milwaukee	WI

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