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What is Urban Forestry?

Urban forestry is the management of woody vegetation in an urban area on both public and private property. Steps for better management in this area include establishing a tree board and passing a tree ordinance.

A tree board may be elected or appointed and may or may not have policy-making power. Its purpose is to assess the status of the urban forest in the community and advise public officials about related issues. A tree ordinance sets guidelines to regulate the protection, preservation, removal, replacement, and planting of trees.

Grant Programs in Urban Forestry

There are two grant programs currently available to assist local governments in managing their urban forests. The Small Business Administration is providing grants for tree planting on state and local government lands. The administration has granted about $285,000 to Tennessee for small businesses to plant trees on state and local government lands.

The USDA Forest Service America the Beautiful Initiative provides cost-share grants for local governments to develop and enhance their urban forestry programs. For additional information about these programs and other resources on urban forestry contact:

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Related Materials

The following materials are available from the Tennessee Division of Forestry or the MTAS library.

Benefits of Urban Trees; USDA Southern Region, Atlanta.

Concepts of Tree Inventory; Tennessee Division of Forestry (TDF), Nashville.

Developing and Establishing Urban and Community Forestry Programs: An Introductory Guide; USDA Southern Region, Atlanta.

Guide to Developing Landscape Ordinances; TDF.

Homeowner's Guide for Beautiful, Safe, and Healthy Trees; TDF.

*How to Write a Municipal Tree Ordinance; Tree City USA, Bulletin No. 9.

Insect & Disease Problems; International Society of Arborculture, Urbana.

Keep a Great Thing Growing, America; National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City.

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**Mature Tree Care; International Society of Arboriculture, Urbana.**

**Modular Ordinance; TDF.**

**New Tree Planting; International Society of Arboriculture, Urbana.**

**Shade Tree Values; TDF.**

**Standards of Qualification for the Tree City USA Recognition Award for Tennessee Communities; TDF.**

**Tree Boards: Their Purpose and Function; TDF.**

**Tree City USA: Application for Recertification; National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City.**

**Tree City USA: Growth Award Application; National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City.**

**Tree Topping Hurts Trees.**

**Trees for Tennessee Communities; TDF.**

*Trends in Urban Forestry Management; ICMA, Washington, D.C.

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