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INTRODUCTION

Vancouver's Urban Forestry Division is part of the City's Department of Public Works and maintains close ties to Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation. Urban Forestry seeks to improve quality of life in our city by enhancing tree canopy to provide clean air and water for current city residents, visitors and future generations. Aesthetic, economic, social and environmental benefits associated with a healthy tree canopy significantly influence overall community health. As such, tomorrow's community vitality is closely linked with today's prudent management of the urban tree canopy, or green infrastructure. Vancouver Urban Forestry continues to improve both the level and quality of service provided to the community. These efforts have helped grow in 2010 alone the participation of countless volunteers, donating more than 3,315 hours of service, the strong support of Urban Forestry's many partners and the continued interested and dedication of the community to improving Vancouver's tree canopy.

VISION

Vancouver's urban forest is a healthy, dynamic, diverse and cohesive ecosystem that is valued and cared for through community stewardship because it balances economic vitality with the conservation of natural resources now and for future generations.

MISSION

The mission of Vancouver's Urban Forestry Program is *to maximize the aesthetic, environmental and economic benefits that trees provide to city residents and visitors by preserving, managing and enhancing existing trees and other vegetation and promoting the reforestation of the urban area, through an active integrated program with community support and participation.*

GOALS

- Preserve existing trees and institutionalize planning, maintenance, and operating principles that improve canopy health.
- Restore canopy-deficient areas through tree planting to provide equitable distribution of urban forest benefits to all Vancouver residents.
- Promote an urban forest stewardship ethic within the community.
- Adhere to the City of Vancouver's Operating Principles and establish Vancouver Urban Forestry as a leader in Pacific Northwest municipal forest management.

VANCOUVER URBAN FORESTRY DIVISION

The Urban Forestry Division is supported by the Urban Forestry Commission, a seven-member volunteer commission appointed by the Vancouver City Council. In 2010, the City of Vancouver's population reached more than 165,500, and with that came regular urbanization impacts on the health of Vancouver's tree canopy. In 2010, the Urban Forestry Division employed three full-time staff, which equates to more than 55,000 residents per FTE.

The City's Urban Forest comprises all the trees in parks, in natural areas, along streets and on private property. Besides improving the livability and vitality of our community, the City's trees - quantified as tree canopy - provide numerous environmental benefits including reductions in air pollution, greenhouse gases and stormwater runoff. According to the Tree Canopy Report, in 2002, there were 5,425 acres of tree canopy.

Vancouver's Urban Forestry Division preserves and enhances the urban forest by:

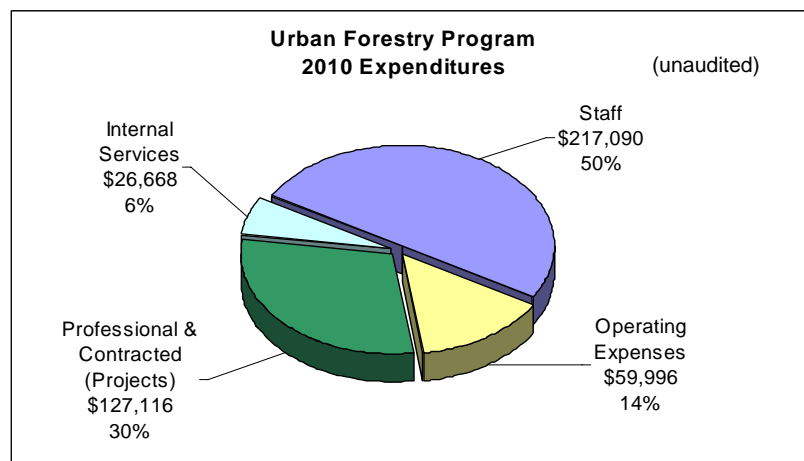
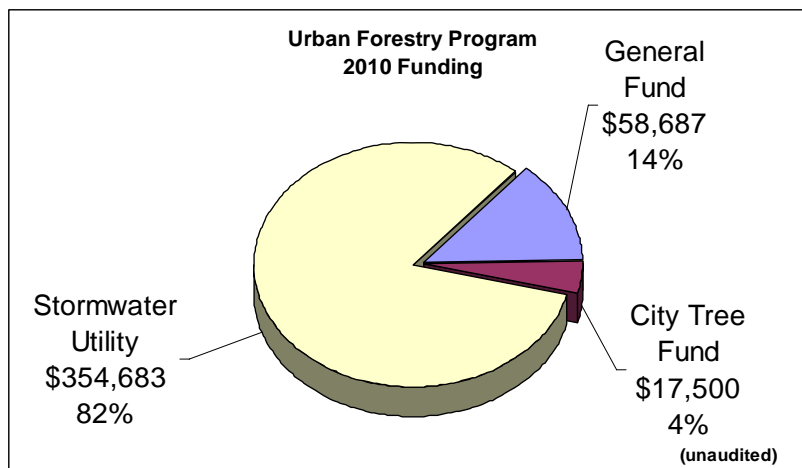
- assisting all departments, citizens and interest groups with tree issues.
- developing and coordinating effective maintenance and stewardship programs to preserve existing trees and ensure the safety of the public.
- planning and managing the urban forest by coordinating the roles, responsibilities, policies, and projects of City departments, other agencies and public and private partners.
- documenting, inventorying and characterizing the health and condition of the urban forest.
- identifying areas where additional trees and vegetation, especially native and large canopy trees where appropriate, can be added to improve and enhance the urban forest.
- administering ordinances that manage street trees, hazardous trees on private property and tree conservation in development projects.
- permitting all trees within the street right-of-way and assisting Community Development Department with permitting for private trees and hazardous trees. This permitting includes planting, major pruning, tree removal, alleviating hazardous conditions and mitigating damage to trees caused by development.
- assisting in enforcement of effective regulations and planting and design standards that ensure the health, quality and long-term benefits of the urban forest.
- increasing awareness and understanding about the value and benefits of the urban forest through outreach and education.
- promoting proper care for the urban forest by instilling an environmental stewardship ethic among citizens and providing them with the tools and knowledge necessary to make sound tree care decisions.
- participating in partnerships, team building and networking within the community.

FOCUSED FUNDING

The Urban Forestry Division benefits from a mix of revenues that includes the Public Works Stormwater Utility Fund, the General Fund and the City's Tree Fund, for a total of \$430,870 in 2010.

Including Urban Forestry in the City's surface water (stormwater) management plan represents a comprehensive watershed approach to improving water quality. These dedicated funding sources are vital to the success of the Division and provide a sound public investment that will pay dividends for many years to come by effectively improving water quality, decreasing runoff and flooding, improving fish and wildlife habitat, and assisting the municipality in achieving compliance with state and federal regulations.

While these dedicated funding sources are adequate to meet the Division's needs, Urban Forestry would not be able to accomplish its mission without the hundreds of hours of volunteer time and in-kind contributions from our many partners. This has been best accomplished through an active, integrated program with community support and participation at all levels within the community. In 2010, these in-kind contributions totaled \$182,808.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Program Developments

- The Urban Forestry Commission honored former Commissioner Gordon MacWilliams and his widow Sylvia MacWilliams with the Silva Bolds-Whitfield Award and developed a new MacWilliams Evergreen Award (Mac Award) that will be awarded annually during Arbor Day.
- The Urban Forestry Commission awarded the first Mac Awards during the City's 2010 Arbor Day celebration to Duane Northrup, Susan Sanders, Cynthia Thornton-Tang and the Old Apple Tree Research Team for all their efforts to advance the mission of the Urban Forestry Program and inspire the community.
- The Old Apple Tree Research Team, which includes professionals in the tree care and orchard industry, began the rehabilitative process on the Old Apple Tree, considered the oldest in the Northwest and the matriarch of Washington State's apple industry. The team performed a root crown excavation and bridge grafts on the cavities to allow the tree to naturally regenerate all with donated services.
- To alleviate the misconception that mature trees are dangerous, Urban Forestry partnered with a local tree risk assessor and hosted our first Hazard Tree workshop as part of our TreeTalk series that was attended by 16 individuals.
- Working with the Urban Forestry Commission, drafted proposed updates to the Tree Conservation Ordinance that were presented at a City Council Workshop in conjunction with the Community Planning Department on July 19, 2010.



- Partnered with nConnectNW, a local non profit connecting youth to meaningful internships, to host two interns through the summer. Both interns were horticulture students and learned basic job skills, life skills and Urban Forestry practices.
- Partnered with the Water Center to secure a grant from the State Department of Natural Resources to design a Nature Explorer Outdoor Classroom to re-connect visitors to the natural environment at the Water Center site.
- With community support, continued to implement Vancouver's Urban Forestry Management Plan (UFMP). The UFMP recommends direction and actions for Vancouver to optimize the benefits of trees. The

plan incorporates an integrated and sustainable approach to preserving and enhancing the City's urban forest resources over the next 20 years.

- Continued collaboration with Friends of Trees to secure an AmeriCorps member for 2011.

Awards and Recognition

- Vancouver was named "Tree City USA" for the 21st year in 2010, and received the prestigious Tree City USA Growth Award at the Arbor Day celebration, *Planting Trees Today for our Children's Tomorrow*, held April 14 at the Mayor's Grove sponsored by Urban and Community Forestry Program, USDA Forest Service.

92 percent of Urban Forestry customers reported Urban Forestry staff was professional and provided quality information based on customer reply cards.

- In recognition of achieving the Tree City USA Growth Award for 10 years, Vancouver received Sterling Community recognition in 2010 from the Arbor Day Foundation.



- Vancouver was recognized at the national level by staff delivering a presentation on the "Nexus between Stormwater and Urban Forestry" at the National American Public Works Association Conference in Boston, MA.
- Staff achieved 100 percent re-certification through International Society of Arboriculture.

Headlines

- "The Last Apple," *Westside Newspaper*, January, Front Page. Article about the history of the Old Apple Tree and recent damage.
- "Workshop on unsafe trees scheduled," *The Columbian*, January 17, Northwest Section. Article invites public to attend Urban Forestry's free TreeTalk Workshop on recognizing dangerous trees.
- "Helping the Old Apple Tree grow," *The Columbian*, February 27, Front Page. Article about the donated soil treatment to improve the growing condition of the Old Apple Tree.
- "Tree heroes to be honored," *The Columbian*, February 10, Neighbors Section. Article regarding the Silva Bolds-Whitfield Award ceremony to honor the late Gordon MacWilliams and his wife Sylvia for their life long work to protect Vancouver's urban forest.
- "Help For An Old-Timer," *The Columbian*, March 10, Clark County Section. Article regarding the grafting work donated by the Old Apple Tree Research Team to restore the Old Apple Tree.
- "High winds topple tree in Old City Cemetery," *The Columbian*, March 30, Clark County Section. Article regarding an old maple that failed during a windstorm.
- "TreeTalk Workshop cultivates proper pruning and community tree awareness," *KATU.com*, March 31, Article about a free pruning workshop and the "Think Before You Top" campaign.

- “Arbor Day marked with children’s celebration,” *The Columbian*, April 13, Clark County Section. Article regarding Vancouver’s planned Arbor Day Celebration.
- “An Arbor Day TREE-DITION,” *The Columbian*, April 15, Front page. Article features Vancouver’s 21st Arbor Day celebration at the Mayor’s Grove.
- “Tree’s a Charm,” *Clark twenty-four/seven*, April 19, page 3. Article regarding Clark College’s Arbor Day celebration and strive to gain Tree campus USA recognition.
- “Clark plants tree in celebration of Arbor Day,” *The Independent*, April 21, Life Section. Article regarding Clark College celebrating Arbor Day in order to transform Clark into a Tree campus USA.
- “Volunteers needed to pull invasive ivy,” *The Columbian*, April 30, Northwest Section. Article invites public to participate in the annual No Ivy Day work party.
- “Free tree walk set for Tuesday,” *The Columbian*, July 23, Clark County Section. Article invites public to attend Urban Forestry’s free TreeTalk Workshop tree ID walk.
- “Street trees slow speed, offer 21 other benefits,” *The Columbian*, September 15, Life Section. Article informing citizens about the Neighborhood Traffic Safety Alliance workshop on the benefits of urban street trees.
- “He who plants a tree enhances surface water management”, *APWA Public Works News Service*, September 20. Article regarding Vancouver and Kirkland Washington’s strategy to integrate urban forestry into surface water management for a comprehensive watershed approach.
- “Festival celebrates a survivor,” *The Columbian*, October 1, Clark County Section. Article regarding restoration of the Old Apple Tree vandalism to the new grafts and the Old Apple Tree Festival.
- “A day for an Apple,” *The Columbian*, October 3, Clark County Section. Article regarding the annual Old Apple Tree Festival and the distributing of free cuttings of the tree during the festival.
- “Possible changes to city tree rules target pruning, topping,” *The Columbian*, December 6, Front page. Article regarding proposed Tree Conservation Ordinance updates to clarify proper tree maintenance.
- “Old Apple Tree gets a little off the top,” *The Columbian*, December 8, Clark County Section. Article regarding the donated pruning and collection of scion wood as part of the Old Apple Tree restoration strategy.
- “Opposition sprouts to proposed tree rules,” *The Columbian*, December 9, Clark County Section. Article regarding public testimony on the proposed Tree Conservation Ordinance updates to clarify proper tree maintenance.
- “Common canopy,” *Vancouver Voice*, December 16, page 5. Article regarding the proposed Tree Conservation Ordinance updates to clarify proper tree maintenance.



Planting

- Utilized Tree Canopy Report and GIS data to identify low canopy areas, which have been targeted as high priority areas for tree planting.
- Partnered with more than 25 Neighborhoods and Friends of Trees (FOT) to plant 355 street and yard trees during four neighborhood (eastside, northeast, westside and southeast) plantings.
- With other City departments, partnered with the Vancouver Downtown Association to plant 38 street trees along Evergreen Blvd and 8th St to improve downtown street frontage, help manage stormwater runoff and reduce the heat-island effect through shading.
- Worked with the Washington Department of Transportation to implement a revegetation project at the Thurston Way interchange along SR 500 by planting 344 trees to capture stormwater and reduce erosion.
- Planted 24 trees at West Minnehaha Park in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service, the Vancouver Branch NAACP and Vancouver-Clark Park and Recreation's Urban Youth Program for the fifth annual Black History Month Tree Planting.

Vancouver's tree canopy covers 19 percent of the city, helping to preserve watershed health and reduce runoff while improving the livability of our neighborhoods.



students from Fort Vancouver High School.

- Collaborated with Evergreen and Vancouver School Districts to plant 57 new trees at Crestline Elementary and Vancouver School for Arts and Academics to improve the school grounds. Staff also worked with multiple classes on proper tree planting techniques and the benefits of trees. Research suggests the addition of trees to school grounds improves concentration among youth and helps them perform better in school.
 - Partnered with City of Vancouver Operations and the Water Distribution and Maintenance staff to remove unnecessary turf to reduce maintenance and restore Water Station #14 to a native ecosystem by planting 35 native trees and 210 native shrubs with horticulture
- Partnered with Vancouver Rotary Club to plant 30 native trees, 200 seedling and 200 shrubs at Leverich Park. These trees and shrubs serve to reduce erosion,

provide shade and bring other enhancements to the riparian buffer along Burnt Bridge Creek.

- Partnered with Vancouver Watersheds Council, City of Vancouver Sensitive Lands Team, Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation, Americans Building Communities and McKay and Sposito to plant 7,775 native trees and shrubs on National Make a Difference Day (Oct. 23) at Leverich Park to restore the natural plant community.
- Partnered with Shilo Church in Vancouver's Ellsworth Springs Neighborhood to plant 25 trees to expand tree canopy on their property and increase awareness of the value of trees.
- Worked with friends, family and coworkers of four remarkable individuals to plant four new Witness Trees in their honor.
- Partnered with the Northwest Neighborhood Association and Bonneville Power Administration to plant 19 trees and 100 shrubs at Franklin Park to improve tree canopy and the overall park conditions.
- Worked with volunteers, contractors and city staff to plant 676 trees at 21 public property sites.
- Distributed 150 native tree and shrub seedlings for planting on private property as part of Arbor Month and Earth Day.

Maintenance and Monitoring

- Achieved 97 percent survival of newly-planted large caliper trees through the critical first summer.

Replanting with natives

Removing invasive vegetation and restoring native plants reduces stormwater volume, filters stormwater pollutants, and cools the air and our streams. These Pacific Northwest friendly plants need little or no fertilizer and less water to flourish.

- Maintained and monitored all 2005 through 2010 plantings to ensure survival.
 - Coordinated several invasive species removal work parties, including No Ivy Day, with 92 adult and 534 youth volunteers contributing more than 830 hours.
- Partnered with volunteers from more than 40 community groups, resulting in 3,315 donated hours on Urban Forestry projects. The value of this donated time exceeds \$69,000.
 - Maintained positive relationships with multiple local contractors to ensure that contractual obligations are being met on all urban forestry projects.
 - Pruned 595 young trees at past project sites to improve structure, focus growth, reduce storm damage and improve the health of the trees as they mature to maximize the benefits of trees.



Education & Outreach

- Responded to more than 2,361 requests for service and completed more than 525 site visits from citizens with 91 percent customer satisfaction.
- Worked with 506 adult and 806 youth volunteers – a total of 3,315 hours – at tree planting and restoration events.



- The Urban Forestry Commission volunteered a total of 461 hours to further the Program's mission.
- Continued an outreach strategy to raise awareness of tree permits and proper tree care. The strategy included ads in *The Columbian* and Qwest Dex Yellow Pages, press releases and articles in neighborhood newsletters.
- With support from our partners, continued our grass-roots tree awareness campaign "Think Before You Top – Get the Facts", to discourage topping and promote proper tree pruning.
- Surveys at TreeTalk workshops showed 27 percent of participants reported they became more aware of the role trees have

in improving our water quality and the active steps they can take to improve watershed health.

- Staff and Commissioners attended 17 neighborhood association meetings, presenting to over 364 residents with information about efforts and benefits of improving the community's urban forest.
- Staff held 43 educational presentations or events throughout the community on proper tree care, tree benefits and tree planting opportunities, reaching more than 3,474 people.
- Staff was interviewed on CMTV's "City Minutes," in February regarding the new Mac Award and in September regarding the Old Apple Tree Festival.
- For the fifth year, Urban Forestry had a booth at the Clark Public Utilities' Home and Garden Idea Fair. NeighborWoods Stewards and Urban Forestry Commissioners staffed the booth and provided urban forestry information to the public.
- Continued the Tree Talk workshop series, attended by more than 212 individuals.



- Engaged the public at more than 10 community events, including Arbor Day, Sturgeon Festival, National Get Outdoors Day, Noontime Concerts and Marshall Center Earth Day.
- Trained 11 new volunteers through the NeighborWoods Program.
- Partnered with Joe's Farm to host a Fruit Tree workshop on February 6th that was attended by 40 individuals as part of our TreeTalk series.
- Held a training workshop for Community Development Department staff on tree preservation as a low-impact development tool and free stormwater and erosion control best management practice. 20 percent of participants reported that they became more aware tree preservation was a best management practice for Low Impact Development.
- Partnered with City of Vancouver Transportation staff and the Neighborhood Traffic Alliance for a workshop on the benefits of street trees, including traffic calming and water quality.
- Assisted three neighborhood associations in updating their Neighborhood Action Plans by including urban forestry elements.
- Hosted Friends of Trees' third Vancouver crew leader training. Thirty volunteers participated in the training and are now equipped to lead planting crews at future neighborhood plantings.
- Urban Forestry had a display in the front case at City Hall during April and the



Fourth graders learning the role trees play in stormwater interception through activities lead by staff.



Urban Forestry website to improve customer service including the severe weather, tree care and planting, Mayor's Grove, and Mac Award pages.

- Increased partners by branching out into the community to build support around common goals.
- With the support of the Urban Forestry Commission, staff updated the Work Plan for 2011-2012
- Updated the street tree selection list to reflect new tree introductions.
- Continued to enhance the

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	Goal 2009	Actual 2009	Goal 2010	Actual 2010
Outcome: The public is involved in environmental stewardship				
Urban Forestry is responsive to the community's needs				
Calls for assistance & information	900	2,386	work load	2,361
Site inspections	300	515	work load	525
Average response time, in days (site inspections)	10	8	8	7
Customer satisfaction, rated by new program participants	75%	91%	75%	91%
Presentations and educational events	25	47	25	48
Urban Forestry administers a viable volunteer program				
Volunteers trained (unique)	10	13	10	11
Volunteers participating (adults)	200	524	200	506
Youth participating (youth)	60	515	100	806
Outcome: The public trees management program is effective				
The existing mature tree canopy is preserved				
Acres of total tree canopy from latest tree canopy study	5,425	5,425	5,425	5,425
Technical reviews projects completed on time	50	82	75	92
Young tree survival is improving				
Trees monitored (all projects)	1,500	4,265	1,500	4,617
Survival rate of new trees	95%	98%	95%	97%
Trees pruned to improve health	500	831	500	595
Estimated acres of canopy at maturity	12	69.1	12	74.8
New trees are added to the existing canopy				
Restoration projects (contracted, volunteer and youth)	10	37	10	38
Trees planted	750	823	750	1161
Tree seedlings and shrubs planted	500	512	500	555
Other plants	500	200	500	350
Native species composition of new plants	50%	>50%	50%	>50%
Estimated increase in tree canopy this year in square feet	9,375	10,287	9,375	14,512
Outcome: Urban Forestry is a good investment				
Value of grants/donations/sponsorships and reductions	\$20,000	\$81,541	\$35,000	\$182,808
Estimated annual value, in millions, of benefits provided by newly planted trees over a 40 year period*	\$1.5	\$1.6	\$1.6	\$2.3
Value of program per tree cost (planted and maintained for 5 years)	\$700	\$534	\$700	\$371

*based on data from *Western Washington and Oregon Community Tree Guide: Benefits, Costs and Strategic Planting*

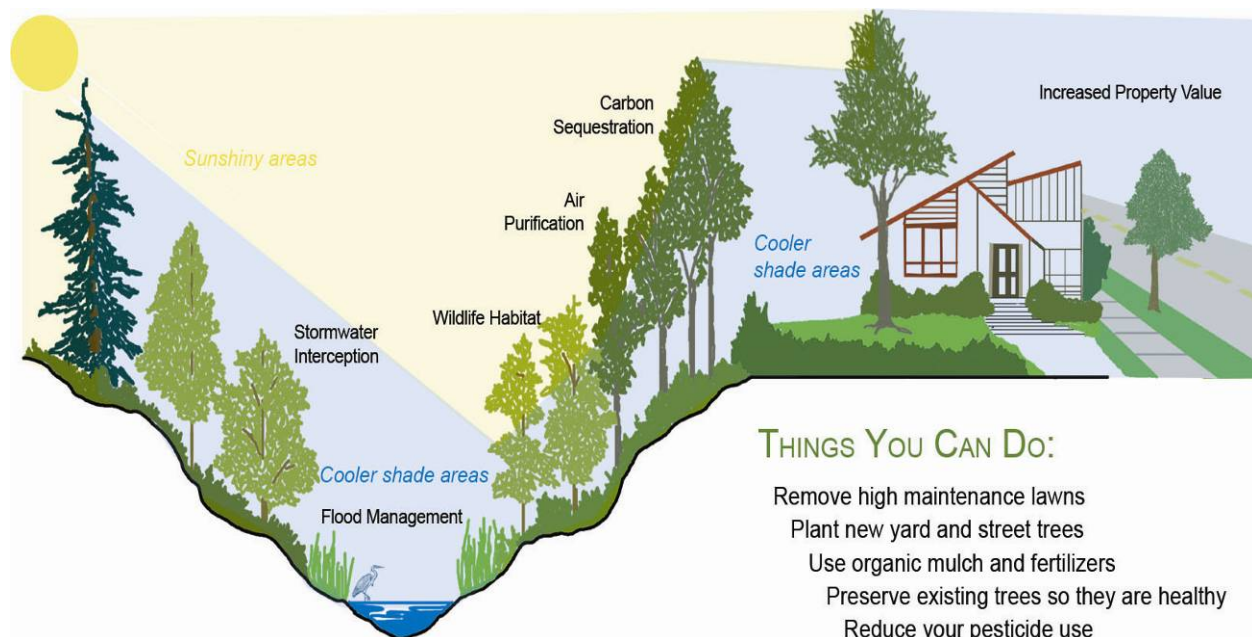
BENEFITS OF TREES

Having a healthy urban forest in Vancouver builds a strong sense of community and improves quality of life for residents. Urban trees can help the City manage stormwater as part of an integrated stormwater management plan to improve water quality, reduce pollutants and enhance wildlife habitat. Increased tree canopy aids in Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act and Endangered Species Act compliance. Other benefits of urban trees include city beautification, downtown revitalization, increased civic pride, outdoor recreation opportunities, natural resource education, air quality improvement, energy conservation, shading and cooling, and many other environmental, social, and economic benefits. Tree benefits can be optimized by reversing the trend of declining tree canopy within the City.

The 1,161 new trees planted in 2010 through the Canopy Restoration Program will, at maturity, intercept approximately 882,360 gallons of stormwater, which equates to about 4.4 Marshall Pools, and absorb more than 11,610 lbs. of pollutants from the air we breathe.

Overall, these 1,161 new trees at maturity will provide greater than \$2,345,220 worth of benefits, a 250 percent return on investment. Thus, Urban Forestry is a wise investment of public funds.

Visual Representation of the Benefits of Trees





DID YOU KNOW THESE FACTS ABOUT TREES?

- The average tree absorbs ten pounds of pollutants from the air each year.
- Trees reduce the energy needed to heat and cool our homes by 15 to 35 percent nationwide.
- The leaves of a mature tree intercept an average of 760 gallons of rainfall a year, reducing flooding, erosion, and pollution from runoff.
- A typical tree produces about 260 pounds of oxygen each year. Two trees can supply a person's oxygen needs.
- An average tree assists in reducing greenhouse gas concentrations by absorbing 26 pounds of carbon dioxide per year.
- Trees contribute to neighborhood livability. They reduce city noise and glare, and they calm and slow traffic.
- Trees improve habitat for endangered fish, migratory birds, and other wildlife.
- Trees stabilize soil, reduce erosion, and mitigate flooding.
- For every dollar spent on Vancouver's urban forest, \$2.50 in value is returned in benefits such as energy conservation, stormwater abatement, and pollution reduction.
- Unlike many other investments that depreciate, a tree's value increases with each passing year. Houses on tree-lined streets command prices that are up to 20 percent higher than houses in neighborhoods without trees.

Friends of Trees www.friendsoftrees.org
(503) 284-TREE (8733)

PARTNERS

Urban Forestry strongly values our relationships with our community partners. We rely heavily on both volunteers and partners to help us achieve our mission. Your business or organization can improve the quality of life in Vancouver by becoming a partner and sponsoring a tree planting project or supporting other program goals.

Airport Green Neighborhood Association
Al Angelo Company
American Public Works Association
Americans Building Communities
Another Shade of Blue Grass
Arborscape LTD
Arborsmith Tree Care
Arnada Neighborhood Association
Asplundh Tree Expert Co.
Autumn Arborcare
Backyard Bird Shop
Bella Vista Neighborhood Association
Big Brother Big Sisters Columbia Northwest
Bonneville Power Administration
Building Industry Association of Clark County
Burnt Bridge Creek Neighborhood Association
Burton Neighborhood Association
Camas and Washougal Gardening Club
Cameo Café
Carter Park Neighborhood Association
Cascade Highlands Neighborhood Association
Central Park Neighborhood Association
Chronis' Restaurant
City Bark Recycling
City of Portland, Environmental Services, Watershed Revegetation Program
City of Portland, Urban Forestry Division
City of Vancouver, Community Development Department
City of Vancouver, Economic Development
City of Vancouver, Media Services
City of Vancouver, Office of Neighborhoods
City of Vancouver, Public Works
City of Vancouver, Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation
City of Vancouver, Water Resources Education Center
Civil Air Patrol, Fort Vancouver Composite Squadron
Clark College
Clark County Antique Equipment Association
Clark County Arborist Association
Clark County Clean Water Program

Clark County Extension Food Preservers
Clark County Historical Society
Clark County, Restorative Community Service Program
Clark Public Utilities
Clark/Vancouver Television (CVTV)
Collier Arbor Care
Columbia River Crossing Project
Columbia Springs Environmental Education Center
The Columbian
Countryside Woods Neighborhood Association
Crosley Lanes
Edgewood Park Neighborhood Association
Ellsworth Springs Neighborhood Association
Emerald Tree Care
Educational Service District 112
Evergreen School District
Father Blanchet Neighborhood Association
Fircrest Neighborhood Association
First Place Neighborhood Association
Fisher's Creek Neighborhood Association
Fort Vancouver High School
Fort Vancouver National Trust
Fort Vancouver Regional Library District
Fred Meyer
Friends of Trees
Frontier Landscaping Inc.
Green Drinks of Vancouver
H & H Wood Recyclers, Inc
Harpist, Jennifer Pratt-Hewitt
Harney Heights Neighborhood Association
Hazel Dell Lions Club
Hearthwood Neighborhood Association
Hough Neighborhood Association
Hudson's Bay Neighborhood Association
Image Neighborhood Association
Integrity Tree Care
Joe's Farm
Kids with Ice
Kunze's Farm Trees and Landscape
Landover Sharmel Neighborhood Association
Landscape Management Services
Lincoln Neighborhood Association
Marrion Neighborhood Association
Martin, Edith
Master Composters, Recyclers
NAACP Vancouver Branch
National Arbor Day Foundation

National Park Service
nConnectNW
Neighborhood Traffic Safety Alliance
New Heights Church
Northfield Neighborhood Association
North Fork Landscape and Nursery
North Garrison Heights Neighborhood Association
North Image Neighborhood Association
Northwest Neighborhood Association
Northwest Service Academy (AmeriCorps)
Oakbrook Neighborhood Association
Ogden Neighborhood Association
Our Lady of Lourdes School
Pacific Northwest Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture
Parkside Neighborhood Association
Parks Foundation
Parkway East Neighborhood Association
Pinebrook Homeowners Association
Penn State Extension Service
The Portland Mercury
River Maiden Coffee
Rose Village Neighborhood Association
Royal Scottish Country Dance Society
Seize the Bagel
Shorty's Nursery
Shift 2 Bikes
Shumway Neighborhood Association
Southwest Washington Arborists Association
Starbucks Coffee
Sunrise Bagels
Teragan & Associates
Urban Abundance
USDA Forest Service
USDA Coalition of Minority Employees
Vancouver Audubon
Vancouver Downtown Association
Vancouver Heights Neighborhood Association
Vancouver Housing Authority
Vancouver Lions Club
Vancouver Rotary Club and Interact Club
Vancouver School of Arts and Academics Garden Club
Vancouver School District
Vancouver School District Horticulture Department
Vancouver Watersheds Council
Village at Fishers Landing Neighborhood Association
Washington Association of Landscape Professionals
Washington Community Forestry Council

Washington Department of Natural Resources, Urban & Community Forestry program
Washington Department of Transportation
Washington Irish Fiddlers
Washington Old Time Fiddlers Association
Washington State University Clark County Extension Service, Master Gardeners
Washington State University Clark County Extension Service, Watershed Stewards
Waste Connections
Wells Fargo
West Minnehaha Neighborhood Association
Yard 'n Garden Land



URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION

Established for the purpose of managing, conserving and enhancing the existing trees located in the parks and public areas owned by the City of Vancouver and in public rights-of-way, and thereby enhancing the appearance of the city and protecting an important environmental and economic resource for the benefit of the city's residents and visitors, and for the purpose of assisting property owners and public agencies to improve and maintain trees in a manner consistent with adopted city policies.

Six members appointed by City Council to four-year term and one member appointed as liaison by Vancouver-Clarks Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (VCPRAC).

Meets Third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m., Esther Short Building, 610 Esther St.

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