



SUFC Members who support this funding recommendation:

- Alliance for Community Trees
- American Forests
- American Nursery and Landscape Association
- American Planning Association
- American Public Works Association
- Arbor Day Foundation
- International City/County Management Association
- International Society of Arboriculture
- Keep America Beautiful
- National Association of State Foresters
- Society of Municipal Arborists
- Tree Care Industry of America
- TreeLink
- US Conference of Mayors
- Utility Arborists Association

The Sustainable Urban Forests Coalition is a diverse group of national organizations working to advance a unified urban forest agenda.

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Sustainable Urban Forests Coalition FY 2009 Forest Service Budget Recommendations

Invest in Urban Forests for Healthier Cities

US Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Program Budget			
2007 Actual	2008 Enacted	2009 President's Budget	2009 SUFC Recommendations
\$30.1 million	\$27.7 million	\$5 million (82% reduction)	\$50 million

\$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. This program helps communities assess, manage and maximize the benefits of trees in urbanized landscapes.
- **\$2 million for integrated Technology Transfer and Education** to further practices and policies that improve urban forest management and care.
- **\$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, set strategies to maximize ecological service benefits, and monitor results in cities.

\$8 million for urban forest research projects.

The coalition supports the establishment of urban long-term research stations in selected cities to examine urban natural resource issues. In FY 2007, the Forest Service funded roughly \$6.2 million in research on urban forests as part of the overall Research & Development budget. In FY 2009, the coalition recommends \$8 million for urban resources research. 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
- RM Station at Flagstaff, AZ – southwest wildland /urban interface and restoration

Key Benefits of Urban Forests

- **Climate:** Trees cool ambient temperatures in cities, reducing CO₂ emissions. Urban trees also 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 promote water quality and reduce stormwater management 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.
- **Public Health:** Access to trees, green spaces, and parks promotes greater physical activity, reduces stress, and reduces asthma risks.

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**Additional organizations in support of the FY 2009 Sustainable Urban Forests Coalition Request
(as of March 24, 2008):**

National	National Association of Local Government Environmental Professionals	Washington	DC
Alaska	Juneau Urban Forestry Partnership	Juneau	AK
Alabama	Montgomery Tree Committee, Inc.	Montgomery	AL
Arkansas	City of Conway, Conway Tree Board	Conway	AR
	City of Wilson	Wilson	AR
	City of Glenwood	Glenwood	AR
	Jonesboro Parks & Recreation	Jonesboro	AR
	City of Bentonville	Bentonville	AR
	City of Mammoth Spring	Mammoth Spring	AR
	City of Texarkana Dept of Public Works	Texarkana	AR
	City of Bryant Parks & Recreation	Bryant	AR
	City of Hope Parks & Recreation	Hope	AR
	City of Monticello	Monticello	AR
	City of DeQueen	DeQueen	AR
California	California ReLeaf	Davis	CA
	Huntington Beach Tree Society, Inc.	Huntington Beach	CA
	Sacramento Tree Foundation	Sacramento	CA
	TreePeople	Beverly Hills	CA
	Tree Musketeers	El Segundo	CA
	Tree Fresno	Fresno	CA
	Huntington Beach Tree Society, Inc.	Huntington Beach	CA
	Central Coast Region Urban Forest Council	Goleta	CA
	Goleta Valley Beautiful	Goleta	CA
	Santa Barbara County Releaf	Lompoc	CA
	Ojai Trees	Ojai	CA
Colorado	Native Communities Development Corporation	Colorado Springs	CO
	Colorado Tree Coalition	Fort Collins	CO
District of Columbia	Trees for Capitol Hill	Washington	DC
Delaware	Delaware Center for Horticulture	Wilmington	DE
Florida	Citizens for a Better South Florida	Miami	FL
	TREEmendous Miami, Inc.	Florida City	FL
	Keep Highlands County Beautiful	Sebring	FL
	Greenscape of Jacksonville, Inc.	Jacksonville	FL
Georgia	Keep Bartow Beautiful	Cartersville	GA
	Oxbow Meadows Environmental Learning Center	Columbus	GA
	Trees Atlanta	Atlanta	GA
	The Georgia Chapter, The American Chestnut Foundation	Calhoun	GA
	Coastal Bryan Tree Foundation	Richmond Hill	GA
	Georgia Urban Forest Council	Decatur	GA
	Keep Hall Beautiful	Gainesville	GA
	Trees Columbus, Inc	Columbus	GA
	Sustaining Urban Villages	Clarkston	GA
	Hands On Atlanta	Atlanta	GA
	Athens-Clarke County	Athens	GA
Hawaii	Friends of Hawaii's Urban Forest	Kapolei	HI
Iowa	Trees Forever	Marion	IA

Illinois	Openlands	Chicago	IL	
Indiana	City of Muncie Urban Forestry Program	Muncie	IN	
	Trees Indiana	Fort Wayne	IN	
	Indiana Urban Forest Council, Inc.	Carmel	IN	
Kansas	Town of Avon	Avon	IN	
	Bridging The Gap/Heartland Tree Alliance	Kansas City	KS	
Kentucky	City of Bowling Green Community Tree Advisory Board	Bowling Green	KY	
	EON-US	Louisville	KY	
	Northern Kentucky Urban Forestry Council	Burlington	KY	
	Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government	Lexington	KY	
	Kentucky Arborists' Association	Clay City	KY	
	Kentucky Urban and Community Forestry Council	Frankfort	KY	
	Louisville Olmsted Parks Conservancy	Louisville	Ky	
	Northern Kentucky Urban & Community Forestry Council	Burlington	KY	
	Banklick Watershed Council	Covington	KY	
	Yew Dell Gardens	Crestwood	KY	
	Kentucky Division of Forestry	Frankfort	KY	
	Louisiana	Baton Rouge Green Association Inc.	Baton Rouge	LA
		Parkway Partners	New Orleans	LA
		Parkway Partners Program	New Orleans	LA
		Louisiana Urban Forestry Council	Baton Rouge	LA
Massachusetts	Shreveport Green	Shreveport	LA	
	EarthWorks Projects, Inc.	Roxbury	MA	
	Urban Ecology Institute	Chestnut Hill	MA	
Maryland	Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust.	Lowell	MA	
	Center for Chesapeake Communities	Annapolis	MD	
Michigan	City of Baltimore City, Office of the Mayor	Baltimore	MD	
	City of Petersburg	Petersburg	MI	
	Washtenaw County Conservation District	Ann Arbor	MI	
	Village of Elberta	Elberta	MI	
	City of Adrian Parks & Forestry Division	Adrian	MI	
	Village of Caledonia	Caledonia	MI	
	City of River Rouge	River Rouge	MI	
	City Of Frankenmuth	Frankenmuth	MI	
	City of Mount Clemens	Mount Clemens	MI	
	The City of Eastpointe Parks Division	Eastpointe	MI	
	Charlevoix Shade Tree Commission	Charlevoix,	MI	
	Springfield Township Parks and Recreation	Davisburg	MI	
	Grand Valley State University	Allendale	MI	
	The Greening of Detroit	Detroit	MI	
	Minnesota	City of Rochester	Rochester	MN
Majestic Tree Care, Inc		Minneapolis	MN	
Tree Trust		St. Paul	MN	
Missouri	Missouri Community Forestry Council	Helena	MO	
Mississippi	Mississippi Urban Forest Council	Madison	MS	
North Carolina				
	Quality Forward	Asheville	NC	
	North Carolina Urban Forest Council	Winston-Salem	NC	
	North Carolina Cooperative Extension	Greensboro	NC	
Nebraska	Trees Asheboro	Asheboro	NC	
	SiouxLand Soccer Foundation	South Sioux City	NE	

	City of Lincoln	Lincoln	NE
	Office of the Nebraska Capitol Commission	Lincoln	NE
New Jersey	NJ Nursery and Landscape Association	Bordentown	NJ
Nevada	Nevada Shade Tree Council Inc	Elko	NV
New York	New York Restoration Project	New York	NY
	Magnolia Tree Earth Center of Bedford Stuyvesant, Inc.	Brooklyn	NY
	Trees New York / NYC Street Tree Consortium	New York	NY
	Friends of Van Cortlandt Park	Bronx	NY
Oklahoma	The Tree Bank Foundation	Edmond	OK
Pennsylvania	UC Green	Philadelphia	PA
	Cross Baltimore Tree Tenders	Philadelphia	PA
	Pennsylvania Horticultural Society	Philadelphia	PA
Tennessee	Tennessee Urban Forestry Council	Nashville	TN
Texas	Golden Triangle Group Sierra Club	Beaumont	TX
	West Texas Urban Forestry Council	El Paso	TX
	Tarrant Coalition for Environmental Awareness	Arlington	TX
	Vidor Azalea Garden Club	Vidor	TX
	Brownsville Beautification Committee	Brownsville	TX
	Valley Proud Environmental Council	Harlingen	TX
	Corpus Christi Parks and Recreation Dept.	Corpus Christi	TX
	City of Dallas Urban Forest Advisory Committee	Dallas	TX
	Cross Timbers Urban Forestry Council	Ft. Worth	TX
	City of Mansfield	Mansfield	TX
	Keep Denton Beautiful	Denton	TX
	Bob Jones Nature Center	Southlake	TX
	City of Pflugerville Parks and Recreation	Pflugerville	TX
Utah	TreeUtah	Salt Lake City	UT
Virginia	New River Land Trust	Blacksburg	VA
	Front Royal/Warren County Tree Stewards	Linden	VA
	Valley Conservation Council	Staunton	VA
	BikeWalk VA	Williamsburg	VA
	Hampton Road Tree Care Association	Chesapeake	VA
	VA Green Industry Council Inc	Christiansburg	VA
	Roanoke Valley Urban Forest Council	Roanoke	VA
	Rockbridge Area Master Gardeners	Lexington	VA
	Winchester Trout Unlimited	Winchester	VA
	Winchester Tree Commission	Winchester	VA
	Lord Fairfax SWCD	Stephens City	VA
	Shenandoah RC&D	Verona	VA
	The Opequon Watershe Inc	Winchester	VA
	LDC	Richmond	VA
	Community Design Assistance Center	Blacksburg	VA
	Roanoke Valley Urban Forest Council	Roanoke	VA
	RSG Landscaping and Lawn Care, Inc.	Concord	VA
	Beaver Creek Tree & Forestry Services	Christiansburg	VA
	Lake Tree farm	Bedford	VA
	Trees Virginia (VA Urban Forest Council)	Charlottesville	VA
	Tree Stewards of Greater Lynchburg	Lynchburg	VA
	Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture (MAC-ISA)	Haymarket	VA
	The VA Horticultural Foundation	VA Beach	VA
	Citizens for a Clean Environment	Martinsville	VA

	Front Royal/Warren County Tree Stewards	Front Royal	VA
	Gateway Streetscape Foundation	Collinsville, VA	VA
Washington	Gaia's Blessings	Issaquah	WA
Wisconsin	Cassity Tree Service, Inc.	Sturtevant	WI

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