



The Mississippi Urban Forest Council (MUFC) is a nonprofit organization aimed at promoting quality urban and community forestry in our state. Membership is open to anyone interested in making a positive difference in our cities, towns, and communities through tree planting and care, and natural resource conservation.

WHY ARE TREES ESSENTIAL TO QUALITY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ?

1. Provides low cost beautification.
2. Reduce infrastructure costs.
3. Provide oxygen. A large tree can provide oxygen requirements for four people.
4. Clean the air by absorbing odors and pollution
5. Conserves Energy shading and cooling homes and buildings and breaking up heat islands.
6. Reduce water runoff and soil erosion by catching rainfall and holding soil.
7. Reduces flooding, drainage problems and associated costs.
8. Provide a canopy and wildlife habitat.
9. Transform barren areas and provide buffers from harsh landscapes.
10. Increase property values and improve business traffic.
11. Add unity, identity and pride to communities.
12. Absorb noise, dust and heat.
13. Reduce glare.
14. Provide employment.
15. Turns vacant lots into parks and playgrounds.
16. Provide protection against the increase in cancer causing ultraviolet rays.
17. Serve as friends, play areas and teachers for children.
18. Provide spiritual and creative inspiration.
19. Provide social, psychological, health and recreational benefits.

Over 50 % of Mississippi's population live in towns or communities. MS. State Census, 2000

In areas that have been beautified with trees, crime and vandalism is reduced and people are less likely to litter. American Public Works Assn, 1998

Shoppers are willing to pay as much as 10% more if the shops are located in areas with street trees. University of Washington

Public housing projects with trees had up to 50% less crimes. University of Illinois

Trees help trap airborne particles and reduce carbon dioxide, thus reducing asthma risks and reducing premature deaths Center for Disease Control and Prevention

Trees reduce runoff and erosion. One tree can absorb as much as 837 gallons of water. It costs \$10,000.00 to clean runoff from one acre of impervious area. Water Resources, EPA

Tree shaded streets reduce the effect of heat and sun on the petroleum products in asphalt. A tree shaded street can last up to 7 years longer.

A 20' tall tree can absorb and process 68% of water in a 1/2" rain event that falls within its crown area, cleaning and reducing runoff.

U. S. Forest Service

Let us help you make a difference in your community. Join the Mississippi Urban Forest Council today!! Contact: Donna Yowell, Executive Director of MUFC, (601)856-1660 or dyowell@aol.com



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Programs and Services

Tree City USA
Regional and Local Chapters
 Northwest Urban Forest Council
 Southwest Community Tree Council
 Coastal Plain Urban Forest Chapter
Grant and Resource Information and Assistance
Youth Programs
 Arbor Day Youth Poster Contest
 Arbor Day Coloring Sheets
 Ribbons of Green
Green Communities Newsletter
Scholarship Program
Educational Workshops
 Trees, People & Law
 Tree Board Workshop
 Urban Forestry Planning
 The Right Tree in the Right Place
 Grant Workshops
Websites
Sample Ordinances
Technical Information & Assistance
 Building with Trees
 Conservation Design from Georgia
 ISA Technical Brochures
Annual Conference with PAAM
Recognition and Awards Program
PSA, Press Release & Promotionals
Tree Posters
Educational Articles
Statewide Voice for Urban Forestry
Civic Group Presentations
Membership Package of Benefits
Diverse Board of Directors & Advisory

Mission

Foster and promote proper management of urban forests for social, economic and environmental benefits to people through innovation, leadership, communication and educational services.

MUFC Goals for 2001-2004

Foster Interaction between professional and individuals involved in the management and care of the urban forest.

Promote the proper planting, selection, planting, management, and protection of the urban forest.

Stimulate citizen interest and action in the urban forest resources.

Provide support and counsel to the Mississippi Forestry Commission in the development of an urban forestry program that meets the needs of the public and strives to provide services to the various interest groups.

Provide opportunities for commercial forestry, other private and public partnership to join educational projects in promoting urban forestry.

Develop regional and local chapters for groups and individuals to volunteer and to assist in increasing local capabilities and resources.

Increase public awareness and understanding of what urban forestry is, how to implement and what values it has to our communities.

Continue partnering relationship with MFC on all programs.

MUFC, JOIN Today and learn how to implement urban forestry in your community.
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