



# Sustainable Urban Forests Coalition

## 2008 SUFC Members

Alliance for Community Trees  
American Forests  
American Nursery & Landscape Association  
American Planning Association  
American Public Works Association  
American Society of Consulting Arborists  
American Society of Landscape Architects  
Davey Resource Group, The Davey Tree Expert Company  
International City/County Management Association  
International Society of Arboriculture  
Keep America Beautiful  
National Arbor Day Foundation  
National Association of Conservation Districts  
Society of American Foresters  
Society of Municipal Arborists  
Tree Care Industry Association  
TreeLink  
Utility Arborists Association

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## What is the SUFC?

The Sustainable Urban Forests Coalition (SUFC) is a group of national organizations advancing a unified urban forest agenda. SUFC members work together to integrate trees as a vital component of sustainable infrastructure for every community.



SUFC defines **URBAN FORESTS** as the aggregate of all vegetation and green spaces that provide essential environmental, health and economic benefits to a community.

SUFC members include planners, educators, landscape and nursery associations, nonprofits, architects, tree care industries, scientists, public works and utility associations, foresters, governmental bodies and others. Together they represent a diverse collection of professionals who monitor, care and advocate for trees and urban forests.

## SUFC works to:

- 1 Increase tangible support for urban forests on a national, regional and local level;
- 2 Educate diverse audiences about the value and need for healthy trees in cities; and
- 3 Network and leverage resources and knowledge among member organizations.

Urban trees **PROVIDE CLEAN AIR AND MITIGATE CLIMATE CHANGE**. Trees absorb air pollutants and act as natural filters to produce clean air; trees reduce air pollutants by 25% in cities and filter airborne particles by one-quarter.

Urban forests **REDUCE INFRASTRUCTURE COSTS**. Cities can meet clean air and water standards more efficiently and cost-effectively with trees and green infrastructure than traditional methods. Also, trees are a **CAPITAL ASSET** increasing in value over time.

Well-managed urban forests can **STRENGTHEN COMMUNITIES** by empowering citizens, improving social ties, reducing crime, and revitalizing neighborhoods.