

Urban & Community Tree Care and Management in the United States

A 2025 Census of Tree Activities



Instructions

Welcome to the **sixth edition** of this census, **celebrating 50 years!** From 1974 to the present, the 2025 version helps you **benchmark your community tree activities** for comparison across the United States. It is intended for the person(s) who can best tell us about your urban and community forestry and tree activities. Ideally the person directly responsible for tree care activities will respond, however, any community employee, volunteer, and/or elected official that can best respond should do so.

Answer each question the best you can if multiple departments/groups are involved with municipal tree activities in your community, we ask that your entire situation be formulated as one response using this questionnaire.

Please read each question carefully: Respond to each question with the answer that best fits your community. An example follows below.

1. Does your community manage its public trees?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

Please try to answer every question that applies to you. If none of the answers provided seem exactly right, choose the one that best reflects what occurs in your community. **The correct answer is your answer.**

We appreciate that you please fill out and return the survey, even if you believe your community has limited or no management of its trees. Your response will show the variety of activities that occurs nationally with trees in municipalities. **Your response is confidential** and will not be reported by the name of a community or person that responds. The study was approved by the UWSP Institutional Review Board (IRB).

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Thank you very much for your response!

Section I – Your Community and Staff

1. Did your community conduct any kind of urban & community forestry activities in 2024?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

2. What is the 2024 population of your incorporated community area?

_____ Population

3. How many of each of the following does your community have?

_____ Miles of maintained municipal streets
_____ Miles of maintained municipal streets with trees
_____ Square miles total land area in community
_____ Square miles total developed land area in community
_____ Acres of managed municipal parks
_____ Acres of municipal natural areas or green space
_____ Acres of other municipal properties planted with trees

4. Who in your community is primarily (legally) responsible for maintaining trees in municipal rights-of-way, for example street trees between sidewalk and curb or median? (CHECK ONE CHOICE)

- ☐ Municipality responsible
☐ Abutting property owner responsible
☐ Jointly responsible (municipality and abutting owner)
☐ Other (please specify: _____)

5. Does someone in your community (e.g., employee, volunteer, consultant, etc.) oversee the care of municipal street trees, park trees or other public trees?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No → (IF NO, GO TO QUESTION 7, PAGE 2)

6. How many years has your community had a person or department responsible for the management of trees?

_____ Number of Years

7. Which of the following best describes municipal street tree or right-of-way planting in your community? (CHECK ONE CHOICE)

- ☐ Our municipality does not plant street trees
☐ Planted primarily at the direction of the municipality, but property owners or residents may decline (also called “opt-out”)
☐ Planted primarily following property owner or resident request (also called “opt-in”)
☐ Planted BOTH at the direction of the municipality and following property owner or resident request
☐ Other (please specify: _____)

8. Which municipal departments have the responsibility for some level of management of public trees? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- ☐ Electric Utilities
☐ Engineering
☐ Forestry/Urban Forestry
☐ Parks and Recreation
☐ Planning/Community Development
☐ Public Works
☐ Streets/Transportation
☐ Other (please specify: _____)

9. What one municipal department has the primary responsibility for public trees? (CHECK ONE CHOICE)

- ☐ Electric Utilities
☐ Engineering
☐ Forestry/Urban Forestry
☐ Parks and Recreation
☐ Planning/Community Development
☐ Public Works
☐ Streets/Transportation
☐ Equally shared (please specify: _____)
☐ Other (please specify: _____)

10. How many public employees, including managers, are involved in the municipal tree management program?

_____ # of Total Employees

_____ # of Full Time Equivalents (2080 hour base year)

11. How strongly do you agree or disagree with these statements characterizing your community and the management of trees?

(CHECK THE APPROPRIATE RESPONSE)

	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Neutral (3)	Agree (4)	Strongly Agree (5)	Unsure
Program field workers/staff is/are supportive of the tree management program	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Administration is supportive of the tree management program	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community's elected officials and policy makers support community trees	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The general public understands the value of trees to the community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Residents understand and participate in urban forestry management at the neighborhood level	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
All constituencies in the community interact for the benefit of the urban forest	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Municipal departments cooperate with the management of public trees	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
All city departments operate with common goals and objectives to manage trees	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Green Industry (e.g., Tree Care) at large operates with high professional standards and commits to city-wide goals and objectives	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Large private landowners embrace city-wide goals and objectives through specific resource management plans related to tree care and management in greenspaces	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cooperation and interaction occur among neighboring communities and regional groups	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Administration understands the value of trees to the community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

12. What training and/or credentials are collectively held by the staff responsible for tree activities and/or management of trees?

(CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- ☐ No specific training or workshops
- ☐ In-house and/or on-the-job-training
- ☐ Attend tree care/management workshops
- ☐ ISA Certified Arborist
- ☐ ISA Board Certified Master Arborist
- ☐ ISA Certified Urban Forest Professional (Municipal Specialist)
- ☐ ISA Certified Tree Climber
- ☐ ISA Certified Utility Specialist
- ☐ ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualification
- ☐ SAF Certified Forester
- ☐ SAF Certified Urban and Community Forester
- ☐ State Tree Care License or Credential
- ☐ Pesticide applicators license
- ☐ Two year degree
- ☐ Four year degree
- ☐ Graduate degree
- ☐ Other (please specify: _____)

In either Arboriculture, Forestry, Horticulture, Urban Forestry, or related field

Section II – Budget

- 1. What is the total municipal budget for fiscal year (FY) 2024? (Excluding school budget and any Inflation Reduction Act funding, and other grants) (Please include the total for all governmental functions, activities, etc.)**

_____ \$ Total 2024 Municipal Budget

- 2. Does your community have a municipal electrical utility and if so, what is the budget for the utility tree clearance program? (This includes all tree activity expenses; include personnel, overhead, equipment, supplies, tree care and contract payments.)**

☐ Yes → If yes, _____ \$ Program Budget
☐ No

- 3. Is public municipal funding specifically budgeted (e.g., allocated) or spent for tree care activities or management (e.g., planting, maintenance, removal, ordinance enforcement, education, etc.)?**

☐ Yes
☐ No → (IF NO, PLEASE GO TO QUESTION 13, PAGE 7)

4. What is the total annual budget of your municipality funded tree care activities and management from all municipal sources in FY 2024? (Include all tree activity expenses; include personnel, overhead, equipment, supplies, tree care and contract payments.) Exclude Inflation Reduction Act funding, and other grants.

_____ \$ Total 2024 Tree Budget

5. What amount or percent of your annual tree care budget from Q4 is used in each of the following general areas? (Enter either \$ amount or % from all departments. If %, the total should equal 100%.)

Funding Area	Amount (\$)	% of total budget
<i>Example Answer</i>	<i>12,500</i>	<i>90</i>
Street Trees		
Park Trees		
Public Cemetery Trees		
Public Nursery Trees		
Other Public Grounds Trees		
Private Lands		
Other (<i>specify</i> : _____)		
Total >>>		= 100%

6. How much is the total annual cost for all contracted tree care activities and management activities for the last fiscal year?

_____ \$ Annual Total Contract Cost

7. Please indicate the in-house and contractor budget (costs) and number of trees associated with each of the tree activities below for your municipality for the last fiscal year.

Tree Care Activity	In-House (\$)		Contracted (\$)	
	# Trees	Total Cost (\$)	# Trees	Total Cost (\$)
Tree Planting				
Tree Watering				
Tree Pest Management				
Tree Pruning				
Tree Removal				
Stump Removal				
Storm Cleanup				
Other (; _____)				

8. What sources fund your municipal tree management budget in your current 2024 fiscal year?

Funding Sources	(✓ all that apply)	% By Source
<i>Example Answer</i>	(✓)	<i>90</i>
Assessment District	()	
Community Development Block Grants	()	
Donations	()	
Emergency Mgmt./Hazard Mitigation	()	
Endowment	()	
Forestry Grants (e.g., State/Federal)	()	
Fines	()	
Gas Tax	()	
General Fund	()	
Job Corps	()	
Mill Levy (Forestry/Tree)	()	
Permit Fees	()	
Revenue Sharing	()	
Road-use Tax	()	
Service Fees	()	
Special Frontage Tax	()	
Stormwater/Utility	()	
Tree Memorials	()	
Vehicle Tax	()	
Wood Product Sales	()	
Other (<i>specify</i> : _____)	()	
Total	=	100%

9. Please list the starting and average hourly wage for personnel.

Position Categories	Starting Wage (\$)/hr	Average Wage (\$)/hr
Arborist (e.g., pruning/removal)		
Clerical Support Office		
Equipment Operator		
Forestry Manager/City Forester		
Laborer		
Seasonal Worker		
Truck Driver		
Urban Forestry Specialist/Inspect.		
Working Foreperson (Crew Lead)		
Other (<i>specify</i> : _____)		

10. For the primary person who is responsible for tree care management, please indicate the following:

_____ Years' in Current Position
_____ Years' Experience in Tree Care/Management
_____ % of Full-time for the Position
_____ \$ Annual Paid Salary
Your Job Title: *(please specify:_____)*

11. Is your budget adequate to meet current needs as defined in your work plan or your identified annual urban forestry budget needs? (Includes planting, maintenance, removal, inventory, education, etc.)

- ☐ Yes
☐ No → If no, _____% below identified need

12. What percent of the total tree management budget from all sources is used for the following activities? (Total should equal 100%)

(FILL IN PERCENT)

_____ Supervision	_____ Plant Health Care
_____ Office Expenses	_____ Fertilization
_____ Tree Planting	_____ Watering
_____ Tree Pruning	_____ Storm Work
_____ Tree Removal	_____ Tree Repair
_____ Administrative	_____ Stump Removal
_____ Inventory & Analysis	_____ Nursery
_____ Employee Training	_____ Safety Training
_____ Urban Forest Planning	_____ Community Engagement
_____ Other <i>(please specify:_____)</i>	

= 100% Total for Both Columns

13. Did your community receive funding through the Inflation Reduction Act for Urban & Community Forestry projects?

(CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- ☐ We did not apply → (PLEASE GO TO SECTION III, PAGE 9)
☐ No, project not funded → (PLEASE GO TO SECTION III, PAGE 9)
☐ Yes, funding directly for the municipality
☐ Yes, funding for partner organizations in the community (such as non-profit organizations)
☐ Other *(please specify:_____)*

**14. What will be the primary impact of the grant? Please choose the one that best reflects the outcome you expect.
(CHECK ONE CHOICE)**

- ☐ Will enable our community to continue, improve or complete programs that had been underfunded in the past
☐ Will allow our community to develop new initiatives to address emerging priorities
☐ Other *(please specify:_____)*

15. How much IRA funding did you receive for the project(s)? *(Please only include funds for programming in your municipality, not funds for an organization serving a larger region.)*

_____ \$ State Funding Received

_____ \$ Federal Funding Received

_____ \$ Other Funding Received ➡

➡ Other Name *(please specify:_____)*

16. Will Inflation Reduction Act funding be used for any of the following? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- ☐ Tree inventory
☐ Tree planting
☐ Tree maintenance (including watering, pest management, pruning)
☐ Tree and/or stump removal
☐ Job training/workforce development
☐ Community/resident engagement
☐ Volunteer programming
☐ Developing a management plan
☐ Other *(please specify:_____)*

17. Was your annual tree management or maintenance budget allocations for 2024 decreased as a result of receiving IRA funding for tree management or maintenance activities?

- ☐ Yes → If yes, _____% net annual operating budgets decrease
☐ No → (IF NO, PLEASE GO TO SECTION III, PAGE 9)

18. Which budget areas were reduced as a result of IRA funding?

(CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- ☐ Tree planting
- ☐ Tree maintenance (including watering, pest management, pruning)
- ☐ Tree and/or stump removal
- ☐ Job training/workforce development
- ☐ Community/resident engagement
- ☐ Volunteer programming
- ☐ Developing a management plan
- ☐ Other (please specify:_____)

Section III – Tree Management Profile

1. Which of the following organizations help establish policy for tree management in your community? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- ☐ City Council Committee or Community Board
- ☐ Parks Board
- ☐ Public Works Board
- ☐ Tree Board/Committee
- ☐ Planning Commission
- ☐ Shade Tree/Urban Forestry Commission
- ☐ Other (please specify:_____)

2. Does your community have a government-authorized tree board/committee, parks board, city department, commission, or similar group that helps develop and/or administer tree management policy?

- ☐ Yes → If yes, Name:_____)
☐ No → If yes, is it active? ☐ Yes | ☐ No

3. Does your municipality have one or more municipal ordinances that pertain to trees?

- ☐ Yes → _____ Year last updated
☐ No → (PLEASE GO TO QUESTION 7, PAGE 11 OF THIS SECTION)
☐ Developing → (PLEASE GO TO QUESTION 7, PAGE 11)

4. Does your municipality review your tree related ordinances periodically (e.g., within last five years)?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

5. What topics do your community tree ordinances include?

Ordinance Topics	Check all that apply	(✓)
Defines official authority for public tree management	()	
Regulates tree species which may or may not be planted on public property (e.g., approved tree list)	()	
Regulates tree species which may or may not be planted on private property (e.g., approved tree list)	()	
Provides suggested species (e.g., species lists) for planting	()	
Requires annual community tree work plans	()	
Requires regular public tree maintenance	()	
Requires particular types of maintenance (e.g., pruning)	()	
Regulates removal of dead or diseased trees	()	
Requires tree planting in new developments	()	
Requires tree planting around new parking lots	()	
Requires tree planting around reconstructed parking lots	()	
Requires replacement of removed publicly owned trees	()	
Requires replacement of removed privately owned trees	()	
Identifies formula for determining monetary tree value	()	
Establishes permit system for work on public trees	()	
Requires preservation of trees during development	()	
Restricts tree cutting on private property	()	
Requires certified arborist for public tree work	()	
Requires certified arborist for paid private tree work	()	
Requires licensing of private tree care firms	()	
Regulates abatement of hazardous or public nuisance trees	()	
Establishes an insect/disease control strategy	()	
Establishes provisions for penalties for non-compliance	()	
Defines tree maintenance requirements on public property	()	
Restricts burning of solid wood waste	()	
Identifies preservation of heritage or significant trees	()	
Prohibits tree topping	()	
Other (please specify:_____)	()	

6. Which statements reflect enforcement of tree ordinances? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- ☐ Community not supportive of ordinance enforcement
- ☐ Lack staffing to actively enforce
- ☐ Ordinances are actively enforced
- ☐ The result of violating ordinances is punitive (e.g., fines)
- ☐ Fines from penalties go to a specific fund
- ☐ Penalty enforcement same or greater as last year

7. Does your community have a written strategic/master plan for urban forestry, tree management, open space, green infrastructure, or land use management that includes trees?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

8. Which types of plans (separate or combined together) do you have that incorporate the management of trees and other vegetation?

Plan Type	We have this plan	Developing this plan	Year last written or updated
<i>Example answer</i>	(✓)	()	2019
<i>Example answer</i>	()	(✓)	2024
City Master/Comprehensive	()	()	
Community Engagement	()	()	
Fire Mitigation/Response	()	()	
Insect/Disease Readiness	()	()	
Municipal Watershed	()	()	
Storm Emergency Response	()	()	
Storm Water Management	()	()	
Sustainability/Resiliency	()	()	
Tree Canopy	()	()	
Tree Planting	()	()	
Tree Risk Management	()	()	
Tree/Urban Forest Management	()	()	
Urban Forest Strategy/Master	()	()	
Other (<i>specify</i> : _____)	()	()	

9. Do any of your plans contain the following goals for the urban forest resource? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> None of these | <input type="checkbox"/> Storm water |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tree canopy | <input type="checkbox"/> Carbon storage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Age distribution | <input type="checkbox"/> Energy conservation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tree condition | <input type="checkbox"/> Air quality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Species diversity | <input type="checkbox"/> Human health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stocking level (# of trees) | <input type="checkbox"/> Shade / heat mitigation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community engagement | <input type="checkbox"/> Equitable tree distribution |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tree canopy equity | <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Climate resiliency | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife habitat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soil health | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>specify</i> : _____) |

10. Which of the following standards of practice does your community officially incorporate into tree management procedures? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> ANSI Z60 [nursery] | <input type="checkbox"/> ANSI Z133 [safety] |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ANSI A300 [tree care] | <input type="checkbox"/> ISA Best Management Practices |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tree City USA | <input type="checkbox"/> ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qual. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SFI UCFS Certification | <input type="checkbox"/> UCFS Accreditation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above standards of practice are used | |

11. Which of the following activities occur in your community related to trees? These can be activities led by your community or other organizations or agencies in the community. (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- ☐ Highway tree plantings (e.g., work with county, state)
- ☐ K-12 tree education
- ☐ Planting trees as green stormwater infrastructure
- ☐ Natural areas forest management
- ☐ Resident tree education
- ☐ Schoolyard tree planting
- ☐ Urban wood utilization
- ☐ Workforce development in arboriculture and/or urban forestry
- ☐ Other (*please specify*: _____)

12. In which ways have tree equity been addressed in your community? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- ☐ Not currently being addressed
- ☐ Announcement, proclamation by elected officials
- ☐ Additional funding provided for tree equity initiatives
- ☐ Participation in diverse, inclusive, sustainable equity coalition
- ☐ Tree ordinance provisions aimed at promoting tree equity
- ☐ Tree equity is a significant priority in Urban Forest Mgmt. Plan
- ☐ Other (*please specify*: _____)

Section IV – Volunteers/Partnerships

1. Does your community work with partners and/or volunteers (individuals or groups not paid for providing services) for tree planting, tree care, or other tree activities on public property?

☐ Yes
☐ No → (PLEASE GO TO SECTION V, PAGE 14)

2. If known, list the # of people and volunteer hours annually?

_____ Number of People

_____ Number of Hours

3. Do volunteers receive training prior to carrying out activities?

☐ Yes
☐ No

4. Which of the following organizations/individuals help your community to carry out tree care or management?

Volunteer Types	Check all that apply
<i>Example answer</i>	(✓)
Beautification committees	()
Businesses associations	()
City council or village board committees	()
Environmental justice groups	()
Faith-based organizations	()
Individual residents	()
Neighborhood associations	()
Nonprofit groups	()
Park / Tree boards	()
School groups or youth organizations (4-H, scouts)	()
Service organizations (e.g., Lions, Kiwanis, Rotary)	()
Utility companies	()
Other (please specify: _____)	()

Section V – Contractors

1. Does your community use paid contractors for any of your tree care activities?

☐ Yes
☐ No → (PLEASE GO TO SECTION VI, PAGE 14)

2. Are industry standards or accreditation programs used to evaluate and hire contractors?

☐ Yes
☐ No

3. Which of the following are true about contractors hired by your city?
 (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- ☐ Require use of ANSI Z60 (nursery) standards
☐ Require use of ANSI Z133 (safety) standards
☐ Require use of ANSI A300 (tree care) standards
☐ Require licensing by the City
☐ Hiring preference given to ISA Certified Arborists
☐ Hiring preference given to ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qual.
☐ Hiring preference given to TCIA Accredited companies
☐ Other (please specify: _____)

Section VI – Inventory & Assessment

1. Does your community have a tree inventory? (An inventory is any type of record of public trees in your community)

☐ Yes
☐ No → (PLEASE GO TO QUESTION 12, PAGE 17)

2. What is the state of your tree inventory? (current = up to date)
 (CHECK ONE CHOICE)

- ☐ Current (reflects tree population)
☐ Developing (in process of making current)
☐ Not current (missing tree population information)

3. What year was your tree inventory first completed and when was it last updated (*either fully or regularly when trees are maintained*)?

_____ Year first completed

_____ Year last updated

4. Is your inventory computerized?

☐ Yes

☐ No

5. How often do you update your inventory database?

(CHECK ONE CHOICE)

☐ No update/Never update

☐ Periodically reinventory all trees to collect current data

☐ Periodically reinventory a portion annually or over several years

☐ Updated daily or weekly as work is performed

☐ Update less often than weekly after work is performed

☐ Updated only for plantings/removals

☐ Other (*please specify:*_____)

6. What areas does the tree inventory include? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

☐ Street trees

☐ Park trees

☐ Municipal greenbelts

☐ Natural areas (e.g., woodlot, unmaintained forests)

☐ K-12 Schools

☐ Private trees (sample survey)

☐ Other municipal properties (*specify:*_____)

7. Which type of inventory collection, assessment, and analysis methods have been used to describe your community tree population? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

☐ One side of tree (e.g., windshield survey, driveby survey)

☐ Sample survey (e.g., a proportion of total population)

☐ Total survey (e.g., 100% population, census)

☐ Virtual survey (e.g., Google Street View, Cyclomedia)

☐ Remote sensing (e.g., aerial photos, satellite)

☐ Tree canopy cover analysis

☐ i-Tree analysis

☐ Environmental, social or economic vulnerability indices

☐ Other (*please specify:*_____)

8. Which way(s) is your tree inventory linked to spatial locations?

(CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

☐ City parcel data

☐ GPS/GIS

☐ Street address

☐ City's other infrastructure data layers

☐ Regional or statewide tree inventory map

☐ Other (*please specify:*_____)

9. Which of the following information is recorded with the tree inventory? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

☐ Tree diameter (e.g., main stem / trunk)

☐ Tree condition

☐ Tree species

☐ Tree height

☐ Tree crown width

☐ Insect/disease problems

☐ Potential debris volume

☐ Potential tree planting locations

☐ Site conditions

☐ Tree maintenance

☐ Tree risk assessment rating

☐ Work orders (e.g., removal, pruning, pest treatments)

☐ Other (*please specify:*_____)

10. Is your tree inventory used to direct any of the following urban forest management activities? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

☐ Identifying tree planting locations

☐ Policy and ordinance development

☐ Removal of trees exceeding acceptable risk rating

☐ Scheduling tree pruning

☐ Selection of tree species for planting

☐ Tree pruning for height clearance (street/sidewalk)

☐ Assess canopy cover change between time periods

☐ Create/update an urban forest management plan

☐ Developing soil management recommendations

☐ Communicating tree benefits to community

☐ Estimating tree benefits

☐ Tree equity assessment

☐ Other (*please specify:*_____)

11. What collection and recording tools are used to collect your tree inventory data? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- ☐ GPS/GIS Receiver
- ☐ Handheld Device (Smart Phone, iPad, Tablet Computer)
- ☐ Laptop Computer
- ☐ Pen and Paper
- ☐ Other (please specify: _____)

12. Does your municipality have a tree canopy goal? (CHECK ONE CHOICE)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No → (PLEASE GO TO QUESTION 16, PAGE 18)
- ☐ Developing → (PLEASE GO TO QUESTION 16, PAGE 18)

13. What is your tree canopy cover goal, current percent canopy, and what year is identified to meet your goal? (enter none if no date identified to meet goal)

_____ % current canopy
 _____ Year current canopy was quantified
 _____ % canopy goal
 _____ Year to accomplish canopy goal

14. How was your tree canopy goal developed? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- ☐ Best educated guess
- ☐ Political leaders' preferences (e.g., mayor, city/town council)
- ☐ Public opinion used to set goal
- ☐ Tree board/commission set goal
- ☐ American Forests established guidelines
- ☐ State Urban & Community Forestry program guideline
- ☐ Available budget to manage trees used to develop goal
- ☐ Potential maximum canopy in community
- ☐ Available plantable space for new trees
- ☐ Recommended goals from consultants
- ☐ Equitable canopy distribution
- ☐ Natural ecosystem of our community (e.g., naturally forested area, prairie, chaparral, desert)
- ☐ Neighborhood specific
- ☐ Other (please specify: _____)

15. Which of the following ways has your community addressed tree canopy on private lands? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- ☐ Education about value of trees
- ☐ Input from residents
- ☐ Landscape plan required for permit approvals
- ☐ Minimum canopy requirements on all new development sites
- ☐ Removal permits required
- ☐ Special treatment of significant, specimen or heritage trees
- ☐ Street and setback tree requirements
- ☐ Owner-occupied residences subject to rules similar to those applied to multifamily and commercial properties
- ☐ None of the above are used

16. What is the total number of publicly owned trees in your community?

_____ # of Publicly Owned Trees

17. What is the total number of publicly owned planted trees and available planting locations in the following table?

Tree Location	Planted Locations Filled (#)	Planting Locations Vacant (#)	Are These Estimates?	
			Planted	Planting
<i>Example Answer</i>	12,625	2,514	(✓)	(✓)
Street trees (along municipal rights of way, between curb and sidewalk, median trees, alley trees, etc.)			()	()
Park trees (maintained areas or manicured parks, not natural areas)			()	()
Municipal trees on other property (building grounds, cemeteries, treatment plants, industrial parks, etc.)			()	()
Other (: _____)			()	()

18. If known, what is the value of the publicly owned trees?

_____ \$ Value of Public Trees

_____ Write in method used to calculate value

19. Is the value of publicly owned trees carried in the city financial records as a city asset?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

20. If known, list the 6 most commonly occurring street tree species, report their number and percentage, and the same for all the remaining trees together as all other trees.

Street Trees Species	Number	Percent
1) _____	_____	_____
2) _____	_____	_____
3) _____	_____	_____
4) _____	_____	_____
5) _____	_____	_____
6) _____	_____	_____
7) <u>ALL OTHER TREES</u>	_____	_____
TOTAL SUM >>>	_____	100%

21. Which of the following best reflects integration of native vegetation?
(CHECK ONE CHOICE)

- ☐ No program of integration
☐ Voluntary use on public projects
☐ Requires use of native species on a project appropriate basis
☐ Preservation of regional biodiversity

Section VII – Operations Profile

1. What percent of tree care (pruning, pest control, etc.) is done on a systematic (proactive, planned, regularly scheduled) cycle and what percent on demand as reactive (311 requests, complaints, hazardous situations, crisis, post storm, etc.)? (Total = 100%)

_____ % Systematic (Scheduled)
_____ % Reactive (On Demand) } **Total = 100%**

2. Please fill in the number of trees by tree care activity on all municipal properties in 2024 in the appropriate column. (Please enter 0 if no activity type was performed last year.)

Municipal Tree Activity	(INDICATE NUMBER)	Are These Estimates? (✓)
<i>Example Answer</i>	937	()
Public requests for service		()
Trees planted		()
Trees pruned		()
Trees removed		()
Trees treated for pests/disease		()

3. Which tree activity is performed by various groups. Please ✓ all that apply and enter the percent of the total work time for various groups (across the row)? (GIVE US YOUR BEST ESTIMATE)

Tree Activity	City Staff (✓) (%)		Contractor (✓) (%)		Volunteer (✓) (%)		
<i>Example Answer</i>	(✓)	90	()	0	(✓)	10	= 100%
<i>Example Answer</i>	(✓)	47	(✓)	49	(✓)	4	= 100%
Tree Planting	()		()		()		= 100%
Tree Watering	()		()		()		= 100%
Tree Pest Management	()		()		()		= 100%
Tree Pruning	()		()		()		= 100%
Tree Removal	()		()		()		= 100%
Tree Inventory	()		()		()		= 100%
Fundraising	()		()		()		= 100%
Awareness and Education Programs	()		()		()		= 100%
Management/Policy (ordinances, plans)	()		()		()		= 100%
Other (_____)	()		()		()		= 100%

4. Who helped develop the following tree management approaches?

↓ Who Helped ↓	Tree Management Approaches		
	Tree Ordinance	Management Plan	Tree Inventory
Example answer	(✓)	(✓)	(✓)
Not Applicable	()	()	()
Municipal staff	()	()	()
Intern	()	()	()
Volunteer	()	()	()
Consultant	()	()	()
Non-profit organization	()	()	()
Community Residents	()	()	()
State U&CF Program Staff	()	()	()
Local government (e.g., city council)	()	()	()


5. How would you best describe your tree management program's overall schedule for all types of tree maintenance?

(CHECK ONE CHOICE)

- ☐ Continuous throughout year
☐ Seasonal during a specific time period
☐ Emergency/As needed only
☐ Primarily at request of property owner
☐ Other (please specify: _____)

6. How would you best describe your tree management program's approach to tree inspection & pruning cycle?

(CHECK ONE CHOICE)

- ☐ Don't prune
☐ Pruning as needed/for emergency only
☐ Regular inspection & pruning cycle 
 If regular pruning, current cycle length (years) _____
 If regular pruning, desired cycle length (years) _____
☐ Other (please specify: _____)

7. How would you best describe your tree management program's approach to pest management? (CHECK ONE CHOICE)

- ☐ No pest management
☐ Integrated Pest Management
☐ Spray program at regular intervals
☐ Treat outbreaks as needed
☐ Other (please specify: _____)

8. Did you keep records on the number of trees that were planted in 2024

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

9. What one option best describes your tree management program's primary approach to tree planting? (CHECK ONE CHOICE)

- ☐ By resident request
☐ Planned improvement
☐ Replacement of removed trees
☐ Other (please specify: _____)

10. Does your community operate a municipal nursery to supply trees for public tree planting (e.g., street and/or park)?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

11. Please indicate below the percent of all trees planted on municipal public land coming from each of the following sources. (Provide your best estimate)

_____ % Purchased directly from private nursery

_____ % Contract grown by private nursery

_____ % Developer required

_____ % Grown in municipal nursery

_____ % Donated

_____ % Nonprofit funded trees planted

_____ % Other (please specify: _____)

100% Total All Sources

12. Does your community conduct any of the following urban forestry activities? (Check yes or no for each activity)

Urban Forestry Activities	Yes	No
Provide technical assistance (information) for tree maintenance on private property	()	()
Provide financial assistance for specific insect or diseased tree removal on private property	()	()
Conduct routine inspection and require removal of insect infested or diseased trees on public property	()	()
Conduct routine inspection and require removal of insect infested or diseased trees on private property	()	()
Conduct routine inspection and require removal of high risk (aka hazard) trees on public property	()	()
Conduct routine inspection and require removal of high risk (aka hazard) trees on private property	()	()
Operate a recycling site for disposal of wood and brush for residents	()	()
Use the urban forest to accomplish stormwater, public health, and/or air quality goals	()	()
Maintain a website page specific to the community/urban forestry tree program	()	()
Perform formative tree care for up to 3 to 5 years after tree planting	()	()

13. Which of the following reasons explain the current removal of trees in your community? (Total for both columns should equal 100%)

(FILL IN PERCENT)

_____ Tree declining or dead

_____ Homeowner request

_____ Due to tree risk

_____ Disease/insect problem

_____ Infrastructure conflicts

_____ Allergy/public health

(FILL IN PERCENT)

_____ Due to development

_____ Storm damage

_____ Damage to sidewalk

_____ Part of age rotation

_____ Space restrictions/limitations

_____ Other (_____)

= 100% Total for Both Columns

14. Does your community regularly conduct tree risk management (hazard tree identification)?

☐ Yes

☐ No

15. Which one of the following tree risk rating systems do you most commonly use? (CHECK ONE CHOICE)

☐ No System Used

☐ Colorado Tree Coalition System

☐ In-house Developed System

☐ ISA (Matheny & Clark) Tree Hazard Evaluation Method

☐ ISA Tree Risk Assessment BMP's/TRAQ (developed in 2011)

☐ U.S. Forest Service Urban Tree Risk System

☐ U.S. Park Service Hazardous Tree Program

☐ Other (please specify: _____)

16. Does your community have a written tree risk management policy or plan?

☐ Yes

☐ No

17. Which of the following statements reflects your overall tactic to tree risk inspection? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

☐ Response to resident complaints

☐ Part of a routine tree risk inspection program

☐ Part of routine tree maintenance

☐ Windshield survey to identify high risk trees

☐ Other (please specify: _____)

18. Has your community experienced any claims for injury or property damage from public trees?

☐ Yes →

☐ No

If yes, _____ \$ Average Annual Claims

19. Does your community have an emergency response system that includes trees?

☐ Yes

☐ No

20. Does any person associated with the tree program have training in Incident Command Systems (ICS) and/or National Incident Management Systems (NIMS)? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- ☐ Trained in Incident Command Systems
☐ Trained in National Incident Management System

21. Does your Emergency Manager hold “storm” meetings that include discussions about trees along public roads and the need for the trees to be pruned and maintained?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

22. Have you met with Emergency Managers in your municipality to discuss tree issues during storms?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

23. When a public tree is removed, which of the following are typical ways that solid wood/residue is disposed of? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- ☐ Biochar for various uses
☐ Biofuel for energy
☐ Burned in open
☐ Firewood
☐ Landfilled
☐ Made into furniture/flooring/art
☐ Mulch
☐ Processed into lumber
☐ Sale of round wood (e.g., sawlogs, pulp, veneer)
☐ Other (please specify: _____)

24. Do you have any soil-related concerns related to urban forest management? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- ☐ None of the below
☐ Planting space
☐ Soil volume
☐ Soil compaction
☐ Soil pH
☐ Soil moisture extremes
☐ Soil organic matter or other nutrients
☐ Soil contamination
☐ Other (please specify: _____)

Section VIII – Assistance Programs

1. Are you aware of the Urban & Community Forestry Assistance Program in your State?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

2. What types of assistance from the Urban & Community Forestry Assistance Program in your State have you received? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- ☐ Educational/Training Assistance
☐ Financial Assistance
☐ Technical Assistance
☐ Other (please specify: _____)

3. Please indicate how many total times in the past five years you received Urban & Community Forestry Assistance?

Type of Assistance	How many total times in the past five years? (fill in number)
Example Answer	16
Technical	
Financial (grants)	
Educational	

4. Do municipal staff provide educational presentations to residents in your community regarding tree care?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

5. Which educational presentations are provided to residents? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- ☐ Arbor Day
☐ Benefits of tree
☐ How to plant a tree
☐ How to prune a tree
☐ Proper tree selection
☐ Shade for energy conservation
☐ Tree maintenance (e.g. mulching, watering, soils)
☐ Tree risk
☐ Tree equity

- ☐ Other (please specify: _____)
6. Is your community currently a Tree City USA?
- ☐ Yes → (PLEASE GO TO QUESTION 8, PAGE 27)
- ☐ No

7. If you are not a Tree City USA community, which of the four standards for Tree City USA recognition do you believe your community meets?

Tree City USA Topical Areas	all that apply (✓)
We have a tree board, department or committee responsible for public tree care	()
We have a community tree ordinance or provisions establishing public tree policy	()
We have an annual tree budget of at least \$2 per capita, which can include community labor and expenditures, grants, volunteer time and some utility line clearance and brush removal	()
We have an Arbor Day observance and proclamation	()

8. Which of the following urban forestry management approaches have been addressed in your community? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- ☐ Equality in Tree Planting – we plant an equal number of trees in each area of the community (e.g., 500 trees per neighborhood)
- ☐ Equity in Tree Planting – we plant trees based on need (e.g., plant more trees in areas of low canopy cover)
- ☐ Recognitional Equality – we recognize the perspectives, values, experiences, preferences, and/or knowledge of disadvantaged groups and neglected groups in urban forest decision-making, planning, and delivery of stewardship events.
- ☐ Recognitional Equity – we prioritize the perspectives, values, experiences, preferences, and/or knowledge of disadvantaged groups and neglected groups in urban forest decision-making, planning, and delivery of stewardship events.
- ☐ Procedural Justice – we design engagement strategies for public participation to be fair and accessible
- ☐ Other (please specify: _____)

Section IX – Comments

Please list up to three items that your community takes pride in.

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

What are the three biggest challenges for trees in your community over the coming year?

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

Please provide any additional comments about trees you would like to share.

Section X – Person Completing the Survey

Your information below is for any follow-up communication to clarify a response and will not be shared with others! All information provided by your community is confidential and will only be reported in a nationally summarized format and not identified by community or respondent.

Name of person completing this survey: _____

Name of Community/Municipality: _____

Daytime phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Thank you for completing the survey. Please return it at your earliest convenience in the postage paid envelope

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