Who is the

SUSTAINABLE URBAN FORESTS COALITION?

We are the nation's only network of nonprofits, businesses, associations, foundations and others working to advance sound, effective urban forest policy and practices.

Sustainable Urban Forests Coalition

Our broad and growing membership represents urban planners, educators, arborists, landscape architects, public works and utility associations, air and water quality experts, foresters, scientists, health professionals, tree care companies, landscape and nursery associations, conservationists and community advocates.

Our mission is to convene and mobilize this diverse network of national organizations to foster thriving communities through healthy urban and community forests.

WE ARE SUFC

Alliance for Community Trees
American Forests
American Planning Association
American Public Works Association
American Rivers
American Society of Consulting Arborists
American Society of Landscape Architects
Arbor Day Foundation
Bartlett Tree Experts Foundation
Center for Invasive Species Prevention
City Forest Credits
Cleveland Clinic
Córazon Latino
Green Infrastructure Center
International City/County Management Association
International Society of Arboriculture
Keep America Beautiful
National Association of Clean Water Agencies
National Association of Conservation Districts
National Association of Landscape Professionals
National Association of State Foresters
National Recreation and Park Association
National Wildlife Federation
Outdoor Power Equipment Institute Foundation
Professional Grounds Maintenance Society
Society of American Foresters
Society of Municipal Arborists
Student Conservation Association
The Davey Foundation
The Nature Conservancy
The Trust for Public Land
Tree Care Industry Association
TREE Fund
U.S. Water Alliance
Utility Arborist Association
Water Environment Federation
Wildlife Habitat Counci

SUFC STRATEGIC PARTNERS

The Davey Tree Expert Company (*founding partner*)
Bartlett Tree Experts
International Society of Arboriculture
Outdoor Power Equipment Institute
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Advocate

at the national, regional, local and neighborhood levels to increase tangible support for urban forests.
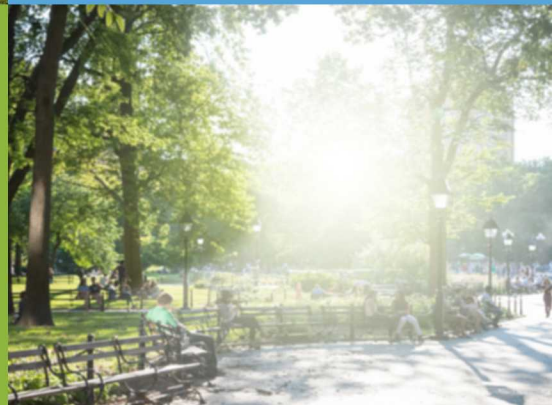
Educate

diverse audiences about the value and need for healthy trees in our cities, towns and suburbs.

Leverage

resources and knowledge among a growing team of organizations promoting healthier, more resilient communities.

WHY *urban forests?*

The **trees**, **vegetation** and **green spaces** that make up our **urban forests** are essential contributors to virtually every measure of community well-being.

AIR	Urban trees remove over **710,000 tons** of air pollution per year in the U.S.[1]
WATER	Trees can filter up to **80% of phosphorus** out of stormwater before it can pollute waterways.[2]
HEALTH	In New York City, the rate of early childhood asthma is **29% lower** for every 343 trees per square kilometer.[3]
ENERGY & CLIMATE	One million mature trees around American residences save approximately **$2 billion** annually in reduced energy costs.[4]
JOBS & ECONOMY	The U.S. economic impacts of green industries include **1.6 million jobs**, **$82 billion** in payroll, and **$196 billion** in sales.[5]
RESILIENCY	Establishing and adhering to a regular tree maintenance schedule can help **protect cities from extreme weather events**.[6]

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