

Benefits of Urban Trees

Trees make communities liveable for people. Trees add beauty and create an environment beneficial to our mental health.

- ? Adds natural character to our cities and towns
- ? Provide us with colors, flowers, and beautiful shapes, forms and textures
- ? Screens harsh scenery
- ? Soften the outline of masonry, metal and glass
- ? Can be used architecturally to provide space definition and landscape continuity

Trees impact deeply on our moods and emotions, providing psychological benefits impossible to measure.

- ? Create feelings of relaxation and well-being
- ? Provide privacy and a sense of solitude and security
- ? Shorten post-operative hospital stays when patients are placed in rooms with a view of trees and open spaces

A well-managed urban forest contributes to a sense of community pride and ownership.

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- ? Trees conserve water and reduce soil erosion
- ? Trees save energy
- ? Trees modify local climate
 - Lower air temperature through shade
 - Increase humidity in dry climates through evaporation of moisture
 - Reduce glare on sunny days
 - Reduce wind speed
- ? Trees increase economic stability
 - Trees enhance community economic stability by attracting businesses and tourists
 - People linger and shop longer along tree-lined streets
 - Apartments and office in wooded areas rent more quickly, have higher occupancy rates and tenants stay longer
 - Businesses leasing office space in wooded developments find their workers are more productive and absenteeism is reduced
- ? Trees reduce noise pollution
- ? Trees create wildlife and plant diversity
- ? Trees increase property values
 - Healthy trees can add up to 15 percent to residential property values
 - Office and industrial space in a wooded setting is in more demand and is more valuable to sell or rent
- ? Trees exceed the life of pavement

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