



First City-Wide Tree Inventory

Why ALL TREES COUNT:

Trees are one of the first visible measures of living in a healthy urban environment. By knowing how many trees we have, we can better evaluate their multiple benefits and how to best care, maintain and improve the City's urban environmental health. Trees, like other City property, is an investment – but one that appreciates in value with time.

Trees BENEFIT us in countless ways. An individual person does benefit in multiple ways. Here are a few benefits trees provide:

Health

- ▶ Produces oxygen
- ▶ Cleaner air as trees absorb pollutant gases onto their leaf surface
- ▶ People feel more comfortable and relaxed in landscaped areas
- ▶ Helps to reduce heat stress by providing shade and reducing hot temperatures

Environmental

- ▶ Provides urban wildlife habitat for a variety of birds
- ▶ Water vapor released by trees cool urban areas
- ▶ Help to keep rainwater onsite with leaves intercepting water and roots absorbing water infiltration

Economic

- ▶ Increases property value
- ▶ Right tree in the right location can reduce cooling needs during the summer and reduce electric bills
- ▶ Increase customers/visitors to businesses with attractive landscape
- ▶ Add beauty to the community, reduce visual blight