



Urban Forestry Toolkit

Developed by: **Vibrant Cities Lab & USDA Forest Service**

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CATEGORY

Engaging Local Communities, Financing Forest-Related Projects, Managing and Monitoring Forest-Related Projects, Maximizing Carbon Benefits, Maximizing Health Benefits, Maximizing Water Benefits, Planning Forest-Related Projects, Valuing Trees and Forests

REGION

Can be adapted for use globally; Developed originally for North American cities

FOREST LEVEL

Inner Forest

SCALE

Municipality, Project

RESOURCE TYPE

Guidance and Framework, Platform

EXPERTISE LEVEL

Any

OUTPUTS

Offers strategies and opportunities, as well as directions for conducting work such as a street tree inventory, urban forestry management plan, and more

LANGUAGE

English

COST

Free

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Why Use the Tool

The Vibrant Cities Lab and USDA Forest Service partnered to create the **Urban Forestry Toolkit**, which provides a step-by-step guide to planning and implementing an urban forestry project. With 17 steps highlighting different impact areas, the toolkit covers everything from financing to community partnerships to long-term program evaluation. It also showcases relevant research and case studies on topics such as human health, water quality, and equity, among others. The toolkit is intended for use by policy-makers, urban planners, advocates, and beyond.

Recommended Tool

Cities4Forests recommends the Urban Forestry Toolkit for its comprehensive resources and rigorous review process by urban forest experts. Although the case studies do focus primarily on U.S. cities, the information gathered in the toolkit can easily be adapted to international contexts.

Past Use Cases

Tested in many U.S. cities.

Supporting Partners

American Forests & National Association of Regional Councils

