

Benefits of Trees for a Community

Trees can add value to homes, help cool your home and neighborhood, serve as wind breaks to lower your heating costs, and provide food for wildlife. A few of the proven benefits of trees include:

- “The net cooling effect of a young, healthy tree is equivalent to ten room-size air conditions operation 20 hours a day.”—*US Department of Agriculture*
- “Landscaping, especially with trees, can increase property values as much as 20 percent.”—*Management Information Services/CMA*
- “Healthy, mature trees add an average of 10 percent to a property’s value.”—*USDA Forest Service*
- “Trees can be a stimulus to economic development, attractive new business and tourism. Commercial retail areas are more attractive to shoppers, apartments rent more quickly, tenants stay longer, and space in a wooded setting is more valuable to sell or rent.”—*The Arbor Day Foundation*
- “The planting of trees means improved water quality, resulting in less runoff and erosion. This allows more recharging of the ground water supply. Wooded areas help prevent the transport of sediment and chemicals into streams.”—*USDA Forest Service*
- “In laboratory research, visual exposure to settings with trees has produced significant recovery from stress within five minutes, as indicated by changes in blood pressure and muscle tension.”—*Dr. Roger S. Ulrich, Texas A&M University*

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