

TREES FOR COMMUNITY RECOVERY



With a broad consortium of conservation and community development organizations and municipal and county governments, the Urban Drawdown Initiative, American Forests, the Trust for Public Land, The Davey Tree Expert Co. and the Urban Sustainability Directors Network are galvanizing support for the protection and expansion of urban and community forests through the Trees for Community Recovery campaign.

CORE PRIORITIES & POLICY OBJECTIVES

GROW COMMUNITY RESILIENCE THROUGH INCREASED FEDERAL INVESTMENT IN THE PROTECTION AND PLANTING OF TREES IN URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTS

Increased federal investment is needed to support towns, cities, and urbanized counties to protect and expand urban and community forests vital to maintaining liveable spaces and protecting against increasing extreme weather events. These investments will need to be multi-year to achieve the significant benefits possible through this approach. They also need to provide resources to address significant supply chain development needs in the urban forestry industry, including nursery production and planting techniques.

PRIORITIZE EQUITY THROUGH THE STRATEGIC DISTRIBUTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES

Trees for Community Recovery advocates for communities currently experiencing the greatest disruption from changing environmental conditions and those communities destabilized by generations of systemic racism and other forms of economic and social inequity. We urge policymakers to strategically consider these communities when distributing environmental resources.

CREATE JOBS THROUGH THE EXPANSION OF URBAN FORESTRY WORKFORCES

At Trees for Community Recovery, we recognize the importance of a highly skilled and highly paid urban forestry workforce to support the long-term health of the urban and community forestry systems that are essential to protecting the livability and well-being of communities. We support capacity-building programs that help to create good-paying jobs by dedicating resources to workforce training and other essential worker transition and support services.

ACTIVITIES & ACTION



RAISING AWARENESS

The campaign deploys a communications and media outreach campaign designed to raise the profile of urban forests as an economic and community recovery priority.



URBAN FORESTRY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Trees for Community Recovery is developing urban forestry workforce systems that can be customizable to fit the specific needs of communities across the country. This is accomplished with public-private partnerships made up of a diverse set of stakeholders on federal, state and local levels, who provide the guidance needed to achieve successful equity-based urban forestry sector expansion.



EDUCATION & ADVOCACY LEADERSHIP

Trees for Community Recovery is providing education and advocacy regarding urban forestry policy to community leaders across the country.

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