





### COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING SHOULD INCLUDE TREES

- Trees & green spaces are important *GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE*.
- Set community goals for tree canopy coverage and find ways to implement.
- Develop a community-wide Tree Management Plan or Green Infrastructure Plan to further long-term implementation.

#### PROGRAMS



### PLAN FOR COMPLETE STREETS

- Design to integrate all forms of traffic and land uses.
- Safely accommodate pedestrians & cyclists while calming vehicular traffic.
- Include street trees and shade for welcoming environments.
- Enhance economic and environmental benefits to neighborhoods & communities.



### ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

- Green infrastructure should be managed like any other to maximize benefits.
- Master planning and regulations allow for development that enhances communities, such as Conservation Designs, which trade forest preservation for density.
- Good regulations can allow responsible development while preserving & expanding urban green space.

#### POLICIES



### LANDSCAPE AND TREE ORDINANCES

- Ordinances allow for replacement of green infrastructure lost to development.
- Making trees part of the development process builds community acceptance.
- Ordinances provide a framework through which communities can effectively manage their green infrastructure while establishing expectations for all.



### SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES

- Sustainable development & practices result in lower costs.
- Trees & green space foster more active lifestyles and better overall health.
- Park & Tree Management Plans help sustain community health, safety, and economic vibrancy, while cultivating a greater appreciation for nature.

#### PRACTICES



### COMPREHENSIVE TREE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS

- Save communities money through efficient & planned maintenance and planting.
- Reduce community liability while enhancing public safety.
- Strengthen local economies and property values.

## Green Communities = Smart Communities

Sustainable development is that which meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

Communities that strive for sustainability recognize the importance of trees and green space to that equation. As a renewable natural resource, trees are a vital component of creating communities that achieve their maximum potential in Economic, Social, and Environmental development.

To learn more about how your community can take advantage of green infrastructure, contact the Society of Municipal Arborists at the website below for more details and for links to the source information supporting this publication.

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**Trees: The only infrastructure that increases in value over its lifetime!**

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