

Juneau Urban Forestry Partnership



Promoting the planting and care of trees in the Capital City

Who We Are

The Juneau Urban Forestry Partnership is a local non-profit volunteer group whose mission is to promote the selection, planting, and care of trees on public and private lands within the City and Borough of Juneau.

The Juneau Urban Forestry Partnership (the Partnership) received 501(c)3 non-profit status from the IRS in 2002. We grew out of the Juneau Tree Committee formed in 1995.

Our volunteer board is comprised of foresters, arborists, landscape architects, nurserymen, and local citizens with an appreciation for trees and creating a positive living environment.

We have a significant volunteer work force that assists in numerous tree planting and care projects in Juneau each year.

Memberships are available with the Juneau Urban Forestry Partnership. Funds raised from memberships go directly to tree planting, maintenance and education activities. As an all volunteer organization we have no overhead and provide many benefits to our members.

Our group has a Memorandum of Understanding with the City and Borough of Juneau, Parks and Recreation Department. We are also partnered with the Alaska Community Forest Council part of the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry.



What We Do

- Promote the planting and care of trees in the Capital City
- Sponsor programs and workshops to help the community learn about trees and their care
- Work with local schools and youth groups to promote the understanding of trees and the creation of a healthy livable community.
- Provide tree and forestry related services and expertise to the community such as Arbor Day projects, tree planting projects, and maintenance of trees on public lands
- Obtain grant money and provide a volunteer work force for tree planting and tree maintenance projects on public lands
- Facilitate partnerships among businesses, local government, nonprofit organizations, and homeowners with similar missions to further develop Juneau's community forestry program
- Create local publications that highlight Juneau's trees, their care, and benefits for homeowners, businesses, and visitors to our community.



Accomplishments of the Partnership

- Planted over 300 trees in the Capital City
- Obtained the prestigious Tree City USA status for Juneau in 2004 and successfully obtained status every year since
- Hosted Juneau's annual Arbor Day Celebrations since 1995
- Provided hundreds of free trees to our membership and volunteers
- Donated tree planting projects to the community including the Millennium Grove on Calhoun Street, Rotary Park at the Juneau Yacht Club, and the Treadwell Arena in Douglas, to name a few
- Maintained trees at nearly a dozen public sites throughout the Borough each year including parks, schools and recreation facilities
- Has a volunteer force of over 100 Juneau citizens ready to assist in tree projects
- Has a growing list of annual members and corporate members who understand the importance of having a healthy urban forestry program in the Capital City
- Provided literature to local businesses on the selection, planting and care of trees
- Inventoried hundreds of public trees and develop a GIS database for the CBJ and several informational brochures.



Benefits of Urban Trees

- Make communities more aesthetic and thereby attracts new businesses, residents, and visitors, and increase property values and economic benefits to the community
- Create healthy communities and citizens through the development of open spaces for recreation and socializing
- Soften the harshness urban environment through the seasonal changes in colors and textures of trees
- Clean the air of pollutants and carbon dioxide and produce oxygen
- Help recharge ground water and keep sediment and pollutants from streams
- Reduce water runoff, flooding, and erosion
- Provide summer shade and protection from winter winds and blowing snow
- Block negative views and assist in the reduction of noise
- Provide habitat for wildlife.



How You Can Get Involved

The Partnership is a local community supported organization that needs your involvement.

- Become a member of the Partnership or make a tax deductible donation to support tree planting projects in the Capital City
- Volunteer for a community tree planting or maintenance project
- Come to our regular meetings
- Bring us ideas for new community tree projects or establishing partnerships with your group or organization.



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