



truckee meadows
COMMUNITY
FORESTRY
COALITION

TREE TOPICS in our community

Participants

- City of Reno Recreation & Parks Commission
- City of Reno Urban Forestry Commission
- City of Sparks
- Community Services Agency
- Dale Carlon Consulting, LLC
- Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful
- Kennedy-Jenks Consultants
- Los Verdes Arborists
- The Nature Conservancy
- Nevada Division of Forestry
- Nevada Landscape Association
- Nevada Shade Tree Council
- NV Energy
- Signature Landscapes
- Truckee Meadows Water Authority
- University of Nevada Cooperative Extension
- Washoe County Commission
- Washoe County District Health, Air Quality Division
- Washoe County Regional Parks & Open Space
- Western Regional Water Commission
- Wilbur D. May Center & Arboretum

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Who is Truckee Meadows Community Forestry Coalition?

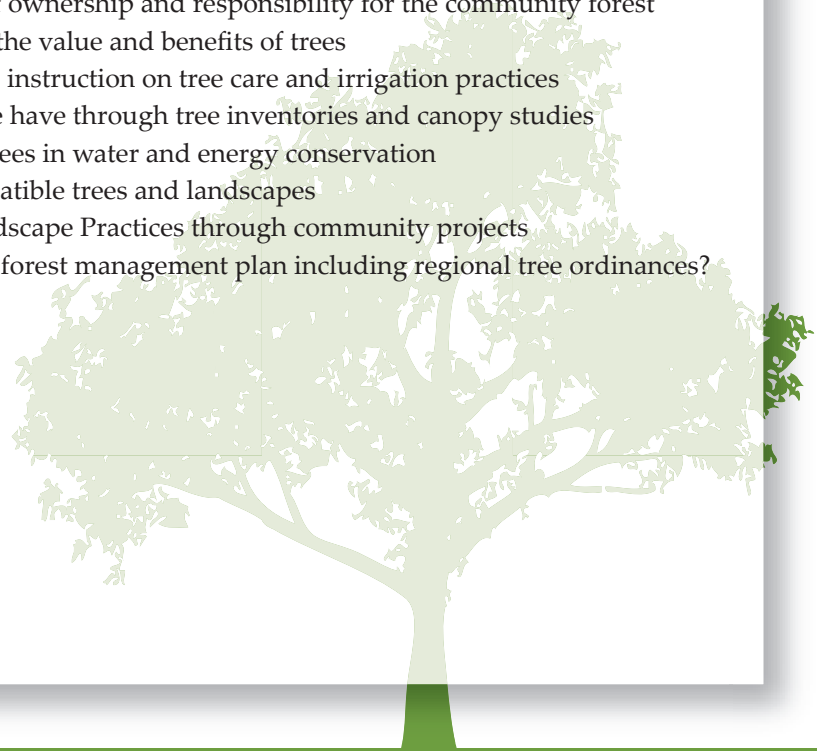
Our Mission is to enhance the protection and preservation of our region's community forest, including both public and privately owned trees through education, demonstration, research, conservation and the development of a community forest management plan.

The Truckee Meadows Community Forestry Coalition cares about the trees that help make Reno, Sparks and Washoe County a great place to live and work. While our local governments have dedicated staffs to care for our region's public trees, there are far more private trees that residents are responsible for keeping healthy. Arborists are concerned that tree care needs, especially tree watering requirements, are not understood by many residents.

We hope you'll join us in our quest to maintain and build our community forest. Our trees – just like our roads, power lines and other infrastructure – provide many benefits to our quality of life. The purpose of the Community Forestry Coalition is to bring together residents, local agencies and organizations to aid the community in preserving our region's trees.

Our objectives:

- Foster a broad sense of ownership and responsibility for the community forest
- Increase awareness of the value and benefits of trees
- Provide education and instruction on tree care and irrigation practices
- Document the trees we have through tree inventories and canopy studies
- Highlight the role of trees in water and energy conservation
- Promote climate-compatible trees and landscapes
- Demonstrate Best Landscape Practices through community projects
- Develop a community forest management plan including regional tree ordinances?



The value of trees in our community is often overlooked, but trees make our region more livable. As we go about our days we don't always stop to think about how trees soften the harsh aspects of our structured environment. Here are some of the many benefits our community forest provides:

Economic Benefits

- Trees are great for saving on energy costs. They provide shade in the heat of summer, which means less need for air conditioning. If they are deciduous (meaning they lose their leaves in winter), trees allow for sun exposure during the winter season.
- Trees increase property values, especially mature trees and fruit trees.
- Trees are a good investment because they return more benefits than the cost.

Environmental Benefits

- Trees sustain the long-term environmental health of the community.
- Trees help moderate the effects of our area's harsh climate. They help filter the intensity of the sun and they regulate temperature, wind, snow and rain.
- Forested areas have less water runoff and erosion.
- Trees provide a natural filter to stormwater and reduce flooding.
- Groundwater recharge is enhanced in forested areas.
- Trees improve air quality by absorbing carbon and producing oxygen. Trees also filter pollutants from the air.
- Trees provide habitat for birds and other wildlife.

Community Benefits

- Urban trees safeguard pedestrians from traffic.
- Trees provide screening and privacy.
- Trees reduce glare and reflection.
- Trees buffer sound, reducing noise pollution.

Aesthetic Benefits

- Trees add to the beauty and peace of our surroundings.
- Trees contribute positively to our quality of life.
- Trees can serve as a source of community pride.

Health Benefits

- Studies have shown that forested areas like parks can reduce blood pressure and benefit the overall emotional and psychological health of individuals.
- Trees help create recreational areas that can be enjoyed by walkers, runners and cyclists, among others.

Visit www.communityforestry.org for more information on the value and benefits of trees, regional tree care practices, how to find a certified arborist and the partners who make up the Community Forestry Coalition.

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