

2017-2020

ENHANCEMENT OF SMALL/MIDSIZE Urban Forests IN North Dakota



<http://nducfa.org/grant-project/>

The North Dakota Urban and Community Forestry Association (NDUCFA), in partnership with the North Dakota Forest Service (NDFS), was awarded a three-year Western Forestry Leadership Coalition FY 2017 Landscape Scale Restoration Competitive Grant from the USDA Forest Service.

PROJECT PURPOSE

This project will enhance the health and resiliency of North Dakota's community forests by supporting tree stewardship in small and midsize cities and promoting the valuable benefits of community forests.

COMPONENTS

1. North Dakota Community Tree Inventory/Planning Tool (ND TIP Tool)

The online ND TIP Tool is available for use free of charge through September 2020 to North Dakota Community Threat Assessment Protocol (CTAP) cities. The ND TIP Tool provides cities useful information about their trees, so they can make the best decisions about managing their forests to maximize benefits communitywide. Check it out at <https://ndcitytrees.org>.

2. NDUCFA Technical Assistance Team (NDUCFA TA Team)

To support CTAP cities in utilizing the ND TIP Tool, a TA Team of NDUCFA members is available to provide technical assistance for tree planning, budgeting, work scheduling, grant writing, event planning, public education and other activities that support healthy and diverse community forests. Request assistance at <http://nducfa.org/ta-team/>.

3. City-to-City Tree City USA Mentor Program (TCUSA Mentor Program)

To increase the number of TCUSA communities in North Dakota, the TCUSA Mentor Program pairs current Tree City USA cities as mentors with cities interested in achieving TCUSA status.

BENEFITS

Trees are a valuable part of a community's infrastructure and provide benefits throughout their lifetime, including saving energy costs, reducing stormwater runoff, removing air pollution, providing health benefits, and lowering violence and crime. In fact, trees are the only component of a community's infrastructure that increase in value over time.

Good forest stewardship maximizes the tree value and minimizes tree conflicts. This project is designed to increase species diversity and mitigate potential impacts of invasive species, resulting in healthier and more resilient community forests that are recognized for their valuable environmental, social and economic benefits by decision makers and the public.

▼ MATCH

The required match for the project grant funds will be met with the in-kind time of project participants. Anyone utilizing the ND TIP Tool, requesting assistance from the TA Team or participating in the TCUSA Mentor Program is asked to log his or her grant activity hours each month in an easy-to-use online form at <http://nducfa.org/grant-project/>.

▼ PARTNERS

Lead Partners

- North Dakota Forest Service (NDFS)
- North Dakota Urban and Community Forestry Association (NDUCFA)

Supporting Partners

- Community Threat Assessment Protocol City Tree Boards (CTAP)
- North Dakota State University Extension (NDSU-EXT)
- Municipal Foresters
- Tree City USA Communities (TCUSA)
- North Dakota League of Cities (NDLC)
- North Dakota Nursery, Greenhouse and Landscape Association (NDNGLA)
- North Dakota Recreation and Park Association (NDRPA)

▼ SUPPORT

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