



***Green Communities are \$mart Communities  
Who Manage Trees  
Who Care About Trees?***

**Planners**

- [American Planning Association \(APA\)](#)  
APA includes a professional institute for certified planners, 47 chapters, 20 divisions, and special memberships for students; Brings together thousands of people — practicing planners, citizens, elected officials — committed to making great communities happen
- [American Planning Association \(APA\) State Chapters](#)  
Chapters get members involved in APA close to home. They're the local source for networking and professional development. Chapters have an annual conference, educational workshops, AICP exam preparation courses, and a newsletter. Many chapters also conduct legislative programs, sponsor planning commissioner training workshops, and conduct public information campaigns. Find the contact information for your local chapter
- [MPO's, RC's in USA and Worldwide Regional Government Agencies](#)  
Includes links to Australia, Greece, New Zealand and Sweden. This site is provided by the Association of Bay Area Governments in Oakland, California
- [National Association of Regional Councils \(NARC\)](#)  
The National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) serves as the national voice for regionalism by advocating for regional cooperation as the most effective way to address a variety of community planning and development opportunities and issues. Membership includes [regional councils \(RCs\)](#), region-wide associations of local governments -- councils of government (COGs), regional planning and development agencies, [metropolitan planning organizations \(MPOs\)](#). Find the closest COG or MPO to you [HERE](#).
- [Planetizen](#)  
Is a public-interest information exchange for the urban planning, design, and development community. It is a one-stop source for urban planning news, commentary, interviews, event coverage, book reviews, announcements, jobs, [consultant listings](#), training, and more
- [Planning Commissioners Journal](#)  
Information site for Planners and Planning Commission members  
[Green essentials](#) – Information for Planners and Planning Commission members on all “green” issues affecting communities
- [Wikipedia](#)  
Definition of an Urban Planner often referred to as a City Planner

## **Urban Foresters**

- [Society of Municipal Arborists \(SMA\)](#)

SMA is an organization of municipal arborists and urban foresters. Their membership also includes consultants, commercial firms and citizens who actively practice or support some facet of municipal forestry. A professional affiliate of the International Society of Arboriculture, the SMA has members from across North America and beyond. Through their magazine, City Trees, conferences, website and their many active members, SMA strives to create networking and educational opportunities that promote the sound, professional management of a vital and invaluable resource
- [Urban Forestry Coordinators](#)

Listed by State or Territory; Urban Forestry Coordinators help communities to develop urban forestry programs; Cost share grants – contact coordinators for more information
- [U.S. Forest Service – Urban and Community Forestry](#)

Urban and Community Forestry (UCF) is a cooperative program of the US Forest Service that focuses on the stewardship of urban natural resources

  - [Washington Office](#)
  - [Regional Contacts](#)
  - [State Contacts](#)

State Urban & Community Forestry Coordinators
  - [Technology Transfer Centers](#)

UCF technology transfer is the development and dissemination of [products and technical information](#) to states, communities, practitioners, and other users. It is the objective of the centers to encourage the wise use of innovative, cutting-edge technology and science-based resources that results in improved management and sustainability of urban ecosystems

    - [Research Stations](#)

Forest Service scientists carry out basic and applied research on forests as biological, physical, and social systems. The research promotes ecologically sound management of urban natural resources. Information is shared directly and through Technology Transfer Centers around the country
- [Wikipedia](#)

Urban foresters plant and maintain trees, support appropriate tree and forest preservation, conduct research and promote the many benefits trees provide. Urban forestry is practiced by municipal and commercial arborists, municipal and utility foresters, environmental policymakers, city planners, consultants, educators, researchers and community activists

## **Landscape Architects**

- [American Society of Landscape Architects](#)  
The Society's mission is to lead, to educate, and to participate in the careful stewardship, wise planning, and artful design of our cultural and natural environments
  - [State Chapters](#)  
Search by State
  - [Firm Finder](#)  
Search by State, Country and/or Specialty
  - [Multimedia](#)  
Urban Forests = Cleaner, Cooler Air  
An animated video that explains how to use urban forests to fight air pollution and the urban heat island effect. See how cities can add in millions of trees
- [Landscape Architecture Foundation \(LAF\)](#)  
The mission of the Landscape Architecture Foundation (LAF) is to support the preservation, improvement and enhancement of the environment. LAF invests in research and scholarship to increase our collective capacity to achieve sustainability
- [Wikipedia](#)  
Landscape architecture is the design of outdoor and public spaces to achieve environmental, socio-behavioral, and/or aesthetic outcomes

## **Arborists**

- [International Society of Arboriculture \(ISA\)](#)  
The International Society of Arboriculture has served the tree care industry for more than 80 years as a scientific and educational organization
  - [Chapters of ISA](#)  
Chapter memberships support local programs, regional tree climbing competitions, and much more
  - [Affiliate Professional Industry Organizations](#)  
Related Green Industry Groups
  - [Professional Affiliates](#)  
Professional Affiliates are member organizations that aim to supplement your ISA membership with resources and networks geared specifically toward your area of practice
  - [Certification – ISA Certified Arborist](#)  
The tree care profession has experienced rapid growth over the past decade and there is a significant amount of knowledge required to perform at the highest level. ISA credentials help consumers identify qualified, knowledgeable tree care professionals. Earning a credential is a voluntary activity, but it demonstrates that you have the proper knowledge and skills, as well as a high level of dedication to your profession and your community. ISA Certified Arborists understand the importance of continued education and how it helps to make the world be a better place, one tree at a time.
  - [Find a Certified Arborist](#)  
Search by Name, location or Certification ID

- [Wikipedia](#)  
An arborist is a professional in the practice of arboriculture, which is the cultivation, management, and study of individual trees, shrubs, vines, and other perennial woody plants

## **Engineers**

- [American Public Works Association](#)  
The American Public Works Association exists to develop and support the people, agencies, and organizations that plan, build, maintain, and improve our communities. Working together, APWA and its membership contribute to a higher and sustainable quality of life; many members are Engineers
  - [Chapter Websites](#)
- [National Society of Professional Engineers](#)  
NSPE membership gives engineers the tools and services they need to be better informed and better connected within their professional community.
  - [State Society of Professional Engineers](#)  
Find the contact information for your State

## **Architects**

- [American Institute of Architects \(AIA\)](#)  
Based in Washington, D.C., the AIA has been the leading professional membership association for licensed architects, emerging professionals, and allied partners since 1857. For the latest news, visit the [Pressroom](#)
  - With nearly 300 [state and local chapters](#), the AIA serves as the voice of the architecture profession and the resource for our members in service to society
  - [Search for an AIA Architect](#)
  - [Member Groups & Communities](#)  
The AIA is making it easy for you to connect with your colleagues—like-minded professionals who share your same interests
- [Wikipedia](#)  
An architect is a person trained in the planning, design and oversight of the construction of buildings

## **Utility Arborist**

- [Utility Arborist Association \(UAA\)](#)  
Through the [International Society of Arboriculture](#), the UAA is made up of people serving people, to enhance the quality of utility arboriculture
  - [Resource Section](#): primary access point for information related to utility arboriculture and integrated vegetation management

## **Volunteers and Non-Profit Green Groups**

- [Arbor Day Foundation](#)  
The Arbor Day Foundation's mission is to help promote tree care and conservation and to educate people on tree issues in the USA. To do so, they have developed nationally recognized programs like Rain Forest Rescue, Trees for America, and the Arbor Day Farm. Find tips on planting and caring for trees, educational tools for teachers and kids, and conference and workshop announcements.
- [National Alliance for Community Trees \(ACT\)](#)  
The mission of ACT is to support grassroots, citizen-based nonprofit organizations dedicated to urban and community tree planting, care, conservation, and education  
Find members from your state [Here](#)
- State Urban Forest Councils  
Google search - Your state urban forest council
  - For Example :
    - [Georgia Urban Forest Council](#)
    - [Connecticut Urban Forest Council](#)
    - [Virginia Urban Forest Council – Trees Virginia](#)
    - [California Urban Forest Council](#)
- [TreeLink](#)  
This site was created to provide information, research, and networking for people working in urban and community forestry. For the researcher, the arborist, the community group leader, the volunteer - our purpose is to inform, educate, and inspire

## **Homeowners and Property Owners**

- [Green Solutions: Urban Forestry and Your Home](#)  
Networkx – Your home improvement network providing green solution to constructing your home
- [Protecting Trees from Construction Damage: A Homeowner's Guide](#)  
University of Minnesota Extension - This publication explains some things that landowners can do to minimize the impact of construction on trees. It describes landscape protection plans, special construction techniques, symptoms of damage, and treatment strategies. Although the information presented focuses on trees, it also can be applied to protecting shrubs.
- [TreeLink – Homeowner Resources](#)  
Resources for the homeowner from arboriculture and the benefits of trees to tree value and wood utilization
- [Trees Are Good Website](#)  
This educational website provides the general public with quality tree care information