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National Legislation to Support

Below is a list of bills in congress that will help make our communities greener if they are passed. Show your support by [contacting](#) VT's congressional delegation.

Climate Bill ([H.R. 2454](#) and [S. 1733](#))

Three provisions to support:

- Tree Planting Program (House Sec. 205, Senate Sec. 167) - Energy Conservation through Trees Act
- Making It Green (House Sec. 295, not in Senate bill) - G.R.E.E.N. Act
- Carbon Offset Registry (Sec. 733) - Allows "urban tree planting and maintenance" as an eligible carbon offset expense

Green Communities Act ([H.R. 2222](#) and [S. 3055](#))

Would fund 80 pilot communities to undertake community greening initiatives.

Urban Revitalization and Livable Communities Act

([H.R. 3734](#)) Will rehabilitate and improve urban parks and recreational infrastructure and revitalize communities.

Small Business Environmental Assistance Act ([H.R. 4509](#) and [S. 3279](#)) Provide grants to state forestry agencies to enable communities to undertake tree-planting projects.

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SOUL TALK



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CALENDAR

ANR Lab Open House. July 14
from 1:00 - 3:30 PM.
Celebrating 20 years!

Return of the American Elm to the Community Forest, September 23 Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller NP, Woodstock

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FUNDING

New England Grassroots Environmental Fund - Small Grants
Due September 15.
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Fertilizing Trees and Shrubs

Many trees and shrubs in the home landscape receive adequate nutrients from the soil, decomposing leaf and twig litter or from lawn fertilizers routinely applied around them.

[Learn more](#) - *Connects to UNH, PDF*



Feature Tree

Tilia tomentosa- Silver Linden

Compared to other lindens, silver is more heat and drought tolerant, and offers higher pest resistance. The silver undersides of the leaves are very attractive.

[Learn more](#) - *Connects to UConn Plant Database*



Pest Highlights

ALB found in Boston

6 red maple trees were found on the grounds of Faulkner Hospital across the street from Arnold Arboretum. [Learn more](#)

Insect and Disease Observations in June

Check out the latest plant health updates from [VT's Forest Resource Protection Program](#) and [UVM's Plant Diagnostic Lab](#). *Links to PDF documents.*

Invasive Pest Surveys

Help scout for two destructive invasive pests: EAB and ALB. Surveys will occur on: 8/2 in Rutland & 8/13 in St. Albans Contact: [Rhonda Mace](#). [TREEage](#) of South Burlington is also on the lookout - join their efforts. Early detection is key to rapid response!



VT Landscape Architects To Be Licensed

The Vermont ASLA chapter is celebrating victory with passage of licensure legislation for landscape architects.

[Learn more](#)

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RESOURCES

New Tree Guide is On the Way! We have been working on updating Recommended Trees for Vermont Communities and we are almost ready to release the new version which will include a downloadable tool to query. Stay tuned!

Sustainable Sites Initiative

Voluntary national guidelines and performance benchmarks for sustainable land design, construction and maintenance practices.

CONTEST

Chittenden county residents can enter a rain garden contest to win prizes and receive technical assistance.

Contest details

[VT Rain Garden Manual](#) - PDF

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