Local Urban Forestry Programs

Building Capacity from the Ground Up
Community Canopy Program
2022 Impact Report

- 10,772 lbs air pollutants absorbed*
- 2,054,596 lbs carbon sequestered/avoided*
- 1,111,361 kWh saved*
- 2,835 trees planted
- $109,020 invested
- 1,641 homeowners engaged
- 20,019,285 gal. stormwater filtered*
- $625,024 in combined energy and community benefits*

Established Spring 2017
*projected 20-year cumulative values
Municipal Program Elements

- Tree City USA Criteria
  - Tree Board or Committee
  - Budget
  - Ordinance / Rules
  - Public Outreach (Arbor Day Activities)
Municipal Program Elements

• Vermont-Specific Elements
  • Tree Warden
  • Shade Tree Preservation Plans

• Other Elements
  • Arborist
  • Volunteers
  • Tree Inventories
Roles & Responsibilities

Tree Board / Conservation Commission

Tree Warden

Selectboard / Town Management

- Tree Ordinance Creation
- Volunteer Coordination
- Education and Outreach
- Program Oversight
- Road Crew Coordination
- Shade Tree Preservation Plan
- Contractor Management
- Pest & Disease Control
- Decisions on Tree Removals
- Tree Technical Assistance
- Financing & Budgets
- Policy / Ordinance Approval
Break Out Sessions

1. Public Engagement / Recruiting
2. Municipal Collaboration
3. Planning → Policy → Action
Resources / Contacts

Vermont Urban & Community Forestry

• Funding / Grants (Elise Schadler)
  • Caring for Canopies
  • Growing Urban Forests in Face of EAB

• Technical Assistance (Joanne Garton)
  • Public and shade tree inventories / data
  • Resilient Right-of-Ways project
  • Shade tree management plans / Municipal Tree Policy
  • Community science projects
  • Community preparedness for EAB
  • Tree warden support
  • Tree care, selection, planting, and protection

• Invasive Pests (Ginger Nickerson)
  • Forest Pests First Detector Program
Resources / Contacts

• **Regional Planning Commissions**
  - Plan & policy development
  - Grant writing and management
  - Inter-municipal coordination

• **Vermont League of Cities & Towns**
  - Tree Warden Law

• **County Foresters**
  - Town Forest Management Support