## Local Urban Forestry Programs

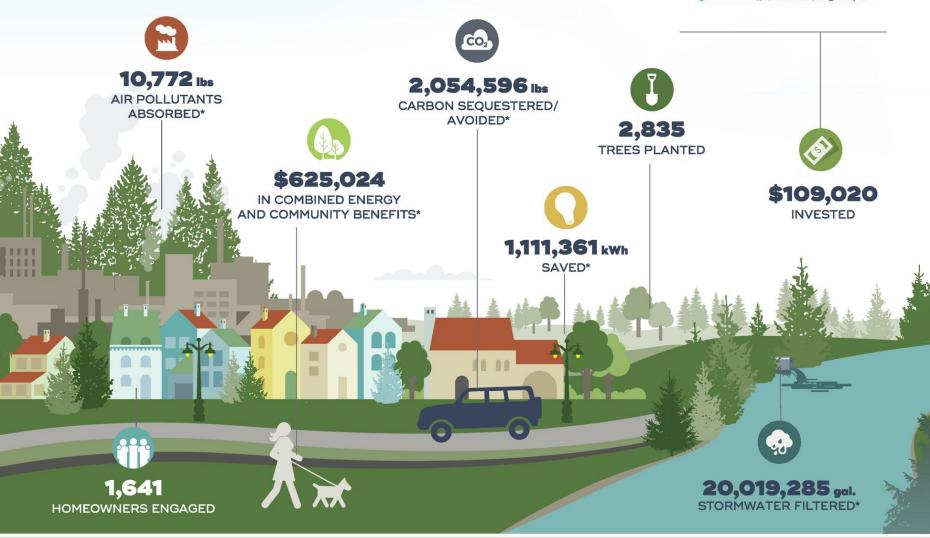
Building Capacity from the Ground Up



#### **Community Canopy Program**

**2022 IMPACT REPORT** 





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





Tree Board / Conservation Commission

Roles & Responsibilities

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  $\rightarrow$  Policy  $\rightarrow$  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
  - <u>Town Forest</u> Management Support