

Urban & Community Forestry Non-Profit: What does it do, how does it exist, and who does the work?

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Tessa, Melissa, Darren, Bill, VJ and Joanne discussed the needs of municipal urban and community forestry programs across Vermont and how they could benefit from one, or several, urban & community forestry non-profit organizations. The group walked through four different models of non-profit structures researched so far: independent non-profits, new non-profits that exist under “fiscal agent” (umbrella organization), existing non-profits from other states or field that execute, or could execute, urban forestry in communities, and non-profits led by volunteer boards and no staff. The group agreed to continue exploring partners or outside entities that could provide input, leadership, and/or funding, to convene discussions among active tree boards to discuss current successes and needs, and to draft a full gap analysis of what the Vermont Urban & Community Forestry Program and existing municipal groups cannot do or access (particularly regarding funding) at present.