

Benefits of Trees

The benefits of trees are immeasurable! With proper selection and maintenance, trees enhance a property and positively affect the community.

Economic Benefits of Trees

- Trees reduce energy costs by sheltering buildings from the sun and wind.
- Trees increase property value by up to 10% (USDA Forest Service) .
- Trees stimulate economic development by making retail areas more attractive to shoppers, and causing apartments to rent more quickly, and tenants to stay longer.

Environmental Benefits

- Trees alter the environment by moderating climate, improving air quality, handling stormwater runoff and harboring wildlife.
- Air quality is improved as tree leaves absorb harmful pollutants such as ozone and other pollutants.
- Each tree absorbs the greenhouse gas carbon dioxide, storing the carbon for growth and releasing oxygen for life.
- In the process, trees intercept water, reducing stormwater runoff and erosion.
- Furthermore, trees provide wildlife habitat and food for birds and mammals.

Quality of Life

- Trees can create privacy, emphasize desirable views and screen out objectionable views, and add color to the landscape.
- Nearby trees can significantly decrease the recovery time after surgery, and encourage more physical activity leading to better health.