



*Who is the*  
**SUSTAINABLE URBAN  
FORESTS COALITION?**

**We are the nation's only network of nonprofits,  
businesses, associations, foundations and others  
working to advance sound, effective  
urban forest policy and practices.**



**Sustainable Urban  
Forests Coalition**

**Our broad and growing membership**

represents urban planners, educators, arborists, landscape architects, public works and utility associations, air and water quality experts, foresters, scientists, health professionals, tree care companies, landscape and nursery associations, conservationists and community advocates.

**Our mission** is to

convene and mobilize this diverse network of national organizations to foster thriving communities through healthy urban and community forests.

**WE ARE SUFC**

Alliance for Community Trees  
American Forests  
American Planning Association  
American Public Works Association  
American Rivers  
American Society of Consulting Arborists  
American Society of Landscape Architects  
Arbor Day Foundation  
Bartlett Tree Experts Foundation  
Center for Invasive Species Prevention  
City Forest Credits  
Cleveland Clinic  
Córazon Latino  
Green Infrastructure Center  
International City/County Management Association  
International Society of Arboriculture  
Keep America Beautiful  
National Association of Clean Water Agencies  
National Association of Conservation Districts  
National Association of Landscape Professionals  
National Association of State Foresters  
National Recreation and Park Association  
National Wildlife Federation  
Outdoor Power Equipment Institute Foundation  
Professional Grounds Management Society  
Society of American Foresters  
Society of Municipal Arborists  
Student Conservation Association  
The Davey Foundation  
The Nature Conservancy  
The Trust for Public Land  
Tree Care Industry Association  
TREE Fund  
U.S. Water Alliance  
Utility Arborist Association  
Water Environment Federation  
Wildlife Habitat Council

**SUFC STRATEGIC PARTNERS**

The Davey Tree Expert Company (*founding partner*)  
Bartlett Tree Experts  
International Society of Arboriculture  
Outdoor Power Equipment Institute  
SavATree

# SUFC members collaborate to

## Advocate

at the national, regional, local and neighborhood levels to increase tangible support for urban forests.



## Educate

diverse audiences about the value and need for healthy trees in our cities, towns and suburbs.

## Leverage

resources and knowledge among a growing team of organizations promoting healthier, more resilient communities.



## WHY urban forests?

The trees, vegetation and green spaces that make up our urban forests are essential contributors to virtually every measure of community well-being.

### AIR

Urban trees remove over **710,000 tons** of air pollution per year in the U.S.<sup>1</sup>

### WATER

Trees can filter up to **80% of phosphorus** out of stormwater before it can pollute waterways.<sup>2</sup>

### HEALTH

In New York City, the rate of early childhood asthma is **29% lower** for every 343 trees per square kilometer.<sup>3</sup>

### ENERGY & CLIMATE

One million mature trees around American residences save approximately **\$2 billion** annually in reduced energy costs.<sup>4</sup>

### JOBS & ECONOMY

The U.S. economic impacts of green industries include **1.6 million jobs**, **\$82 billion** in payroll, and **\$196 billion** in sales.<sup>5</sup>

### RESILIENCY

Establishing and adhering to a regular tree maintenance schedule can help **protect cities from extreme weather events**.<sup>6</sup>

## LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR MEMBERS AND OUR WORK @ SUFC.ORG

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