Building the *Foundation* for Sustainable Community Forestry Programs

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Seeing the Forest for the Trees

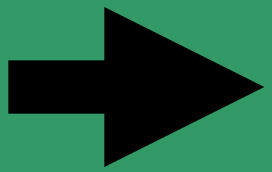
- Arboriculture knowledge is crucial but….

- We also need to think in terms of each tree as a part in an overall community forest system.

What Do Most People Think About Urban and Community Forestry?

Where we are

- Trees are a discretionary budget item that are nice to have
- Trees make our community pretty



Where we need to be

- Trees make a central contribution to what makes our community livable
- A necessity; an **infrastructure** component
- Trees help solve community problems and are a vehicle to address community goals

Funding

Funding for CF programs is severely lacking, especially in rural communities with a small tax base. How do you overcome this?

- By persuading the community to place trees in a higher priority position

Positions of Existing City/Town Services

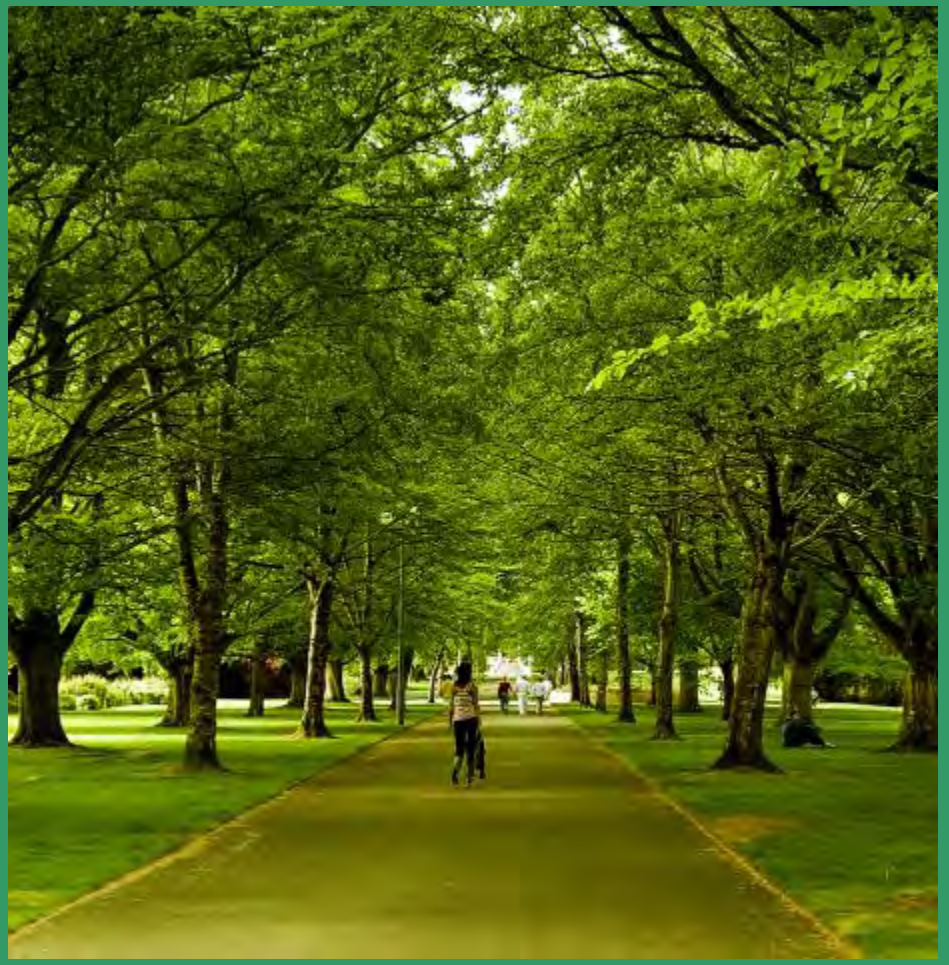
- Police/Public Safety
- Fire Protection
- Water/Sewer
- Economic Development
- Transportation/Traffic Safety
- Planning/Growth Management
- Education/Youth
- Public Health
- Parks/Trees
- Libraries
- Arts

Can We Reposition Community Tree Programs?

From Dr. John Crompton - Texas A&M:

- Positioning, in an urban and community forestry context, refers to the place your tree program occupies in the minds of decision-makers and the public

- Repositioning means linking what you've got to **what community problems can be solved or community issues can be addressed**

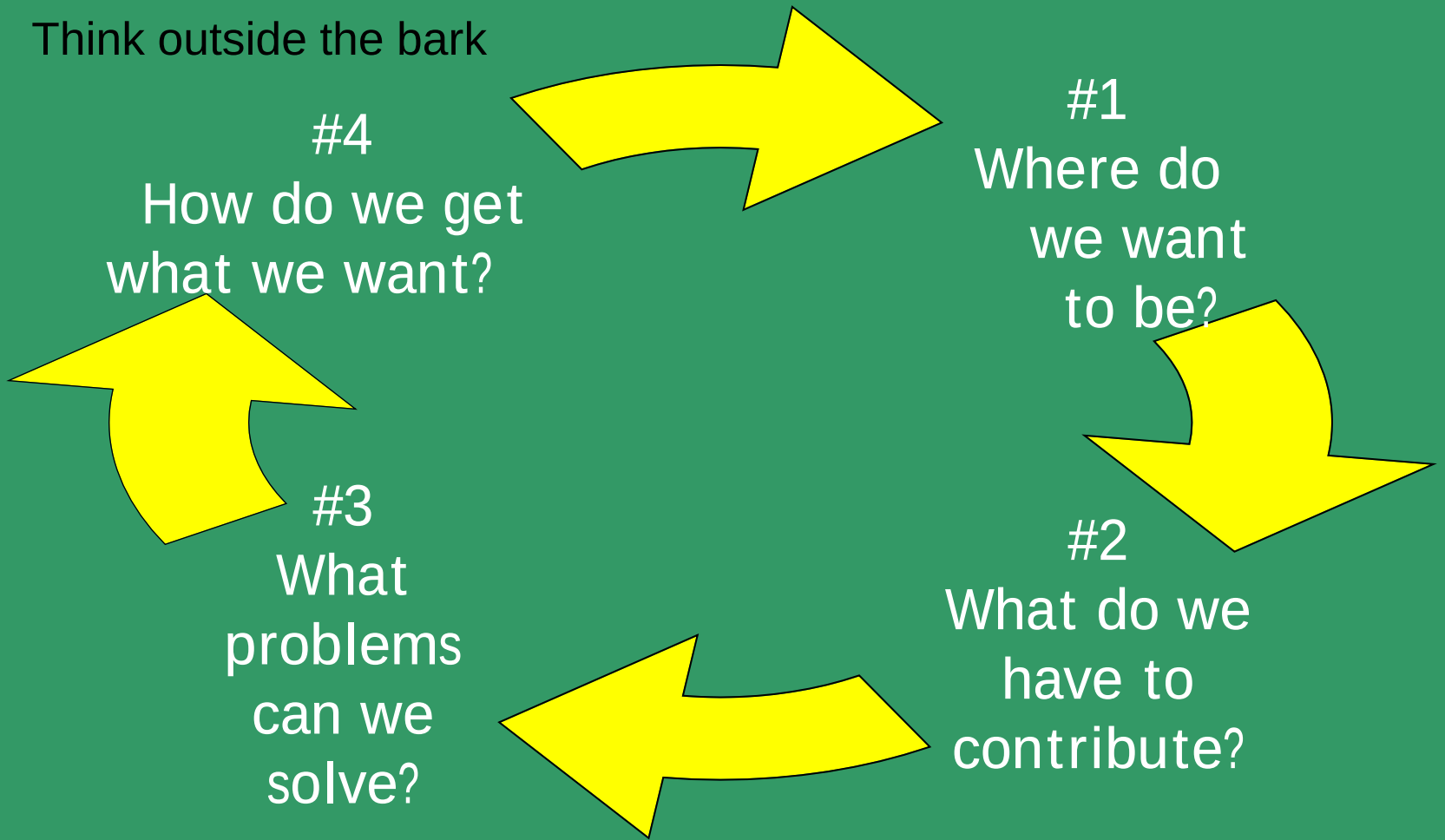


In Order To Reposition, You Must Be Willing To:

- Critically assess where you are
  - Is there someone responsible for tree care in the community? Are they actively caring for trees?
  - Is your community a Tree City USA?
  - Does your community manage trees from an updated tree inventory?
- Measure your past success
- Plan strategically for the future position you'd like your program to hold
- Communicate your successes

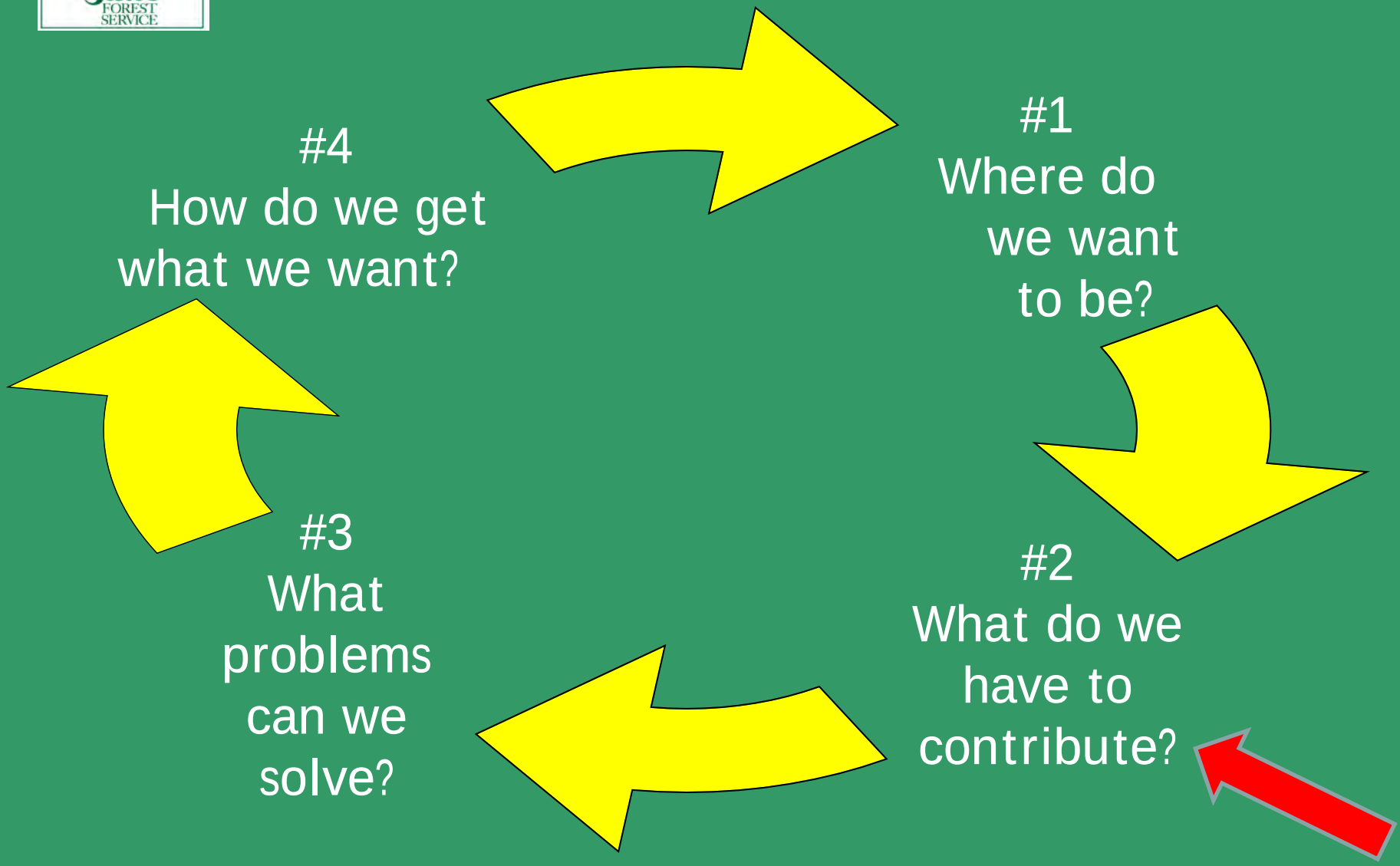
Aligning With Community Issues and Problems You Can Help Solve

- Resonate with political issues and priorities
- Be allied with other community benefits
- Think outside the bark



Where Do We Want To Be?

- An essential community service
- A necessity, not a nicety
- A solution to community problems
- A key to what makes our community livable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What problems can we solve?
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How do we get what we want?

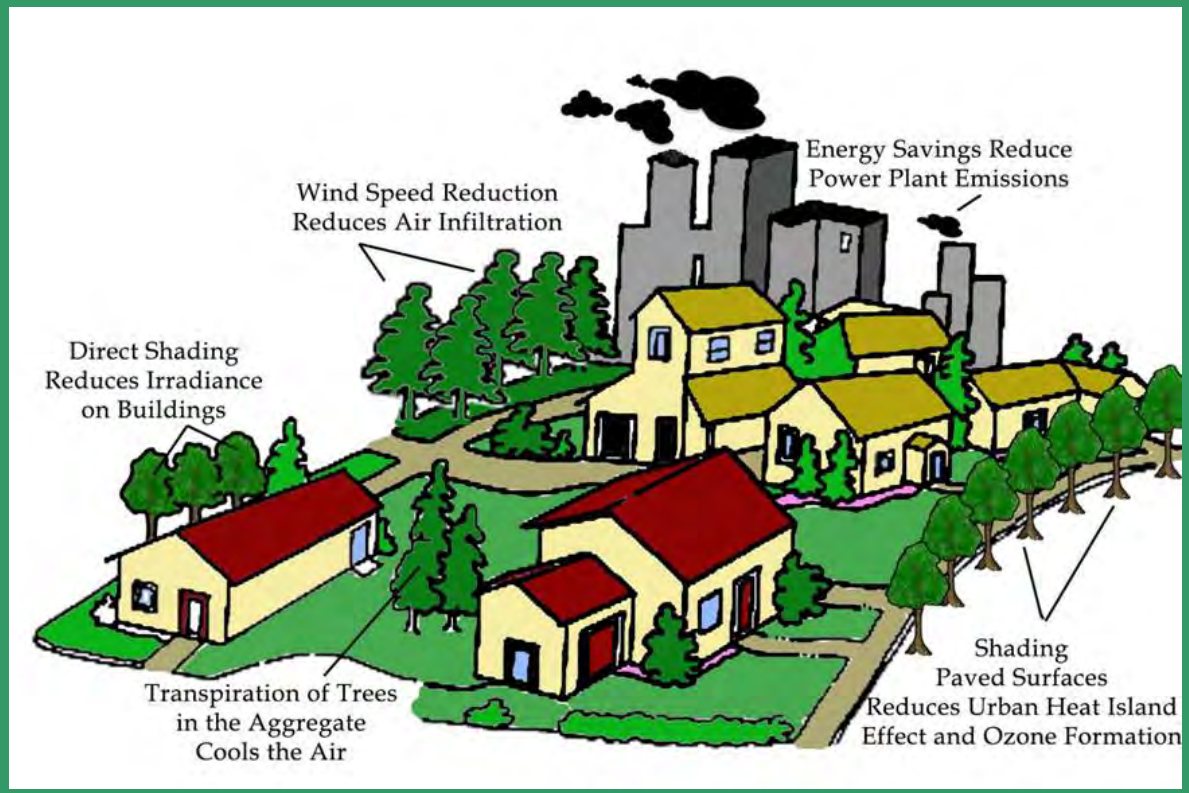
What Do We (trees!) Have to Contribute?

Health and Wellness

http://depts.washington.edu/hhwb/

Clean Air and Water

A Clean Air Factory



A Stormwater Control Mechanism

"Trees Tame Stormwater" from the Arbor Day Foundation

Energy Conservation

Tempering Climate & Conserving energy

- Trees reduce the heat island effect in cities.
- Trees strategically placed around a house can reduce air conditioning costs as much as 30 percent.
- Trees can conserve winter energy needs by blocking winds.
- Also critical in maintaining temperature for aquatic life in rivers, streams and lakes.

Trees. A Savings for Homeowners.

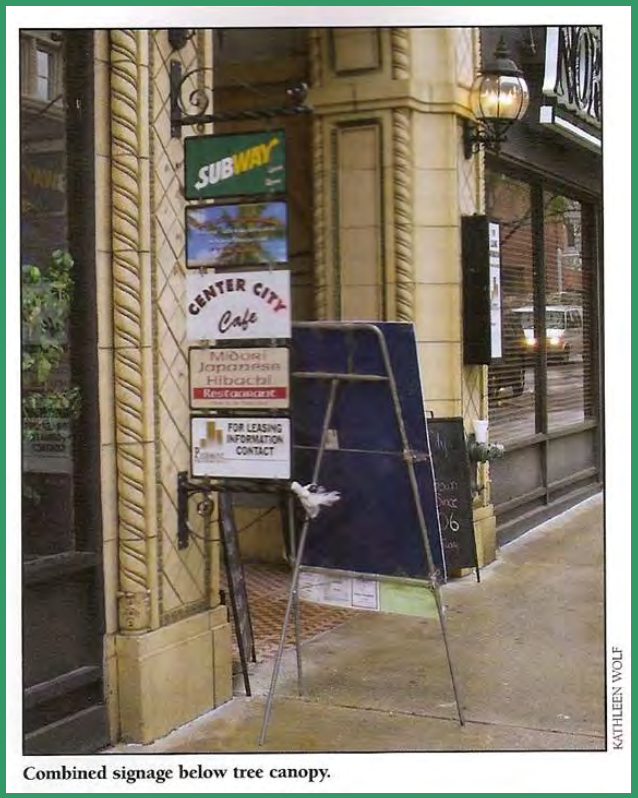
- Save up to 30% of annual air conditioning costs
- Save 10-25% of winter heating costs

Economic Benefits

Shaded neighborhoods, shopping malls and boulevards are not only attractive aesthetically, but psychologically as well. Shoppers tend to stay longer in malls where there are trees. New research shows pavement replacement cycles decrease on shaded streets.

Photo Vince Urbina, CSFS

Avoiding Signage Conflict



Combined signage below tree canopy.

Photo and information courtesy of Kathleen Wolf (University of Washington)

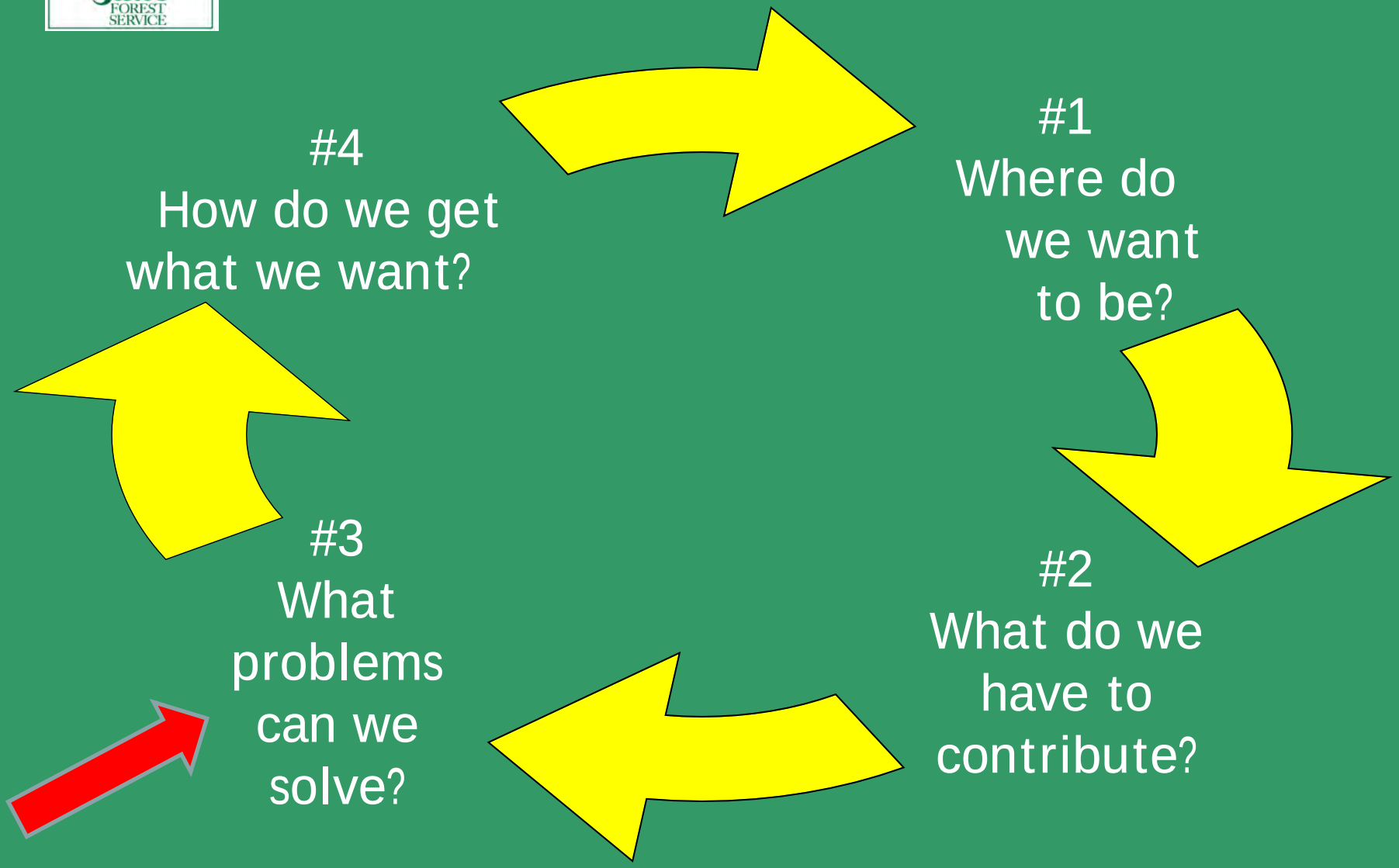
Trees Sell Houses. (At higher prices.)

- Each large front yard tree adds 1% to sales price
- Large specimen trees can add 10%, or more, to property values.

Trees Mean Better Business.

In tree-lined commercial districts...

- More frequent shopping
- Longer shopping trips
- Shoppers spend more for parking
- Shoppers spend 12% more for goods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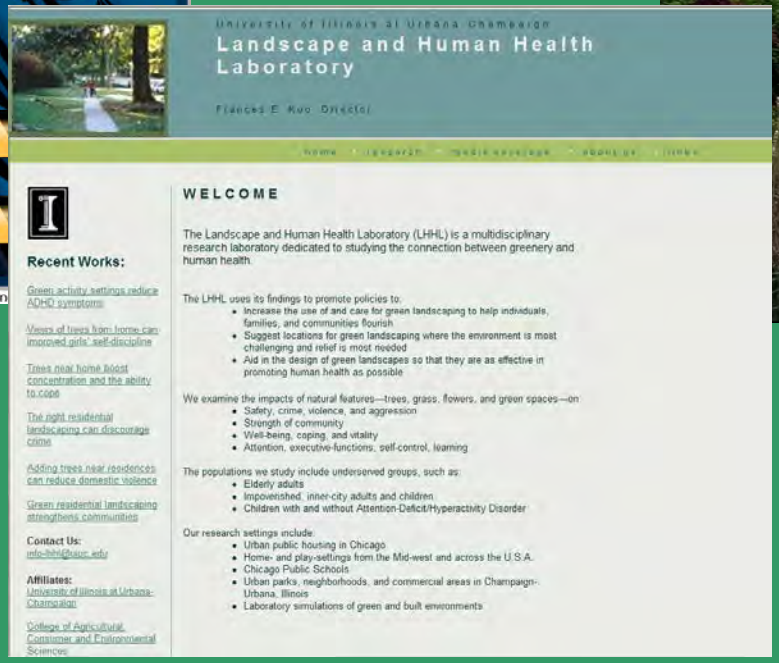
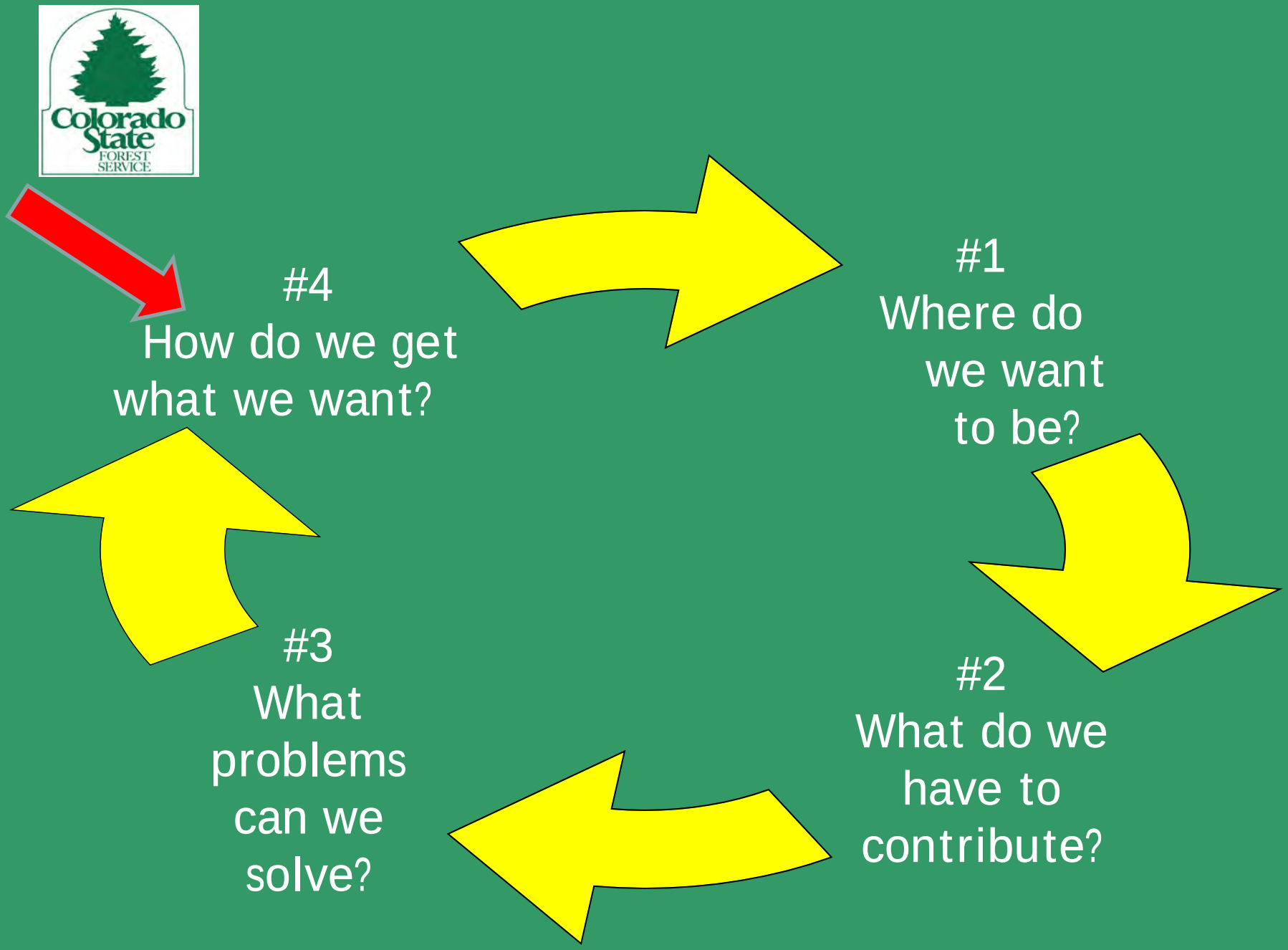
What Problems Can We Solve?

Crime and Economic Decline



Environmental Degradation

http://lhhl.illinois.edu/index.htm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How Do We Get What We Want?

- Realign our planning components
- Make connections to issues and people
- Think strategically
- Communicate effectively

Communicate Effectively

- People today want proof – we need to provide factual evidence of the benefits and costs – Dollars and Cents!
- Demonstrate financial as well as quality of life consequences
- We need to connect with them if we're going to communicate with them

For every dollar invested in urban forestry, $2.70 is returned through higher property values, lower air and water pollution, and energy conservation.

Trees are the only part of a community's infrastructure that increase in value over time.

Trees attract people, people attract business, and people and business create tax dollars.

Trees provide affordable solutions to many of the expensive issues we face in our communities.

Are we just simply selecting and planting a tree or two for Arbor Day each year?…

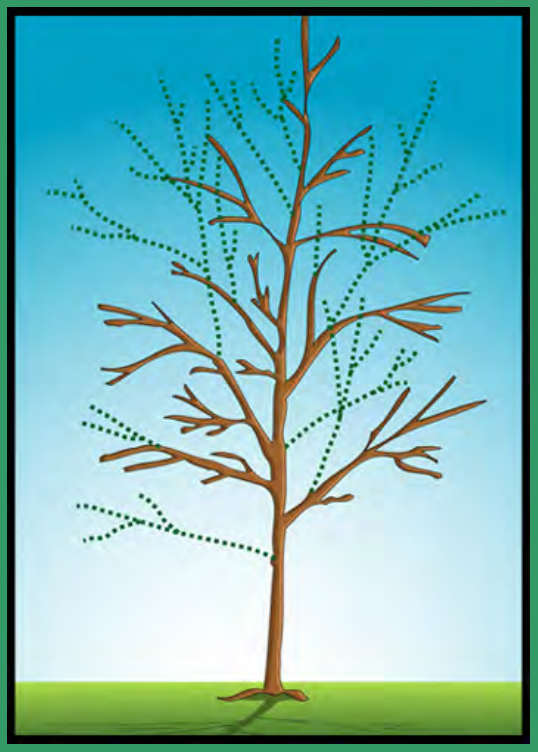
…Or are we strategically selecting and planting trees to help clean the water and air, conserve energy, promote species diversity, and add value to our community's infrastructure?

Are we planting that tree or two in the park just because there's space?

…Or are we adding to our community's quality of life by providing a safe and friendly green space that people can readily access and rejuvenate themselves with a natural experience?

Are we just trimming trees because they are in the way?

…Or are we structurally pruning young, vigorous, established trees as an investment in the future value and safety of our community forest?



Comparing Costs and Benefits of Trees

Placing a monetary value on tree benefits is important. It enables us to compare them to tree costs, allowing us to calculate a “return on investment”

- Boulder, CO - $3.64
- Bismarck, ND - $3.09
- Glendale, AZ - $2.41
- Ft. Collins, CO - $2.18
- Cheyenne, WY - $2.09
- Berkeley, CA - $1.37
- Portland, OR - $3.80

Return on Investment for Every $1 Spent on Trees

Outreach, Outreach, Outreach!

The Tree City USA program is administered by the NADF in cooperation with the United States Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters to foster and promote proper tree management in cities and towns across the U.S.

Colorado State Forest Service

The National Arbor Day Foundation

Colorado Tree Coalition

US Forest Service

National Association of State Foresters

Why Tree City USA?

Benefits from becoming a Tree City USA

- ***Framework for Action:***

  Meeting the four standards for becoming a Tree City USA provides the initial direction for a community forestry program and helps get the community started towards an annual, systematic management of its tree resource.

  Education:

  Assistance and training opportunities provided by the Colorado State Forest Service and a variety of other professional resources, aid in supporting the education process throughout the community's involvement in the program.

- ***Public Image:***

  Becoming a Tree City USA helps to present the kind of image most individuals want to have for the place they live or work. The Tree City USA flag and signs along public highways tell visitors your community cares about the environment.

Benefits from becoming a Tree City USA (continued)

- ***Citizen Pride:***
  Gaining and retaining Tree City USA status and recognition is an award to the tree board, city council, volunteers, tree workers and city managers who work on behalf of the care and management of a community's trees.

- ***Financial Assistance:***
  Preference is often given to Tree City USA communities when allocations of grant money are available for trees or forestry programs because the community has already demonstrated the foresight of proactive management in becoming a Tree City USA community.

- ***Publicity:***
  Presentation of the Tree City Award, and the celebration of Arbor Day offer excellent publicity opportunities.

And……..

. . . They get this really cool flag!!

Tree City USA Requirements

- A Tree Board or Department
- A Tree Care Ordinance
- A Budget of $2 Per Capita
- Proclaim and Celebrate Arbor Day

Applications are completed at year's end and submitted to the District Office

TREE CITY USA

Application

Mail completed application with requested attachments to your state forester no later than December 31.
The TREE CITY USA award is made in recognition of work completed by the city during the calendar year.
Please provide information for the year ending:
(Some states require information in addition to that requested on this application. Check with your state forester.)

As _____ of the city _____
(Title -Mayor or other city official)

I herewith make application for this community to be officially recognized and designated as a Tree City USA for _____ having achieved the standards set forth by The National Arbor Day Foundation as noted below. (year)

Standard 1: A Tree Board or Department
List date of establishment of board, board members, and meeting dates for the past year; or name of city department and manager.

Standard 2: A Community Tree Ordinance
Date ordinance established _____
Attach ordinance.

Standard 3: A Community Forestry Program with an Annual Budget of at Least $2 Per Capita
Total community forestry expenditures ..... $ _____
Community population ..... _____
Attach annual work plan outlining the work carried out during the past year. Attach breakdown of community forestry expenditures.

Standard 4: An Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation
Date observance was held _____
Attach program of activities and/or news coverage. Attach Arbor Day proclamation.

_____ _____ _____
Signature Title Date

Please type or print the following:

Mayor or equivalent
Name: _____
Title: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Phone#: _____

City Forestry Contact
Name: _____
Title: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Phone#: _____

NOTE: Application will not be processed without Attachments.

Certification

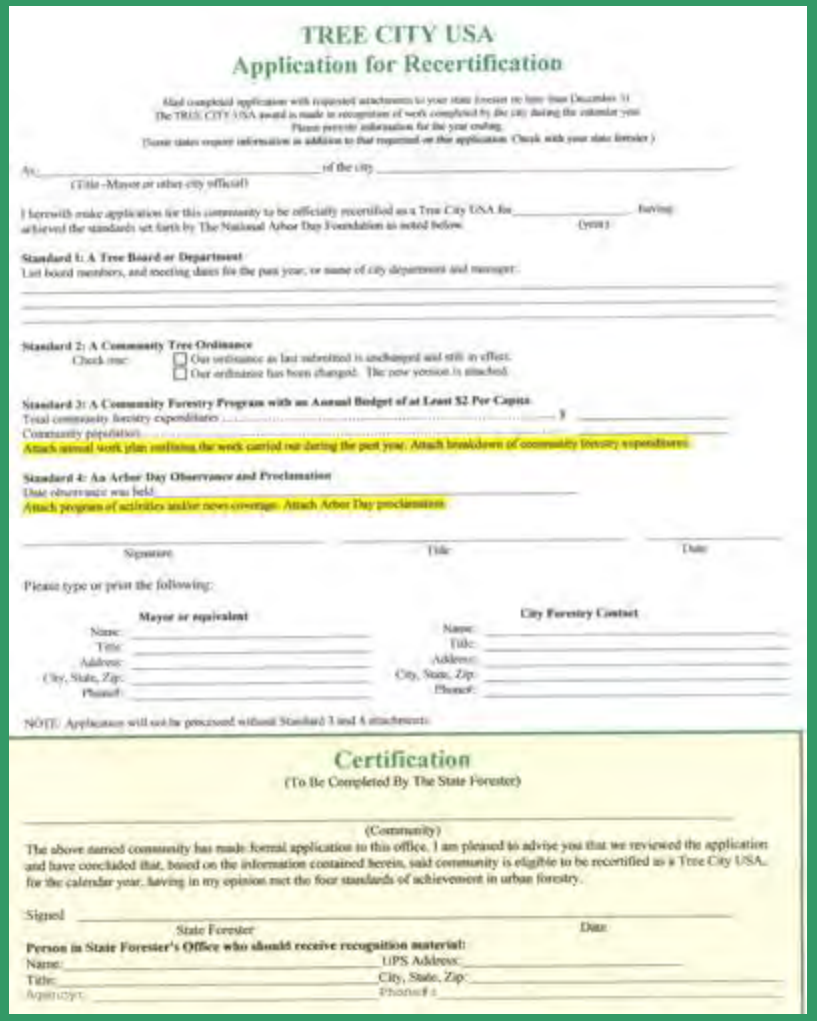
(To Be Completed By The State Forester)

_____
(Community)

The above named community has made formal application to this office. I am pleased to advise you that we reviewed the application and have concluded that, based on the information contained herein, said community is eligible to be recognized and designated as a Tree City USA, for the _____ calendar year, having in my opinion met the four standards of achievement in urban forestry.

Signed _____
State Forester Date

Person in State Forester's Office who should receive recognition material:
Name: _____ UPS Address: _____
Title: _____ City, State, Zip: _____
Agency: _____ Phone#: _____



TREE CITY USA

Application for Recertification

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Standard 1: A Tree Board or Department
List board members, and meeting dates for the past year; or name of city department and manager.

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Check one: ☐ Our ordinance as last submitted is unchanged and still in effect.
☐ Our ordinance has been changed. The new version is attached.

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A Tree Board or Department

- Forestry Department
- Professional forester or arborist on staff
- Volunteer Tree Board
  - More than one individual

A Tree Care Ordinance

- Opportunity to set good policy
- Clear guidance for planting specifications and maintenance
- Community Safety
- Annual work plan

A Budget of $2 Per Capita

- Contract work
- Salaries
- Tree purchases
- Watering
- Insect control
- Mulching
- Tree removal
- Inventory
- Insurance
- Equipment
- Stump removal
- Biomass recycling efforts
- Stump removal
- Tree pruning
- Administrative time
- Educational materials
- Volunteer time

Proclaim and Celebrate Arbor Day

- As formal or informal as you want
  - Council Meetings
  - School Programs
  - Field Events
- Plant a tree
- Maintenance
- Inform homeowners

Colorado State Forest Service

TREE CITY USA CHECKLIST

Community: _____ _____ Tree City U.S.A.
Date: _____ _____ Growth Award

		COMMENTS
_____	Tree Board or Dept.	_____
_____	Ordinance	_____
_____	$2/capita	_____
_____	Budget Sheet	_____
_____	Annual Workplan	_____
_____	Proclamation	_____
_____	Signature	_____
_____	Support material	_____
_____	Needs State Forester's Signature	_____
_____	Copy at State Office	_____
_____	Mail to National Arbor Day Foundation 100 Arbor Avenue Nebraska City, NE 68410	_____

Have Fun and Make the Most of the

Tree City/Arbor Day Presentations!!

Why be a Tree City USA

- It’s fun
- It’s educational
- It’s good for your community
- It’s a plus for potential funders for tree projects
- Provides a framework for support of tree planting and maintenance

Other TCUSA Programs

- Growth Award – above and beyond TCUSA recognition
- Tree Line USA – recognition for communities that properly manage trees and utilities
- Tree Campus USA – recognition for college campuses

Time Permitting……..??

Let’s check out www.arborday.org

Questions/Comments?

So Where to Start?
How to *Establish* a Community Forestry Program

Who Manages your Town's Trees?

Publically Owned Trees

- No SE CO Community has a Forestry Department
- Typically, tree management falls under parks and recreation or public works
- Often, these people are not formally trained in how to manage trees
- They seek support from tree boards and/or the CSFS

Privately Owned Trees

- Citizens are responsible for the care and maintenance of trees on their property
- They often hire tree care workers
- Many tree care workers in rural areas are not formally trained arborists
- They depend upon CSFS for quality, trusted tree care information

Who Manages your Town's Trees?

CSFS is charged with providing technical assistance, and education and outreach about proper tree care so that homeowners, municipalities, and other land managers can make informed decisions

- Articles in newspapers
- Workshops/training sessions
- Conducting tree inventories/writing management plans
- Fielding questions from walk–ins, phone calls
- Site visits: insect and disease, windbreak planning

How to *Establish* a Community Forestry Program

Contact CSFS to help you strategize a plan

Identify interested parties who are willing to become involved

Once the core group is committed, then begin to garner support from Key community groups

- Town Manager
- Parks and Rec/Public Works Director
- City Planner
- Urban Development Council/Board
- City Council
- Local Civic organizations: Rotary, Lions, etc.
- CSFS
- CSU Extension – CSU Master Gardeners

Start with a Focus Group comprised of these key partners

How to *Establish* a Community Forestry Program

Start with a Focus Group with the Key partners and brainstorm

- What are the current weaknesses/strengths of the current CF program
- Develop short term goals
- Develop long term goals

Begin to Build the Foundation for Developing a Tree Board
(A Handbook for Tree Board Members, National Arbor Day Fndn)

- Tree Boards are advisory boards whose role is typically
  - Policy formation
  - Advising
  - Administration
  - Management
  - Representation
  - Advocacy
- Develop a mission statement
- Develop a charter that spells out specific roles and responsibilities

How to *Establish* a Community Forestry Program

With a Charter in hand you are now ready to make your Tree Board an official governing body of the city government

- Vote by City Council

Developing Ordinances: a City Tree Ordinance should include a section specifically outlining Tree Board authority **(see TCUSA Bulletin No. 9)**

- Provides legal authority to the Tree Board and City to manage trees
  - Standards and Specifications for tree care: planting, pruning, removals, watering, etc. These should be in a separate document, as a supplement to the ordinance.
  - Requirements of contractors (licensing, bonding, insurance)
  - Clarifies who owns and is responsible for trees (public, private, easements, right-of-ways, etc.)
  - Definitions
- Tree board duties, responsibilities, and scope of authority should be clearly stated in the tree board section of the city tree ordinance

How to *Establish* a Community Forestry Program

Tree Board – Ordinance Components

- Statement of creation and establishment
- Number of members
- Qualifications
- Terms of office, succession, vacancies
- Compensation
- Liability coverage
- Legality of accepting and spending donated funds
- Duties and responsibilities
- Scope of responsibilities
- Operational provisions
- Date of passage

Your Community Forestry Program is now established – now what?

You now have an official tree board, a city ordinance with a specific section outlining the authority of the tree board – what next?

- Revisit your short and long term goals
- Often, a tree inventory or some type of tree assessment is the first thing that is needed
  - This will help you to prioritize management actions
  - A qualified forester is needed to conduct a proper tree inventory
  - Tree Board members can be trained by foresters to assist with the inventory process
  - Inventories should be used to develop a forest management plan
  - On a smaller scale, tree board members can identify dead trees, trees with large dead limbs, trees causing visual blockage at intersections and report these to Town Council
- From this inventory a master CF management plan will be developed
- Develop annual management plans from the master plan
- Implementation
- Updating of inventory, plans; the cycle starts over

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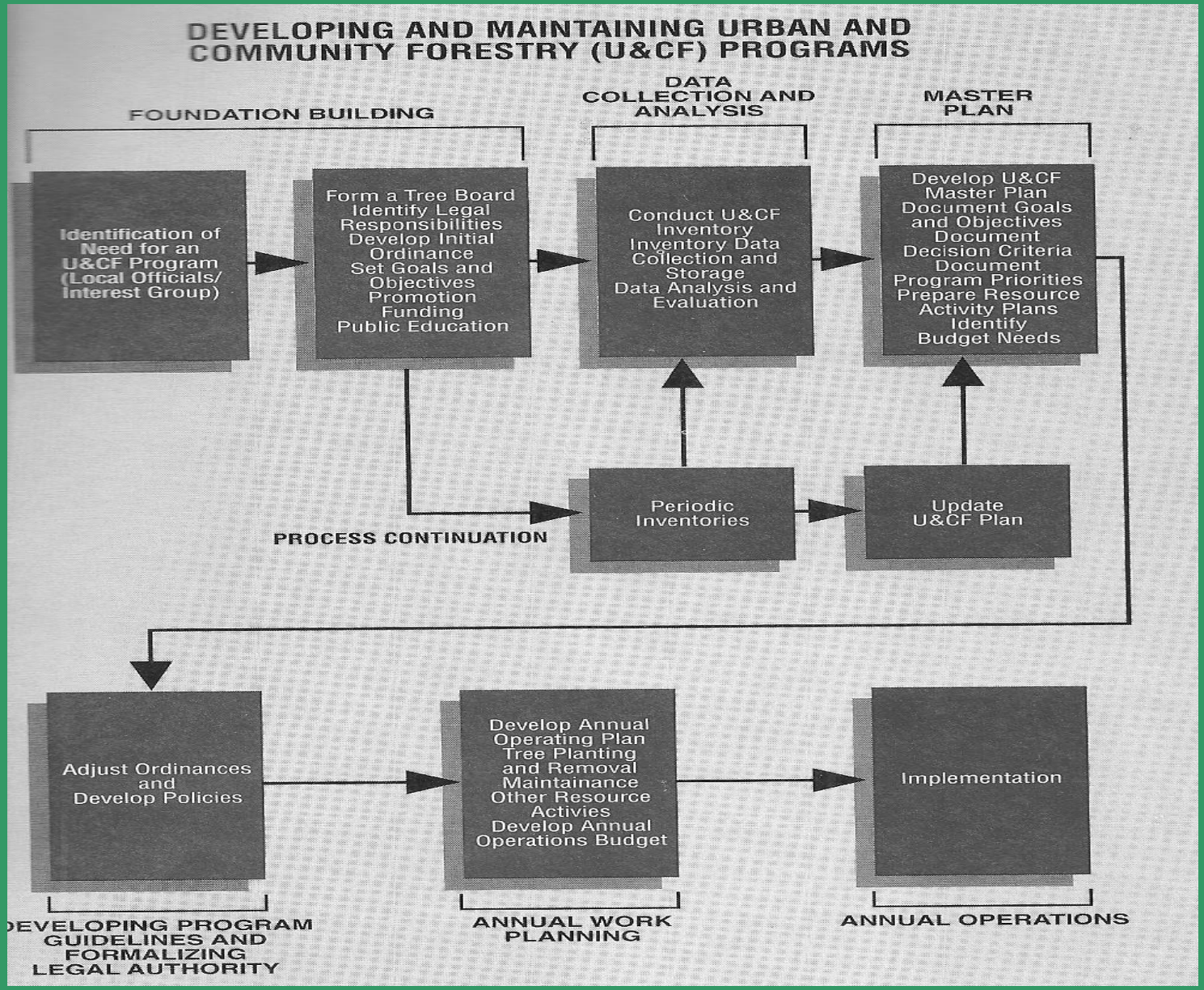

Community Forestry Management – TREE INVENTORY

(TCUSA Bulletin No. 23 – How to conduct a street tree inventory)

- Objectives – depends upon your identified priorities
  - Goals? Top down or bottom up approach or both?
    - Top down – aerial photography, GIS
    - Bottom up – looking at trees from the ground
    - Both – using aerial imagery and ground methods (complete)
  - What resources are available – budget, personnel, time, technical tools and knowledge to use them?

    -safety

    -uneven-aged trees

    -species diversity

    -achieve healthy forest at least cost

    -develop a master community forest management plan from this data

TREE INVENTORY-WHY?

- Identify the tree resource accurately
- Ensure quality management of the tree resource
  - -management plans based on facts
  - -reduce public risk
  - -manage toward a stronger forest
- Develop internal and external support
- Provide public with accurate information
- Provides $ value of community trees

TREE INVENTORY- WHAT TO COLLECT?

- Management unit
- Species
- Diameter (DBH)
- Condition
- Placement within the landscape
- Management need
- Location
- Gaps in canopy (priority planting areas)
- Tree Risk Assessment (above and beyond normal tree inventory)
- Special comments

TREE INVENTORY - WHAT TO DO WITH DATA?

- Develop a Comprehensive Master Community Forest Management Plan
- The Plan will Prioritize Management Actions
  - -forest health and condition
  - -species diversity
  - -size class distributions
  - -pruning rotation development
  - -identification of I&D issues
  - -vacant planting sites – gaps in canopy
  - -valuation of tree resource
  - -cost estimations for different management actions
  - -future projections
  - -identification of potential tree risks

There are different types of inventories **(refer to TCUSA Bulletin No. 23)**

- The ‘ole paper and pencil
- GPS/GIS based using aerial photography

John Martin State Park, Colorado

Highest Priority (63-73) Trees - All Recreation Units

0 212.5 425 850 1,275 1,700 Feet

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This map is not a legal land survey. These data are acquired from various county, state, and federal sources, with varying levels of accuracy, and may be updated or revised at any time. Errors and inaccuracies in the spatial data may be present. These data are provided as is, without warranty of any kind. Risk of use is with the user.

Example) Tree #1 - Pear, Bradford
102 Santa Fe

- Condition: Good
- Need: Rotational prune, prune away from building
- Remove Grate
- Room to expand tree planting area

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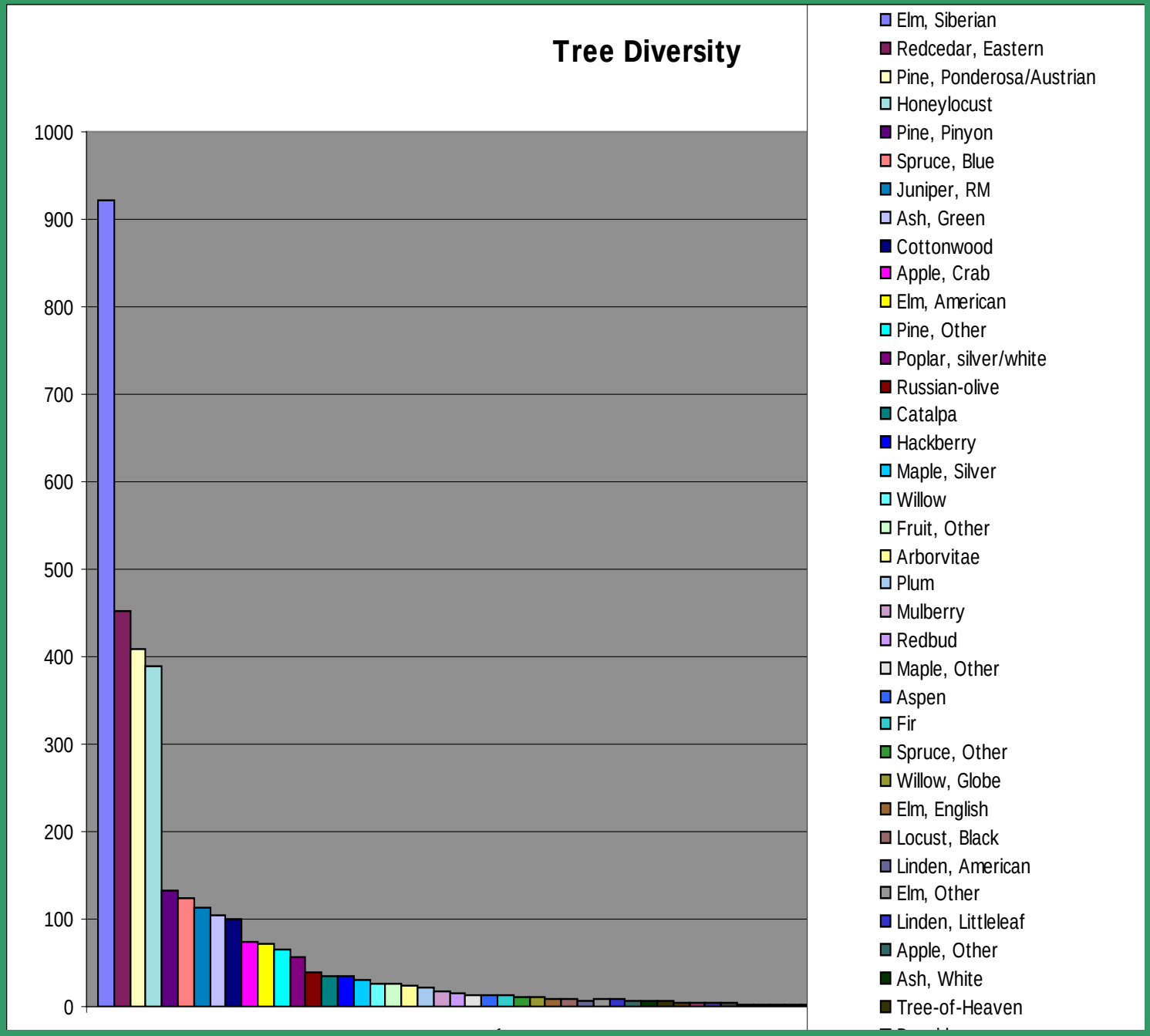
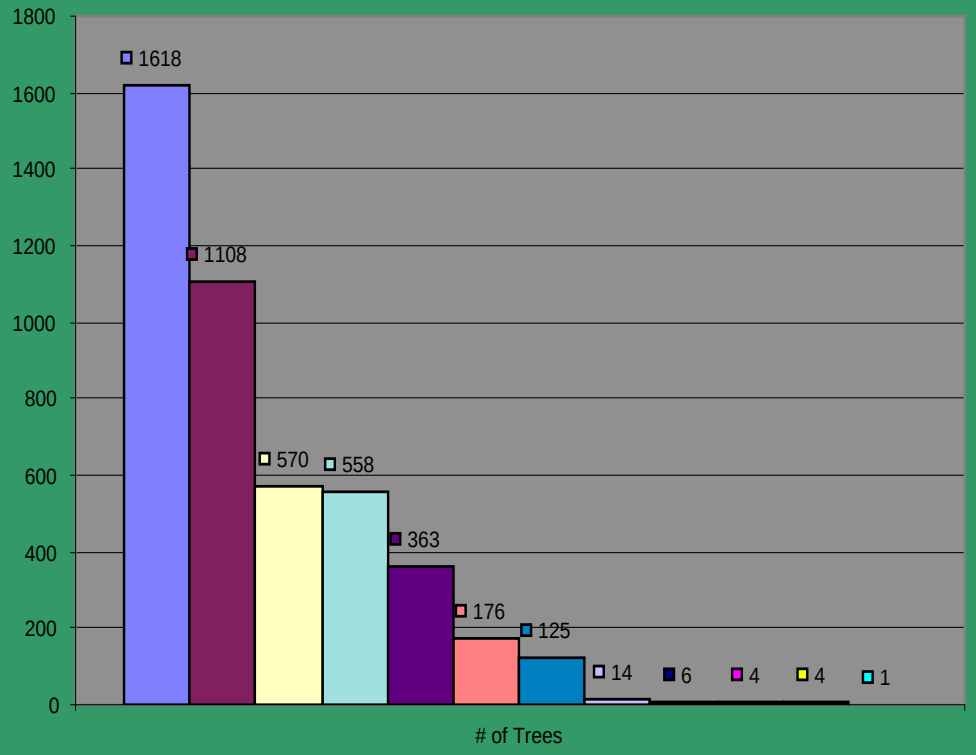


Managment Needs



- Prune rotational
- Plant
- OK-do nothing
- Protection from weedwhip/lawnmower
- Prune clearance/forked
- Rmv non-hzd
- Rmv prune/tree hzd
- Treat Insects
- Sample treat disease
- Water
- Stake or Protect
- Remove stakes

Developing a Community Forestry Management Plan

Elements of a CF Management Plan – define the scope and methodology for accomplishing urban forestry goals (ideally based on a tree inventory/assessment)

http://ufmptoolkit.com/outline.htm

- Maintenance standards
- Planting priorities
- Planting standards
- Removal
- Rotational pruning plan
- Pruning standards
- Tree selection standards
- Personnel training/development
- Budgets
- Annual operating plans (annual plans of work)
- Updating tree inventory data
- Standards/requirements for hiring contractors for tree work

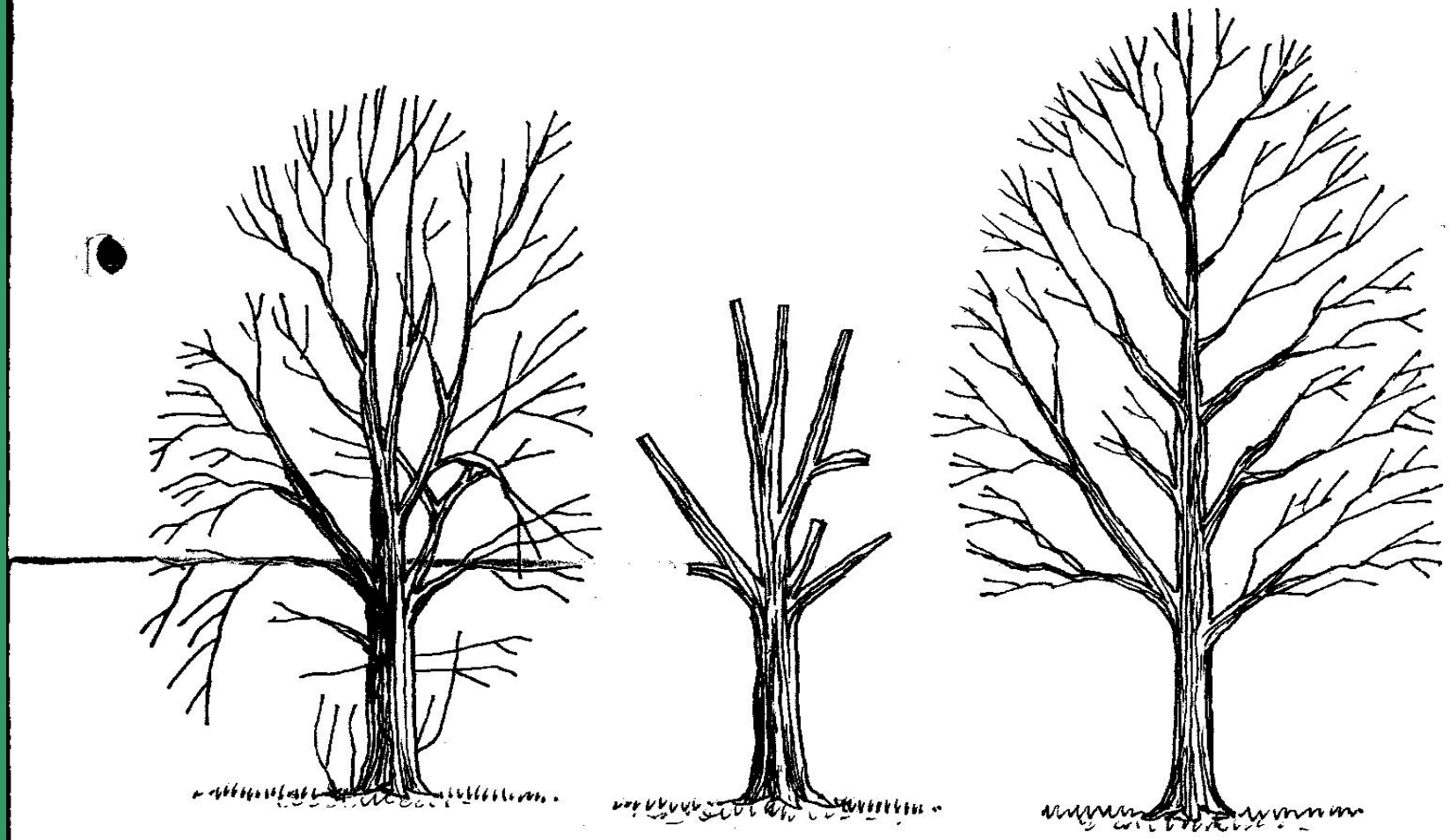
From Master Plan Develop Annual Plans of Work

- Annual work plans outline priority tree work for the year – ex) rotational pruning schedule, priority tree planting areas, tree removals
- Arbor Day
- Education and outreach events

Hiring/Contracting with Tree Workers

TCUSA Bulletin No.6 – how to hire an arborist

- Be aware of door knockers after a storm
- Is the tree worker a certified arborist? This is preferable. Make sure to get their credentials to verify.
- Ask for proof of insurance – liability for personal and property damage and workman's compensation.
- If you are having your trees sprayed ask for their CDA Commercial Applicator's License – they must be licensed by the State to apply pesticides for a fee, and to also apply Restricted Use pesticides
- Does your town require them to be permitted to work within city limits?
- Ask for references
- Don't be rushed by bargains
- Never use a tree trimmer that routinely tops trees
- Get several bids, but consider going with the contractor who seems to know about *trees too*, and not just about running their equipment



A neglected shade tree

The work of a poorly chosen "tree expert"

The work of a competent arborist

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Draw up a Contract

- Date of work to begin and end
- Scope of work – i.e. exactly what is to be done
- What about clean up work – contractors will typically charge for this separately (stump grinding, hauling away debris, cutting up branches into smaller pieces, etc.
- The Total dollar amount for all work to be done – or is it an hourly charge?

What is a certified arborist

- Certified arborists are trained in the science and care of trees, this includes proper pruning practices
- Most (if not all) tree trimmers in SE CO are not certified arborists
- So make sure to look at reference sites to get a feel for what kind of work they do
- To find a certified arborist go to https://www.isarmc.org/resources/find-a-certified-arborist-2/

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Become Certified

Taking an ISA Certification Exam is a great goal that will help you advance your career in the arboriculture industry. We highly encourage you to take a few moments to review the materials for Certification. Here, you will discover more about how to prepare for the exam and how the application process works.

Certification Application Handbooks

Before you get started, please take a moment to read the appropriate handbook for more detailed information about the requirements for each ISA Certification.

- ISA Certified Arborist®
- ISA Certified Arborist Utility Specialist™
- ISA Certified Arborist Municipal Specialist®
- ISA Certified Tree Worker Climber Specialist®
- ISA Certified Tree Worker Aerial Lift Specialist®
- ISA Board Certified Master Arborist®

BREAK TIME!

Tree Risk Assessment

- Formerly called “hazard”
- Tree Risk Assessments must be performed by a qualified forester or certified arborist
- A Target must be present – high pedestrian traffic, high vehicle traffic, houses, other structures

Defects/watch-out situations a non-trained forester/arborist can identify

- Dead trees
- Large dead tree branches
- Soil mounding with leaning tree (where root mass is upheaved)
- Tree branches touching overhead electric wires
- Trees/branches blocking visibility at traffic intersections
- NEVER attempt to mitigate these situations on your own, ALWAYS call a trained professional, the City administration, or electric company

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Activity – Community Forester for a Day

Tree City USA Bulletin No.12 – What City Foresters Do

Break into groups based on what community you are from

- Read through TCUSA Bulletin No.12

If you could be the City Forester for a Day, what would you focus on?

- Rough outline of your community forest management plan
- Think about aesthetics, safety, efficiency, community involvement
- Prioritize the following and write a brief statement of what you would do to improve management actions in these categories:
  - Planting
  - Pruning
  - Watering
  - Public outreach events and education
  - Fundraising
  - Interaction with town council/city government
  - Other?

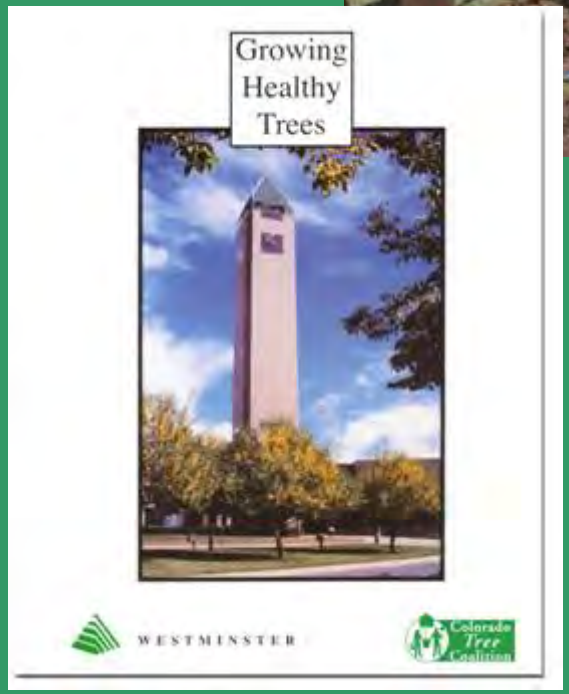
Colorado Tree Coalition

Leading statewide efforts to preserve, renew and enhance community forests

www.coloradotrees.org

COLORADO TREE COALITION

- Grants Program
  - CTC has awarded over 400 grants totaling over $600,000 since 1992 to management, media and tree planting projects all over Colorado.



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- Educational Seminars
  - Hazard Trees
  - Tree Appraisal
  - Pruning
  - Greeley Tree Care Workshop
  - Eastern and Western Community Forestry Conferences
  - Western Slope Tree Care Workshop

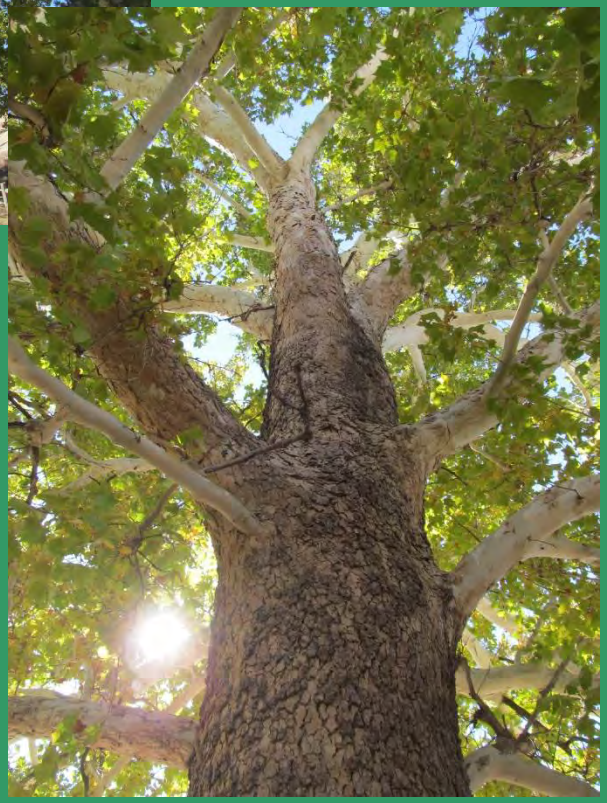
COLORADO TREE COALITION

- Colorado Arbor Day Poster Contest
  - Get your 5th graders and their teacher's involved with this great program coordinated by CTC!

2005 Poster Contest winner Landon Myers with State Senator Ron Teck and Interim State Forester Bill Wilcox

COLORADO TREE COALITION

- Champion Tree Program
  - Know of a big tree? Nominate it for a state champion!
  - Over 250 tree species represented in nearly 60 communities around the State



Champion American Sycamore – North La Junta

COLORADO TREE COALITION

- CommuniTree Awards
  - Nominate a project or individual that makes a difference in community forestry

2004 Winner Mary Franceschina, Colorado Springs

2005 Winner Dan Probert, Scout Troop 999 in Arvada

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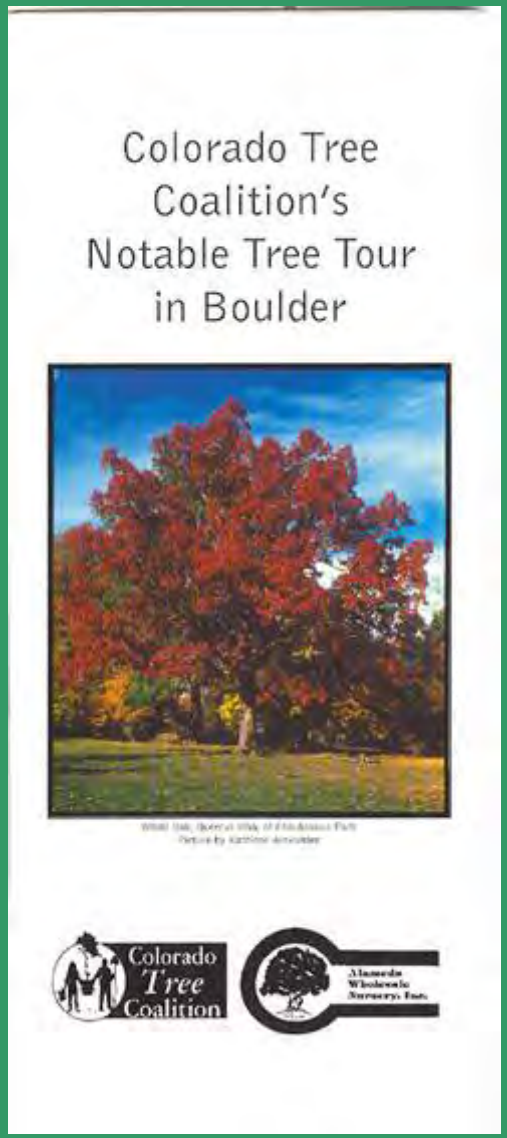
- Notable Tree Tour
  - Brochure produced for the City of Boulder's Notable Trees, other cities to follow?



A Great Marketing Tool for Public Outreach – Champion Trees!

http://www.coloradotrees.org/PDFs/2014%20Website%20Champs_County.pdf

Pecan Tree - Manzanola

Weeping Mulberry – Rocky Ford

Osage-orange – Southern Otero County

Persimmon – Olney Springs

Resources for Community Forestry

- Your local CSFS District!
- Colorado Tree Coalition
- Websites (website handout)
  - USDA FS Northeastern Area
  - National Arbor Day Foundation
  - International Society of Arboriculture (ISA)