



# Alliance for Community Trees

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**A** new program was established in 2015 within the Arbor Day Foundation — the Alliance for Community Trees. As with Tree City USA and other Foundation programs, the ultimate purpose is to promote tree planting and stewardship of our nation's urban forests.

Networking, the forming and maintaining of a strong circle of contacts, has long been recognized as vital in the business community. It is just as important in the field of urban forestry, especially among tree boards and volunteer groups that do not have the professional links enjoyed by full-time arborists and city foresters. In fact, being a leader in a tree-related volunteer organization can be very isolating. That's where the Alliance for Community Trees comes in.

"For a nonprofit tree-planting organization, being part of the Alliance for Community Trees immediately expands

Networking can unite organizations and energize local programs, all in support of more trees and healthier communities.

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access to experienced peers across the nation who are ready and willing to offer advice or a shoulder to lean on," said Dan Lambe, president of the Arbor Day Foundation. "This is a unique national network of leaders in urban and community forestry. As a boost to citizen engagement, it is unmatched."

Bulletin No. 80 provides additional information about the Alliance for Community Trees and what it has to offer your community, whether you live in a metropolitan area or a small town. Engagement in the network is sure to pay large dividends in building the capacity and expanding the activities of local citizens and gaining greater support for urban forestry.