ECONOMICS OF URBAN FORESTRY IN MAINE

Trees have a tremendous impact on local economies and our quality-of-life. Here’s a peek at how urban trees in your state are contributing.

- **2,642** people are employed as a result of urban forestry activities in Maine.
- Communities in Maine enrolled in Tree City USA® invested an average of **$6.83 per resident** for tree planting and care compared to **$3.00 per resident** in non-participating communities nationally.
- Urban trees in the state contribute **$1.9 billion** in community-wide environmental benefits each year, such as carbon sequestration, air pollution removal, and avoided stormwater runoff.
- The urban forestry sector in Maine has an annual sales and employment footprint worth **$357 million**.
- Tree cover at private homes adds **$350 million** annually to property values across Maine.

Findings are excerpted from the 2021 report, ‘The Economic Footprint and Quality-of-Life Benefits of Urban Forestry in the United States.’ The report quantifies economic benefits for calendar year 2017, the most recent year available for analysis.