ECONOMICS OF URBAN FORESTRY IN OKLAHOMA

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.

- 8,033 people are employed as a result of urban forestry activities in Oklahoma.
- Communities in Oklahoma enrolled in Tree City USA® invested an average of $4.87 per resident for tree planting and care compared to $3.00 per resident in non-participating communities nationally.
- Urban trees in the state contribute $1.5 billion in community-wide environmental benefits each year, such as carbon sequestration, air pollution removal, and avoided stormwater runoff.
- The urban forestry sector in Oklahoma has an annual sales and employment footprint worth $804 million.
- Tree cover at private homes adds $304 million annually to property values across Oklahoma.

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.