



Healthy Trees,
Healthy Lives

DECISIONS TODAY, IMPACT BENEFITS IN THE FUTURE

Start today, and create
happier, healthier communities



Understanding the urban forest distribution of your community and focusing on enhancement in priority areas can optimize public health benefits from trees.

Communities can promote healthier living by strategically placing treescapes in order to have the greatest impact on public health.

Where do we start? Take a look at the tree canopies around schools, healthcare facilities, along right-of-ways and neighborhoods.



SCHOOLS AND HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

- Are trees planted around playgrounds and lunch spots?
- Are there views of trees from classrooms?
- Are there trees near the entrance and in pickup/dropoff areas?
- Are there views of trees outside of patient windows?
- Is there a greenspace that is easily accessible and hospitable for patients and guests?

ALONG RIGHT-OF-WAYS

- Are there hot, exposed sidewalks that could benefit from street trees?
- Are there places where street trees would promote walkability?
- Are there roadways that would benefit from traffic calming?

AROUND NEIGHBORHOODS

- Are there neighborhoods, entire or partial, more than two blocks from a tree-covered green space?
- Are there vacant lots or corners that could be repurposed to pocket parks or green spaces?

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