

## ECONOMICS OF URBAN FORESTRY IN WEST VIRGINIA

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.



**619** people are employed as a result of urban forestry activities in West Virginia.



Communities in West Virginia enrolled in Tree City USA® invested an average of **\$5.14 per** 

resident for tree planting and care compared to \$3.00 per

**resident** in non-participating communities nationally.



Urban trees in the state contribute **\$1.8 billion** in community-wide environmental benefits each year, such as carbon sequestration, air pollution removal, and avoided stormwater runoff.

The urban forestry sector in West Virginia has an annual sales and employment footprint

worth \$57.1 million.



Tree cover at private homes adds

**\$471 million** annually to property values across West Virginia.





