



New York City Needs a Healthy and Equitable Urban Forest

Photo by Alex Potemkin.

The urban forest in New York City is some of our most valuable but underfunded natural infrastructure. Despite the economic, social, and environmental benefits our urban forest provides, there is no dedicated, long-term funding, or committed plan to protect, maintain, and grow the NYC urban forest.

Why does it matter?

Our urban forest:

- **Helps New York adapt to the impacts of climate change**
- **Enhances quality of life and improves public health**
- **Improves air quality**
- **Removes and stores carbon emissions**
- **Provides wildlife habitat**
- **Creates opportunities for civic engagement and social connection which builds community resilience**

Valued at \$5.7 billion standing, 7+ million trees in NYC provide many services and benefits, which are worth nearly **\$260 million/year**.

What is the NYC Urban Forest?

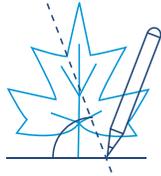
The NYC urban forest includes the more than 7 million trees across public and private property and found along streets and parkways, in front and backyards, parks and other natural areas.

The urban forest also includes the soil and tree roots systems, biodiversity that lives in this forest, people who take care of the trees, and the policy and funding that enables the urban forest to be sustained.

NYC Urban Forest Agenda

The *NYC Urban Forest Agenda* is a roadmap to protect, expand and promote the New York City urban forest to benefit all New Yorkers in a way that is just and equitable.

The *Agenda* is an organized call to action for the NYC urban forest and contains 12 actions:



PLAN

- Achieve 30% Canopy Cover by 2035
- Support Development of Community-Scale Urban Forest Plans and Goals
- Establish a Master Plan for the Urban Forest



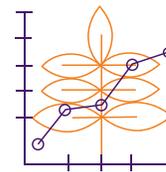
INVEST

- Grow and Sustain the Forest for All NYC Coalition
- Cultivate Urban Forest Careers
- Increase and Equitably Distribute Funding for Urban Forestry Projects



MANAGE

- Strengthen Tree Regulations and Establish Incentive Programs
- Set Tree Planting and Management Standards
- Develop Conditions to Transform Wood Waste into a Sustainable Local Resource



LEARN

- Create an Urban Forestry Research and Monitoring Agenda
- Establish Citywide Educational and Tree Stewardship Events
- Monitor Urban Forest Environment and Health

We Must Act Now

Forest for All NYC is a broad and diverse coalition of public, nonprofit, and private sector groups dedicated to conserving and expanding the urban forest in New York City.

Our vision is to create a healthy, biodiverse, robust, accessible, well-understood, and resilient urban forest that justly and equitably delivers its multiple benefits to all residents of New York City and helps the city adapt to and mitigate climate change.

The coalition aims to bring the *NYC Urban Forest Agenda* to life and educate decision makers, key stakeholders, and all those who live and work in New York on the benefits of the urban forest and how they can get involved to protect, maintain, and grow it.

Join Forest for All NYC and champion a just and equitable urban forest!