The project of “Enhancement of Small/Midsize Urban Forests in North Dakota” builds the planning and management capacity of North Dakota city tree boards to protect community forests more effectively.

This project also educates decision makers about the importance of green infrastructure and increases public awareness of the benefits of community forests. Participating communities have access to an urban forestry technical assistance team and a city-to-city mentor program enables communication and resource-sharing beyond the life of the project.

This project includes the implementation of a statewide web-based tree inventory and planning (TIP) tool, with the added features of an Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) calculator, tree tour creator, and training and coaching for users.

The impact of the project is wide-reaching. This statewide project directly impacts one-third of the state and establishes a framework to reach the remainder of North Dakota, with a template that could easily be replicated in other states in the region.

The results of this project in North Dakota include increased species diversity, mitigation of potential impacts of invasive species, and healthier, more resilient urban forests that are recognized for valuable environmental, social & economic benefits.