

# North Dakota

## NORTH DAKOTA FOREST SERVICE

The project of “Enhancement of Small/Midsize Urban Forests in North Dakota” is a Landscape Scale Restoration grant, and is “beyond the zone” of common funding sources for North Dakota Community Forestry projects. This project is a collaborative effort of public, private and nonprofit partners, involving the state forest service, North Dakota State University, ND Urban and Community Forestry Association, ND Recreation and Parks Association and ND Nursery, Greenhouse and Landscape Association. This project fortifies the sustainable management capabilities of small North Dakota communities with limited resources.

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.



North Dakota is home to 48 Tree City USA communities. While recent inventories in more than 80 communities across the state reveal an average street tree population consisting of 46% green ash, current efforts will enhance the health and resilience of ND’s community forests in the face of invasive pests such as EAB. Photo: Mary O’Neill, NDFS

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.

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