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Nevada Division of Forestry

Trees improve the livability of urban areas for many reasons. However, for several years now, tree canopy in Nevada's urban communities and towns has been diminishing. Large mature trees which reach the end of their lives are frequently replaced with smaller species, or not at all. Then, replanted trees often struggle to establish and reach maturity due to the demands of the harsh environment surrounding them. By offering some of Nevada's smaller communities mature trees to plant where there is a deficit, Nevada Division of Forestry's (NDF) programs help to bring residents together to enjoy the benefits of trees.

NDF's Urban and Community Forestry (U&CF) program provides technical assistance to communities around the state including tree selection and tree care programs, assistance with Arbor Day and Tree City USA activities, community forestry inventory, management, and planning, and assistance with the development of tree boards and ordinances.

The Nevada Nursery Program was first established in 1957 to provide technical assistance and conservation plant materials—tree seedlings, shrubs, forbs, and seed—to meet the conservation needs of Nevada's private landowners, public land management agencies, and urban communities. The nurseries also offer custom growing services for conservation plants native to or adapted to the Mojave Desert, Great Basin Desert, and Sierra Nevada.

The nurseries produce low-cost native or adapted plant species, acclimated to Nevada's environmental conditions, to encourage residents to take part in recreational activities that boost healthy living and for conservation purposes that include the establishment of windbreaks, wildlife habitat enhancement, and rehabilitation of wildfire damaged lands or other disturbed sites.

This year, NDF purchased mature trees that were donated to the Spring Creek Association, which is located in northern Nevada. These trees were planted to strengthen the community, beautify common areas, and to provide shade to residents using paths and parks within the homeowners association because trees are a vital component of Nevada's urban life.



Colorado blue spruce planted at the Spring Creek Marina.

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Trees being delivered by NDF to Spring Creek. Photo

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