



FACT SHEET

Our mission is to enhance quality of life by promoting the benefits of trees and development of sustainable community forests through education, outreach, and partnerships.

History and Organization

The Arkansas Urban Forestry Council was formed under guidelines established in the Urban and Community Forestry Act, a part of the 1990 Farm Bill. AUFC became a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in 1994. The Council was formed to promote responsible management of forests within both large urban areas and smaller communities. The AUFC Board of Directors is composed of 13 dedicated volunteers elected by the general membership and one ex-officio member appointed by the State Forester. Support staff includes an Executive Secretary.

Arkansas ReLeaf Projects

These projects are planned and coordinated with individual communities and may be used for tree plantings on public lands, environmental stewardship and tree education programs in the public schools, and assistance to communities for participation in the Tree City USA program. Past projects include Disaster Tree Restorations in Arkadelphia and suburban Little Rock and creation of a Butterfly Garden in Ft. Smith. AUFC also participated in the Millennium Tree Project for planting of famous and historic trees at county courthouses across the state.

Arkansas Arborist Service Day

Arborists Service Day was created by Bill Long, an arborist and AUFC member from Rudy, AR. AUFC sponsored the first Arborist Service Day in November 2002 at the Confederate Cemetery in Fayetteville, AR. The Second Annual Arborist Service Day was held in November 2003 at Camp Aldersgate in Little Rock, AR.

If your community or non-profit organization would be interested in hosting an Arborist Service Day in the future, please call AUFC.

Programs

AUFC has an annual conference that provides educational forums for members. AUFC sponsor training workshops in arboriculture techniques as well as the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) certification workshops and exams for the state of Arkansas. AUFC co-sponsors the National Arbor Day Foundation's annual Tree Poster contest. On-going educational projects include a Speakers Bureau that is available to communities and special interest groups at no charge.

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Publications and Media Outreach

AUFC produces a quarterly newsletter, *We Speak For The Trees*. Informational fact sheets on a variety of arboricultural subjects are available to individuals and communities free of charge. We also maintain a website: www.arkansastrees.org.