

# A Local Government Guide to the Chesapeake Bay NEW YORK TREE RESOURCE GUIDE

This short guide contains tree-related resources that are specific to the state of New York, including technical assistance, tools, funding, and training. For an overview of trees in the whole Chesapeake Bay watershed, please see the module [Capitalizing on the Benefits of Trees](#) and the accompanying [fact sheet](#).

## URBAN AND COMMUNITY TREE PROGRAM

[The New York State Urban and Community Forestry \(UCF\) Program](#) is a partnership between Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) forestry professionals, public and private individuals, and volunteer organizations who care about community trees. It supports and assists communities in comprehensive planning, management, and education to create healthy urban and community forests to enhance the quality of life for residents. Funding for this program is provided in part by the State of New York and the USDA Forest Service.

The NYS UCF Program provides technical assistance to communities through local DEC Urban Foresters and ReLeaf volunteers. Assistance is available from the State through competitive grants, technical advice, presentations, training workshops, print and web materials, and helpful links to other UCF related resources.

## TREE STEWARDSHIP

[New York ReLeaf Program](#) brings together tree care professionals, municipal staff, utility arborists, state and local government officials, educators, tree board members, and interested members of the public in support of urban forestry education across the state. The program promotes the value of trees, proper tree care, and sound urban forest management practices by connecting communities to technical expertise, information and resources, training, and potential funding sources that will help them meet their local needs as well as maintain and improve their urban forests.



The UCF Program can help train municipal staff in proper planting and young tree care which results in healthier, long-lived trees. Photo courtesy of Diane Batzing.

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## GRANTS AND OTHER RESOURCES

[NYS UCF Grants](#) fund tree inventories, community forest management plans, tree planting, and tree maintenance. Available approximately every other year, these grants are for municipalities, not-for-profits and quasi-government entities for projects on non-state public land and private land open to the public. Amounts: \$11,000 - \$75,000. Some grants require match.

[Other grants](#) listed by DEC that include federal, state and local grants for UCF.

Local urban forestry staff are available to answer questions and provide technical assistance, which includes advice on best management practices, presentations, training workshops, print and online publications. Contact the [Regional Forestry Office](#). The statewide program is coordinated from the Albany office ([urbanforestry@dec.ny.gov](mailto:urbanforestry@dec.ny.gov)).

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[New York State Urban Forestry Council](#) is a not-for-profit organization that advises and assists DEC in executing its Urban and Community Forestry program. The Council promotes the benefits of trees, advances UCF outreach and education, and promotes comprehensive UCF planning and best management practices.

[Upper Susquehanna Coalition Buffer Team](#) supports partners in their initiatives to implement riparian buffers and lead education and outreach programs regarding water quality and function of riparian areas. The Buffer Team also coordinates DEC's [Trees for Tributaries Program](#) in the Upper Susquehanna Watershed.

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[The Chesapeake Tree Canopy Network](#) connects you with resources, stories, and best practices to understand, expand, and maintain your canopy.

### New Tree Canopy Data Posted!

High resolution tree data are now available for the entire watershed, including local fact sheets showing tree cover status, trends (gains/losses), and i-Tree benefits. Visit [Understand your Canopy](#) to learn more.

Trees provide health, social and economic benefits as well as cleaner air and water, and stormwater reduction. Photo courtesy of NYSDEC.

