

**Issue:  
INSTALLATION  
AND  
MANAGEMENT**

*Communities suffer from improperly planted and neglected trees. Properly planted and maintained trees are crucial to achieve maximum social, economic and environmental benefits. Proper urban forestry management practices lead to viable, sustainable and livable urban environments.*



**Recommended  
Actions:**

- Conduct workshop and/or series on tree production with a target audience of the nursery industry.
- Develop and produce two types of tags (balled and burlapped, and containerized) for nursery stock that explain how to plant and care for the tree.
- Produce a brochure on tree maintenance that will be distributed to the purchaser at the time of tree sale.
- Develop an adult educational program similar to Tree Stewards, Forest Keepers or Tree Keepers.
- Promote education of municipal employees and commercial landscapers.

**Recommended  
Actions:**

- Develop and deliver educational programs and materials to all stakeholders to encourage the concepts of sustainable communities, low-impact developments, and smart growth.
- Develop a “green” recognition program for outstanding development projects in both the public and private sector.
- Assist communities in developing reasonable planning and zoning ordinances and/or regulations that sustain and enhance the urban forest.
- Partner with communities in developing or updating their comprehensive plans.

**Issue:  
URBAN  
EXPANSION**

*As urban areas expand into natural areas, unique problems arise. Natural systems are not given due consideration during the planning stage, and restoration efforts after development are often inadequate.*

**Issue:  
COMMUNITY  
FORESTRY  
PROGRAM  
DEVELOPMENT**

*Many communities lack a comprehensive, proactive urban forestry management program. They often have insufficient political support, funding, and professional expertise to establish, sustain and grow an effective program.*



**Recommended  
Actions:**

- Provide funding for initial program development that encourages future self-sufficiency.
- Support tree boards with networking resources and leadership training.
- Assist communities in obtaining the necessary urban forestry tools, such as inventories, ordinances, municipal plans, computer software and hardware, etc.

**Recommended  
Actions:**

- At the state level, provide urban forestry training for arborists, city employees, utilities, and others (i.e., Department of Transportation).
- At the community level, have professionals available to stimulate interest, carry out training and outreach efforts, participate in urban forestry grant applications and program management assistance.
- Support and promote available certification programs.
- Promote urban forestry and arboriculture curriculum in institutions of higher learning.

**Issue:  
TECHNICAL  
EXPERTISE**

*There is a lack of public and private professional horticultural expertise in urban forestry. Kentucky needs more certified arborists, trained management, skilled employees, funding, interest and awareness.*

