

1998 USDA URBAN FORESTRY

The Northeastern Area

The Northeastern Area of the USDA Forest Service, State and Private Forestry, provides technical and financial support for urban and community forestry projects and promotes natural resources management as a means to address the economic, social, and environmental needs in communities. In addition to Urban and Community Forestry, several other USDA Forest Service program areas, such as Forest Health, Natural Resources Conservation Education, and Economic Action, support urban and community forestry projects. All program areas promote partnerships among federal, state, and local government agencies, as well as private and non-profit organizations, to improve the quality of life of the people and communities in the region.

The Northeastern Area encompasses approximately 30,000,000 acres with a population of over 114 million people. USDA Forest Service technical and managerial staff are located in three field offices that serve three subareas within the Northeastern Area. This decentralized staffing structure facilitates communication with state-level counterparts and assists in regionalized approaches to problem solving.

New York and the New England states are served from the Durham, NH Field Office. The Morgantown, WV Field Office works with the six states in the Mid-Atlantic subregion, and the St. Paul, MN Field Office serves the seven Midwestern states. There is also a USDA Forest Service urban forester located in Washington, DC to coordinate federal activities in the Washington metropolitan area, and an urban forester located at the Morris Arboretum in Philadelphia, PA who assists with program coordination in the Mid-Atlantic States.

Three Centers of Excellence have been developed - the Urban Forestry Center for the Midwestern States in Chicago, IL; the Center for Urban Forestry at the Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA; and the Northeast Center for Urban and Community Forestry, Amherst, MA. These centers support the technology transfer component of the Federal Urban Forestry Program and partner with Forest Service research, universities, and conservation organizations.

