

# About the District

The DelAtlantic Soil Conservation District is a cornerstone of natural resource conservation in Atlantic, Cape May, and Camden Counties. As one of New Jersey's 13 Soil Conservation Districts, we are a political subdivision of the state, locally governed and deeply rooted in the communities we serve.

Over the decades, the DelAtlantic Conservation District has evolved to meet the changing needs of our region. From combating soil erosion caused by construction and development to addressing watershed planning and agricultural sustainability, we play a vital role in preserving New Jersey's natural heritage.

*Collaboration is at the heart of our work—we partner with farmers, landowners, municipalities, engineers, and the general public to achieve our conservation goals*



## Resources

### Links

- ◆ DelAtlantic Conservation District: <https://www.delatlantic.org/>
- ◆ NJDEP Forest Service: [communityforestry.nj.gov](http://communityforestry.nj.gov)
- ◆ NJ Forest Service Tree Nursery: <https://www.nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/forest/nursery/>
- ◆ NJ Shade Tree Federation: <https://njstf.org/>
- ◆ Rutgers Urban & Community Forestry Program: <https://urbanforestry.rutgers.edu/>
- ◆ Sustainable Jersey: <https://www.sustainablejersey.com/>

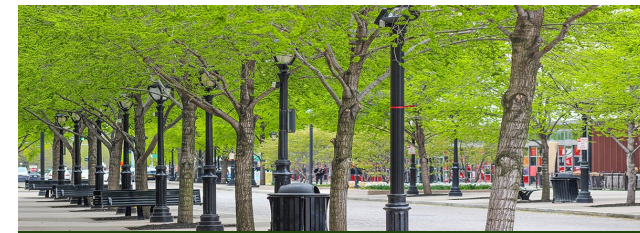
### Newsletter

To join the District mailing list and receive our forestry newsletter, please email: [forestry@delatlantic.org](mailto:forestry@delatlantic.org)

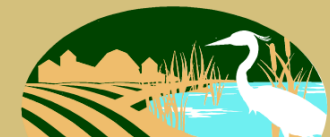


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## Community Forestry Services



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# What is Community Forestry?

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Community forestry planning is a collaborative approach to managing forest resources that actively involves local communities in decision-making processes. This approach recognizes the vital role that communities play in the sustainable management and conservation of forest ecosystems. By integrating local knowledge, value, and needs, community forestry planning ensures that forest management practices are not only environmentally sound but also socially and economically beneficial to the people who depend on these resources. This planning process typically involves the establishment of a shared vision for forest use, the development of management plans that balance ecological health with community benefits, and the implementation of practices that promote biodiversity, resource sustainability, and local livelihoods.

Through community forestry planning, communities gain a sense of ownership and responsibility for their natural resources, leading to more effective conservation efforts and improved resilience against environmental challenges.

## NJUCF Program

The New Jersey Urban & Community Forestry Program (NJUCF) encourages, promotes, and supports local stewardship and effective management of trees and forest ecosystems in NJ's communities through technical and financial assistance.

### Benefits of Accreditation

A healthy and resilient urban forest offers **environmental, economic, and social benefits** for communities now and into the future.

NJUCF offers **grant opportunities** for communities to develop and implement Community Forestry Management Plans.

Accreditation provides a basis for local governments to **reduce/eliminate liability** related to community tree care and shade tree commissions.

### Receive & Maintain Accreditation

To receive and maintain NJUCF accreditation, a local government must have:

- ◆ A state forester-approved five-year **Community Forestry Management Plan** following NJUCF guidelines, including a **Tree Inventory**
- ◆ Training and education in the form of CORE training earned by at least two representatives (one municipal employee and one volunteer) and eight or more CEUs earned annually by at least two individuals
- ◆ An Annual Accomplishment Report submitted annually by February 15th

For more details, please visit [communityforestry.nj.gov](http://communityforestry.nj.gov)



**Dedicated to protecting soil, water, and other natural resources through technical assistance, conservation education, and the implementation of effective regulatory programs.**

## District Services

The District strives to meet the dynamic forestry needs of municipalities with the services it provides. **Contact us with your needs today!**

### Community Tree Inventory

A community tree inventory can be sample-based, partial, or complete, based on the management goals of your community. Tree inventories are imperative for data supported management.

### Community Forestry Management Plan (CFMP)

A CFMP is a guide for managing a community's forest to be safe, healthy, and sustainable. A CFMP also allows a local government's tree program to be more efficient through proactive management.

### Heat Island Assessment (HIA)

A HIA uses land surface temperature data to identify and evaluate areas of extreme temperatures in the developed areas of your municipality, which are known as "heat islands". A HIA can be used to develop a Heat Island Mitigation Plan and guide implementation.

## Pricing

Additional grant opportunities may be available to offset the cost of our services, including a Community Forest Inventory and Management Plan.

For pricing information and more about how the District can assist you with your forestry needs, please contact the District's forestry program.