



Tree Planting to Workforce Training

Project Description

Many small and rural Alabama communities lack the resources and trained workforce to manage urban forests. Existing trees are often aging or undesirable, and communities face challenges such as high poverty, limited job opportunities, and vulnerability to extreme weather. This project supports these areas by planting new trees and training local workers—including municipal, commercial, and unemployed individuals—in essential tree-care and storm-response skills. The goal is to build a safer, more skilled workforce and improve community livability.

Timeline & Objectives (5 Years)

- Plant 250+ trees in underserved communities
- Train local workers in urban forestry and arboriculture
- Promote wind- and heat-resistant trees
- Improve urban forest management through data collection and planning

Project Impact

Green Up Alabama will revitalize urban forests, enhance environmental sustainability, and expand workforce development. Communities will become more attractive, resilient, and engaged. Specialized training will open doors to higher-paying jobs in the tree-care industry, creating lasting economic and social benefits. Green Up Alabama is made possible through funding from the US Department of Agriculture, Forest Service.

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