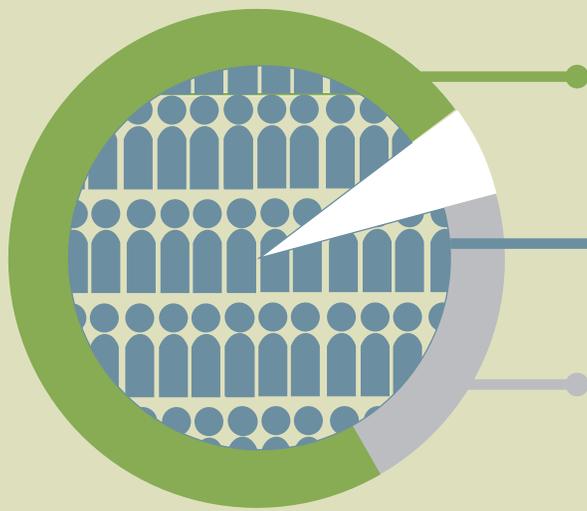


California Needs

Urban Forests



California's urban areas are home to approximately 200 million trees.¹

Over 94% of Californians live in an urban area

There's space for 50 million more trees in California's cities and towns!

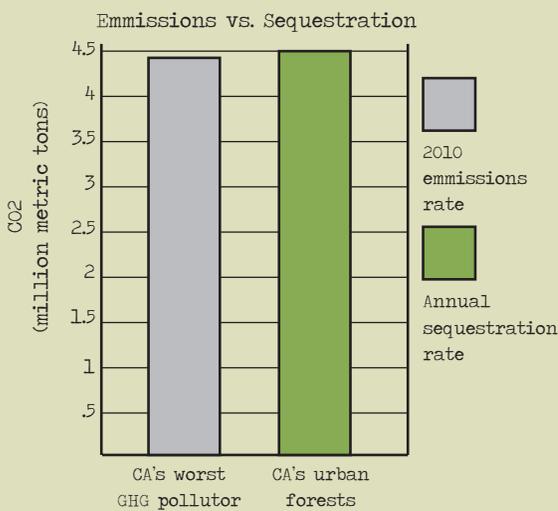
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urban forest
noun: the trees, plants, and natural resources within a city or town.

Example:
The trees, parks, trails, and green spaces in your community - even your back yard - are parts of the urban forest.

What do urban forests do for California?

Air^{2,3,4}



CO2 Reduction savings per tree per year
+
Ozone & particulate pollution reduction per tree per year

x 200 million trees
\$1,000,000,000

Water⁵



intercept one Olympic-sized swimming pool worth of stormwater annually

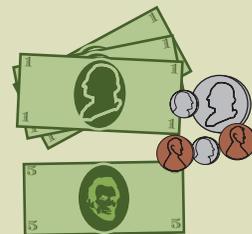


Stormwater treatment & flood control savings per tree per year

x 200 million trees
\$720,000,000

Energy⁶

177 million trees shading homes and buildings reduce air conditioning energy use by



Energy savings by utilities and customers per tree per year

x 177 million trees
\$1,499,190,000

Public Health⁷



lives in least green areas



lives in most green areas

Likelihood of being physically active



3x more likely

Likelihood of being overweight or obese



40% less likely

Jobs⁸



\$3.6 billion added to California's economy

Community⁹



Homes, goods, and services sell for

12% more

in communities with trees than without trees



California ReLeaf's mission is to empower grassroots efforts and build strategic partnerships that preserve, protect, and enhance California's urban and community forests. We work statewide to promote alliances among community-based organizations, individuals, industry, and government agencies, encouraging each to contribute to the livability of our cities and the protection of our environment by planting and caring for trees.

To learn more about the importance of California's urban forests, visit californiareleaf.org/whytrees.

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