



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.

Thank you to all of our partner organizations that participated in this project statewide. For a list of all 17 organizations and to learn more about their projects, visit californiareleaf.org/treesandjobs.

URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTS. CREATING JOBS. LEAVING A LEGACY.

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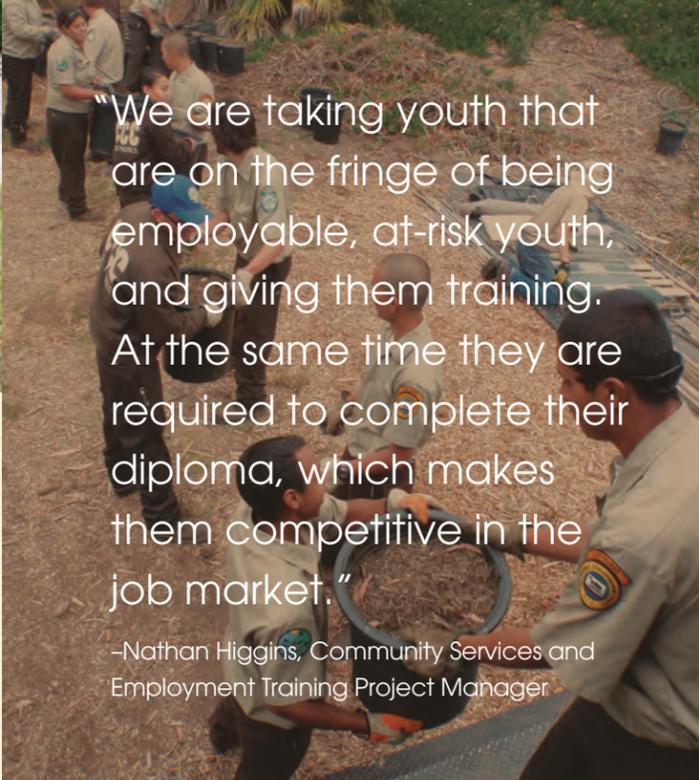
Join California ReLeaf in leaving a legacy.

California ReLeaf works statewide to build alliances among community-based groups, government agencies, industries and individuals. We work to contribute to the livability of our communities and environment by planting and caring for our trees.

Our network of urban forestry organizations is vital to California's green infrastructure. Urban forests improve Californians quality of life and our work will leave a legacy for decades to come. The California ReLeaf Network, representing 30 counties and 74 cities, has planted more than 1.5 million trees since 1992.



The next generation of California's workforce is essential to sustaining and improving our state's green infrastructure



"We are taking youth that are on the fringe of being employable, at-risk youth, and giving them training. At the same time they are required to complete their diploma, which makes them competitive in the job market."

-Nathan Higgins, Community Services and Employment Training Project Manager

URBAN FOREST: trees and vegetation throughout our communities

Urban forests are the trees and vegetation throughout our communities. You see them in our yards, along residential streets, in parking lots at commercial centers, on school grounds and in parks and open spaces. Healthy urban forests are integral to the ecological, economic and social well-being of our communities. More than 94% of Californians - or 35 million people - live in an urban area and depend on these benefits.

Health and Quality-of-Life Benefits

- Cleaning the air and water
- Saving energy through cooling shade
- Raising property values
- Rekindling neighborhood pride
- Providing places for children to play
- Providing homes and food for wildlife

Urban and Community Forestry Jobs

- Urban, municipal or community forester
- Arborist
- Landscape architect
- Urban planner
- Parks and recreation staff
- Environmental educator
- Conservation corps member
- GIS technician
- Research forester
- Utility arborist



"Urban forests are critical to changing the quality of environmental health in our communities; our approach promotes restoration and environmental stewardship."

-Kemba Shakur, Urban Releaf Executive Director



In 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) assigned the U.S. Forest Service a role in facilitating the preservation and creation of jobs to promote economic recovery throughout the nation by helping those impacted by the recession.

California ReLeaf was selected by the U.S. Forest Service to administer \$6 million from the ARRA economic stimulus package to support 17 urban forestry projects statewide. The care and management of California's urban and community forests through these projects resulted in nearly 90,000 trees planted and maintained, the creation and retention of more than 380 local jobs, along with the contribution of over 205,000 job hours to California's workforce.

We are leaving a legacy. These urban forestry projects provided critical training in the public works sector for young adults and at-risk youth. We also created a healthier, cleaner and livable environment for California residents and visitors for decades to come.

The ARRA projects demonstrate that urban and community forests create local jobs and have a positive impact on California's economy. In 2009, more than 60,000 urban forestry jobs throughout California resulted in \$3.3 billion in individual income. It also added \$3.6 billion in value to the state's economy.

Cities and towns across California can continue job creation and economic growth by investing in urban and community forests today.

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