

# The State of Michigan's Urban and Community Forests:

*Results of the 2005 municipal survey*



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## Executive Summary

The Michigan Department of Natural Resource's (DNR) Urban and Community Forestry (UCF) program helps Michigan's residents improve their quality of life by promoting community stewardship and investment in managing local urban forests. In 2005, the DNR conducted a survey of Michigan municipalities to assess the status of local urban forestry programs and to provide baseline information to guide future program direction.

The survey was modeled, with permission, after a similar survey used by the Oregon Department of Forestry, Urban and Community Forestry program in their November 2004 statewide survey. Using an online survey format, 260 municipalities were surveyed on forty questions related to local management of public trees. The survey was open for 1.5 months.

Of the 260 municipalities surveyed, 108 completed the survey for a response rate of 41%. The total population of communities in the survey represented approximately 55% of the state's population with 30% of the population represented by the responses. Below are some highlights of the survey findings:

- 74% reported having an existing urban forestry program
- 78% reported that they have a municipal tree ordinance
- 50% reported having a tree advisory committees
- 16% reported having formal urban forest management plans.
- Municipalities reported aggregate expenditures of nearly \$28 million on urban forestry activities during 2005.
- Insect and disease issues (41%), loss of community tree cover (30%), and dead tree removal (29%) were the top three ranked tree related concerns
- The top three program related concerns were budget (57%), staffing (28%) and lack of political support (15%).
- Liability, improved community image and enhanced quality of life were reported as the primary drivers for managing public trees.
- 40% indicated they had only become aware of the program in the past 5 years.
- Nearly 67% reported that they had received assistance from the DNR's UCF program since it began in 1992 (nearly 30% in the past three years).
- The most common types of assistance received are financial and technical

The challenge faced by the Michigan Department of Natural Resource's Urban and Community Forestry program is to engage communities, motivate them to action and help them create lasting and sustainable local programs. The information derived from this survey helps to establish a baseline of progress towards reaching those goals. The next steps will be to interpret this information and use it to guide and improve the program's delivery of assistance for the betterment of Michigan's communities and their urban forests.

## Introduction

The mission of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Urban and Community Forestry (UCF) Program, is to help citizens improve their quality of life by promoting community investment in their urban forests. The DNR provides technical, financial, and educational assistance to help Michigan municipalities capitalize on the economic, environmental, and social benefits that trees provide. In partnership with the USDA Forest Service, the DNR has a single staff member designated to work with communities to provide a wide array of urban forestry advice and services.

Since the federally funded, state UCF program was established in 1992, thousands of technical, financial, and educational assistance interactions have been provided to Michigan's communities, schools, nonprofit organizations, other public agencies and residents. The program has managed over \$4.5 million dollars in 1,624 cost-share project grants, leveraging a local match of more than \$7 million.

As part of an on-going effort to improve the efficiency, effectiveness, and innovation of the program's delivery, periodic planning activities including program reviews and assessments take place. This document reports the findings of one such planning effort, a 2005 survey of Michigan municipalities that was undertaken to obtain data, opinions, and perceptions from elected officials or municipal staff responsible for urban forestry decision making. The purposes of conducting this survey included assessing the status of local urban forestry programs, helping the DNR determine the most appropriate delivery systems for providing urban forestry services, and helping provide future program direction.

## Methodology

The survey was designed to collect a broad variety of information about each of the surveyed general purpose units of government (i.e. city, village, township). This information included basic demographic information, as well as specific technical and financial data related to local urban forestry programs. The goal was to use this information to determine each municipality's future plans and needs related to urban forestry assistance.

Forty (40) survey questions were developed and organized around key themes to collect the desired information. A portion of the survey was designed to collect information about what common municipal urban and community forestry (UCF) program elements (e.g. staff, inventory, ordinance etc.) were present in the responding community.

For purposes of this survey, the term "**Tree Management Program**"\* was used to refer to this concept of Urban and Community Forestry. This was done in an effort to engage and receive input from communities of any size that otherwise may not have related to the term "urban forestry" in this context. Respondents were initially asked whether they had a tree management program in their municipality, and subsequently what specific program components were present, if any.

*\*Def. **Tree Management Program**: those official activities undertaken by a community of any size, to manage and maintain trees on public property. Some examples of activities would include budgeting, staffing, planting, pruning, removal, spraying etc..*

Some questions used an open ended response, others involved a defined list of choices, and others used a five point rating scale measuring the strength of agreement towards a set of options or statements. An Internet survey site ([www.surveymonkey.com](http://www.surveymonkey.com)) was used as the data collection mechanism.

The survey population was identified by developing a list of email addresses for a key contact in each sampled municipality. For municipalities that have an existing established working relationship with the UCF program, the key contact was typically a municipal forester, city planner, parks manager, public works director, or other official known to be the primary decision maker within that municipality's urban forestry program. For municipalities without an existing relationship with the UCF program, a key contact was identified by the program coordinator from personal communication with the municipality. Email addresses were obtained for all respondents to be used to invite participation in the survey. Hard copy versions were available to be mailed upon request, however, none were requested.

After the email list was finalized and the survey was written, an email invitation was sent requesting their participation in the on-line survey. Each contact was requested to share the survey with other community representative(s) if they felt someone else was better qualified to respond. The survey was open for approximately 1.5 months from January 30<sup>th</sup> – March 13<sup>th</sup>. Two reminder email notices were sent, one after approximately one month (2/27) and a final one the week before the survey closed (3/6). As incentive to complete the survey, a gift of a historic tree sapling (donated by American Forests) was randomly selected from the responding communities.

### **Demographics and Survey Respondents**

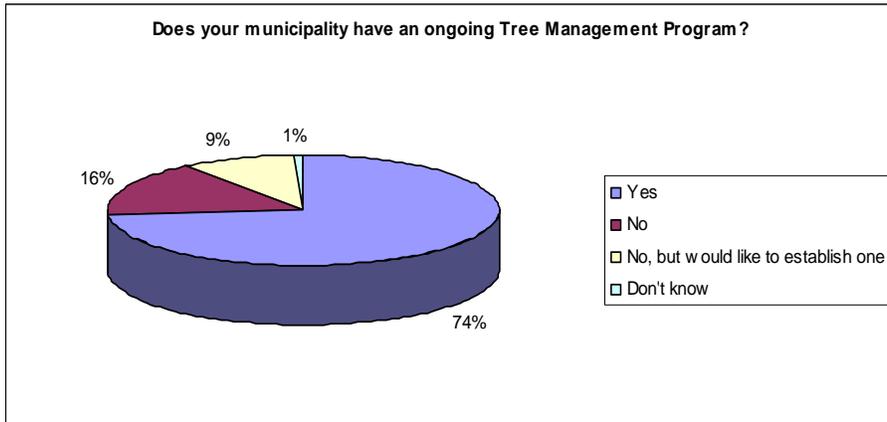
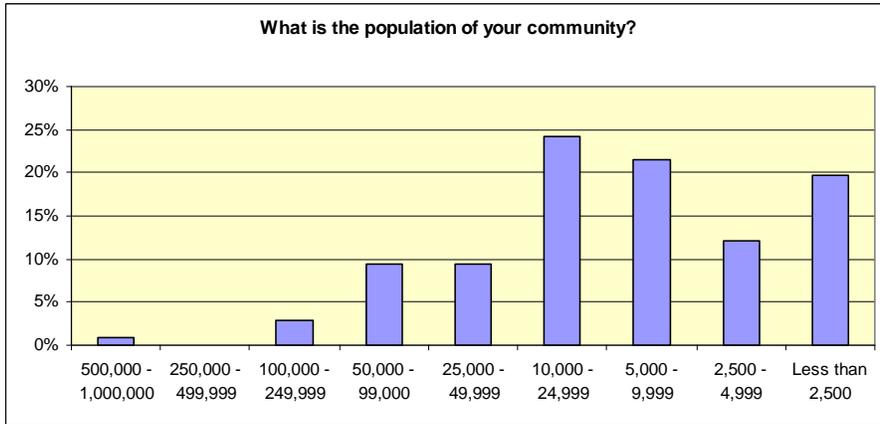
From a land perspective, Michigan can be considered a rural state with over 50% of its 56,804 square miles (22<sup>nd</sup> nationally) comprised between the northern half of the Lower Peninsula and the entire Upper Peninsula. However, from a population distribution perspective, things look markedly different. The approximately 10 million residents (8<sup>th</sup> nationally) are distributed disproportionately with 80% urban and 20% rural throughout the state's 1,776 general purpose units of government (i.e. city, village, township). Further, nearly 60% of the total population resides in 10 contiguous counties of southeast Michigan and 1% in the city of Detroit alone.

The population distribution for Michigan municipalities ranges from less than a dozen to nearly 1 million people. Demographically, 1,472 (82%) of Michigan municipalities can be designated as small municipalities with a population of 5,000 people or fewer, 245 municipalities (13%) are medium municipalities with populations ranging from 5,000 to 25,000 people, and 62 (3%) are large municipalities with more than 25,000 residents.

Of Michigan's 1,776 general purpose units of government, 260 (14%) were surveyed representing nearly 55% of the population. 108 (6%) completed the 2005 survey that forms the basis of this report, for an overall response rate of 41%.

**Summarized Survey Results:**

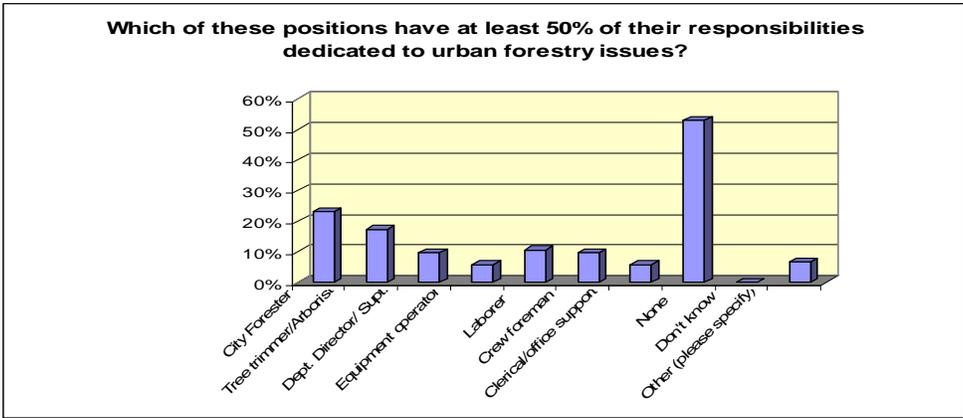
**GENERAL QUESTIONS**



<b>Does your municipality promote trees as a tool to:</b>	
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Rank #</b>
Improve community image	1
Provide environmental benefits	2
Improve retail streetscapes	3
Improve property/real estate values	4
Provide wildlife habitat/food	5
Reduce social/emotional stress	6
Reduce neighborhood crime	7
None, we don't promote the benefits of trees	8
Other	9

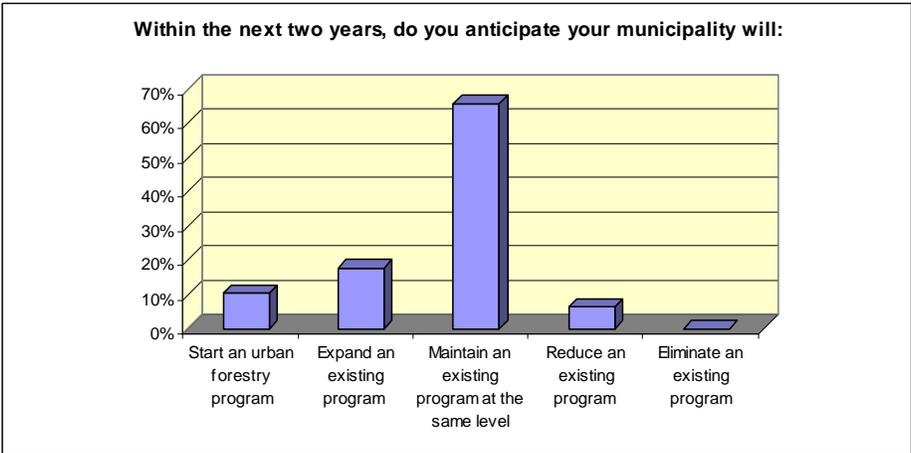
**STAFFING**

<b>What is the title of the person most responsible for tree related issues in your municipality?</b>	
<b>Title</b>	<b>Response %</b>
Departmental Director or Superintendent	47%
City Forester	17%
City/Village/Twp Manager	15%
Foreman	5%
Other	5%



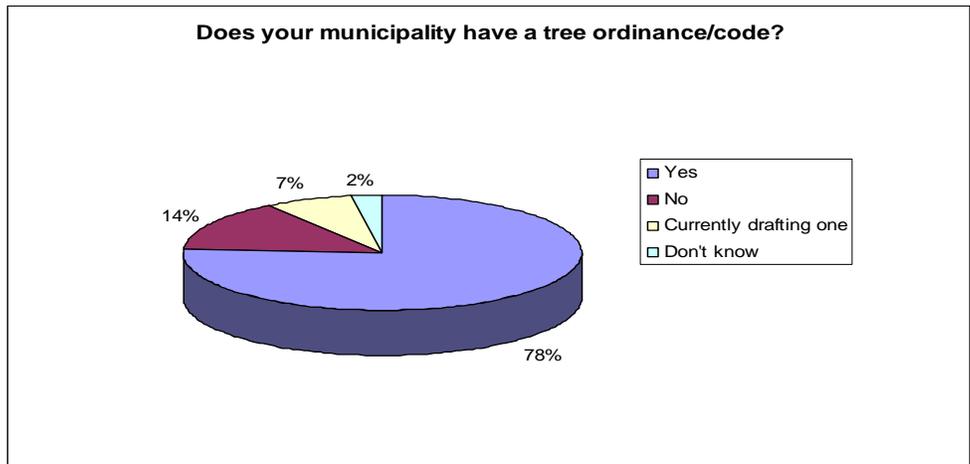
<b>Does your municipality employ, or contract with, a professional arborist/forester who have at least one of these credentials: (1) degree in forestry or related field (2) ISA certified arborist or equivalent professional certification?</b>	
	<b>Response %</b>
Yes	55%
No	35%
Don't know	4%
Other	6%

**PERCEPTIONS**



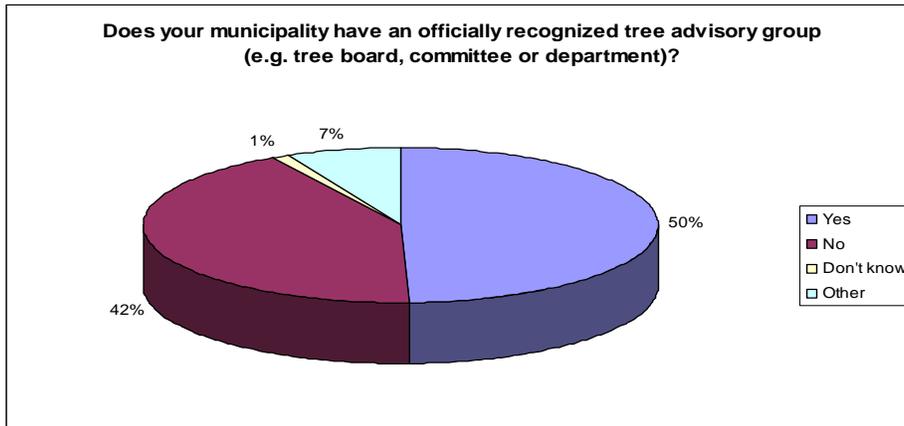
<b>What are the primary drivers for managing trees within your municipality?</b>	
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Rank #</b>
Legal/liability issues	1
Improved community image	2
Enhanced quality of life	3
Citizen advocacy/demand	4
Political reasons	5
Air quality benefits	6
Increased property values	7
Stormwater management	8
Traffic calming	9
Energy conservation benefits	10
Financial savings	10

**ORDINANCE**



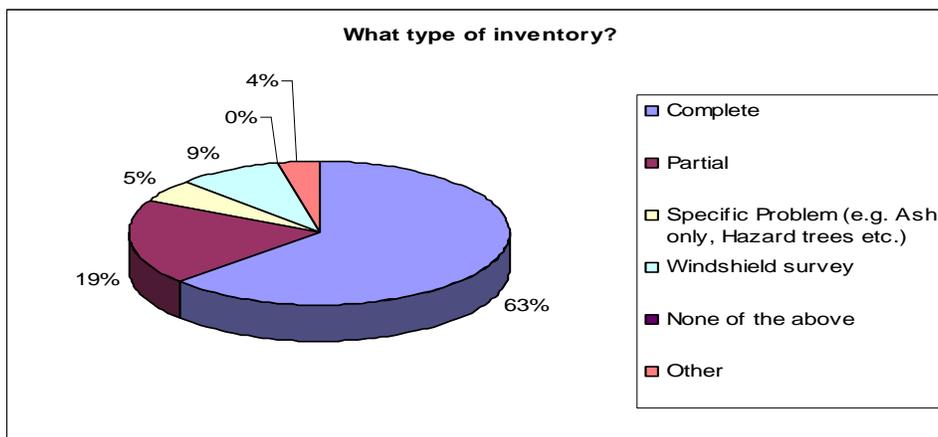
<b>Clauses Appearing In Municipal Ordinances or Codes</b>	
<b>Clause</b>	<b>Rank #</b>
Defines authority for public tree species	1
Regulates tree removal	2
Regulates tree species allowed for planting	3
Establishes penalties/fines	4
Defines tree planting specifications	5
Regulates tree removal	6
Authorizes/establishes a tree advisory group	7
Prohibits tree topping	8
Defines tree maintenance standards	9
Regulates tree removal	10

## TREE BOARD



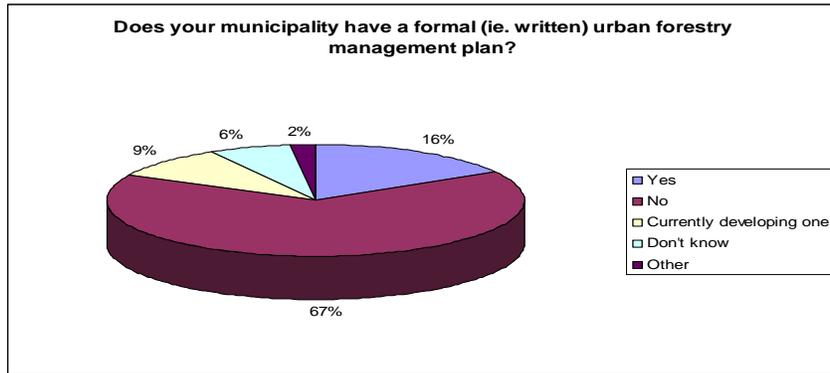
## TREE INVENTORY

<b>Has your municipality ever conducted an inventory of trees on public property (i.e. streets and/or parks)?</b>	
	<b>Response %</b>
Yes	<b>59%</b>
No	<b>30%</b>
Currently conducting one	<b>6%</b>
Don't know	<b>5%</b>



<b>How long has it been since it was updated?</b>	
	<b>Response %</b>
1 - 5 years	<b>58%</b>
6 - 10 years	<b>25%</b>
More than 10 years	<b>11%</b>
Never	<b>4%</b>
Don't know	<b>2%</b>

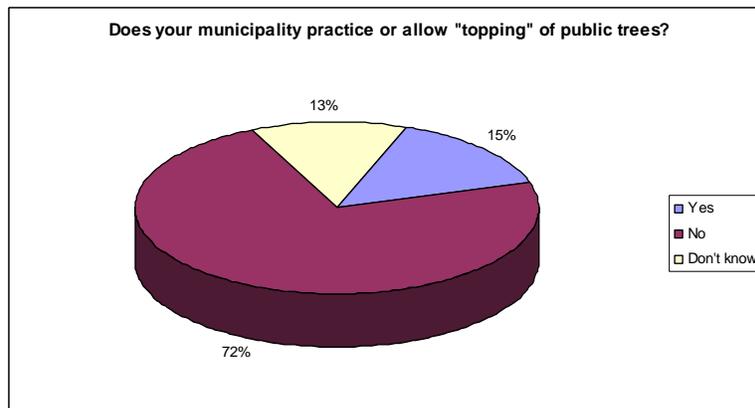
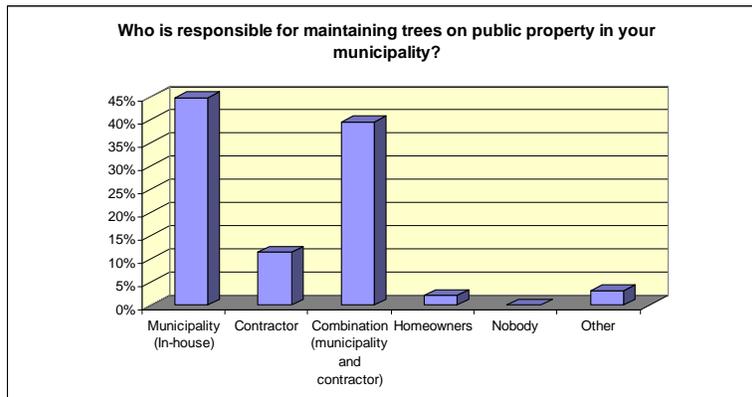
## MANAGEMENT PLAN



## MAINTENANCE

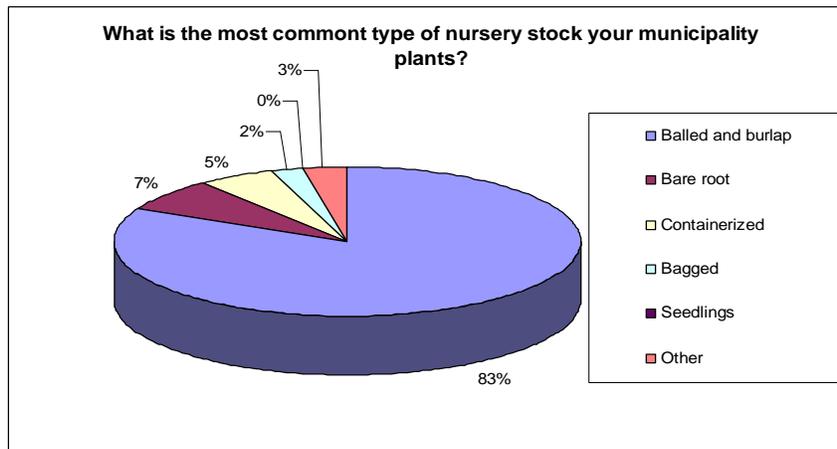
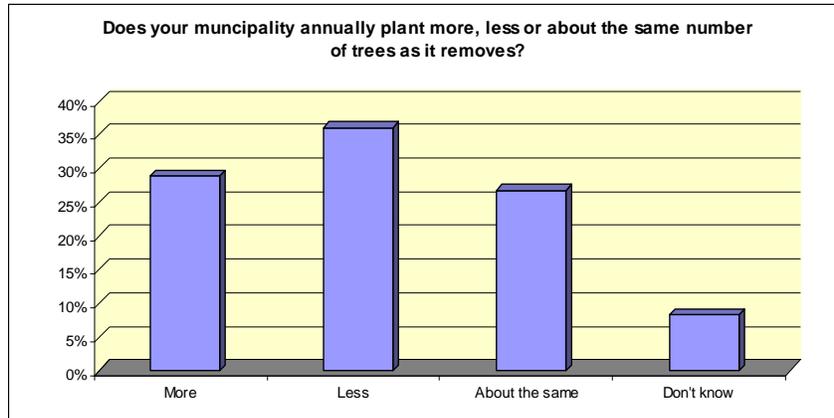
**How would you best categorize the tree pruning and removal schedule in your municipality?**

	Response %
Continuous	44%
Seasonal	32%
Emergency	20%
Non-existent	2%



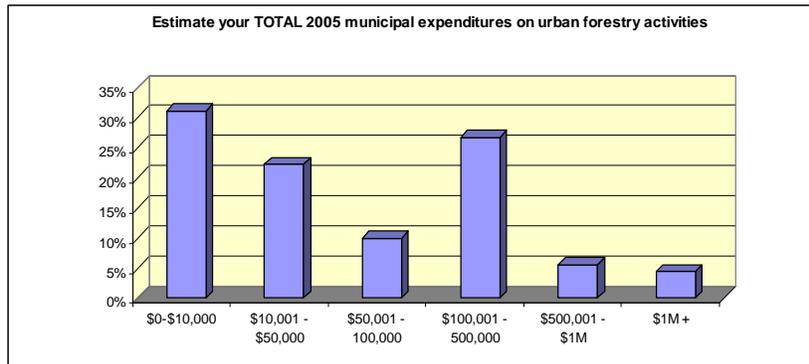
## PLANTING

<b>How would you describe your community's approach to tree planting?</b>	
	<b>Response %</b>
Planned annually	<b>53%</b>
Periodic (funding dependent)	<b>38%</b>
Replacement ONLY	<b>5%</b>
Non-existent	<b>5%</b>



<b>Does your municipality administer a cost-share tree planting program with residents?</b>	
	<b>Response %</b>
No	<b>68%</b>
Yes	<b>17%</b>
No, but would like to	<b>13%</b>
Don't know	<b>2%</b>

## BUDGET

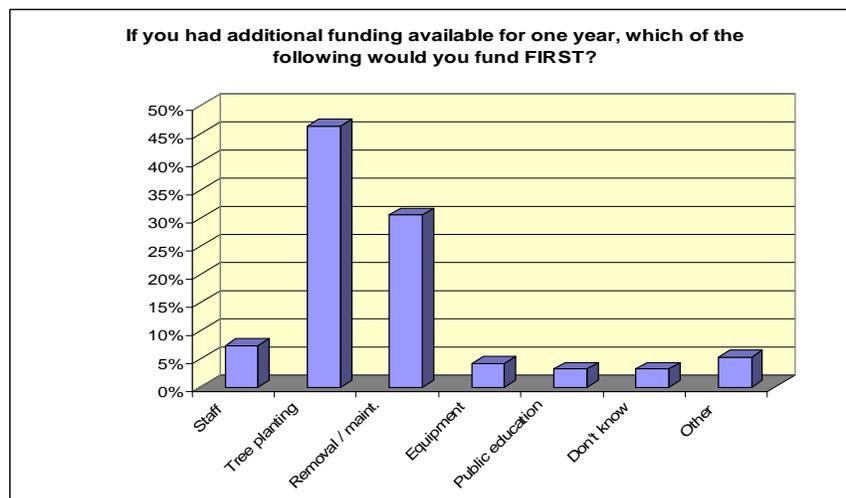


**Estimate what percentage of that total was spent in each of the following categories during 2005.**

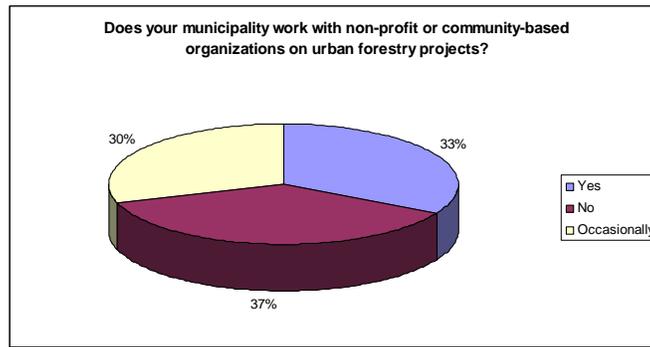
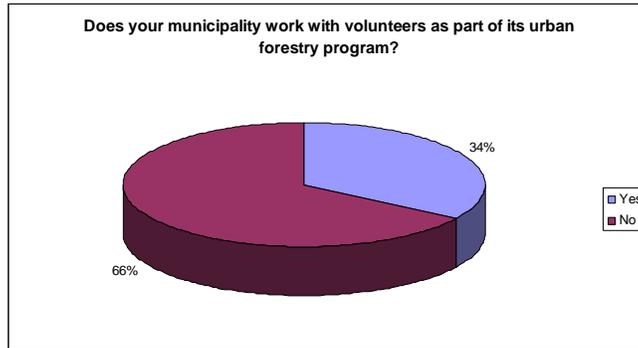
	Response %
Removals	30%
Planting	23%
Routine maintenance	20%
Administration (salaries, wages, benefits, overhead etc.)	15%
Equipment	7%
Storms	5%
Public education	1%

**Please mark the most common sources of funding used for your municipal urban forestry program in a typical year.**

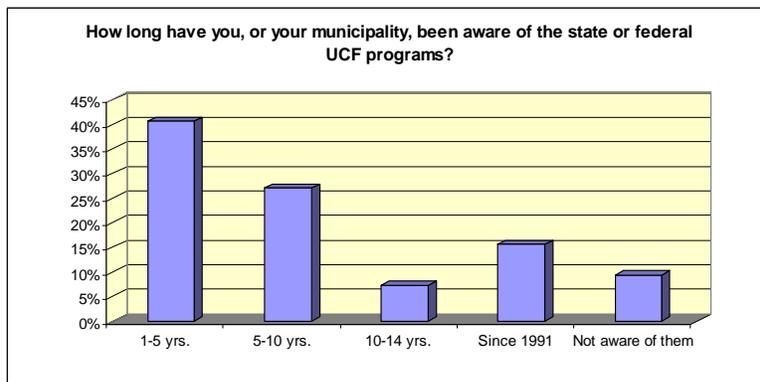
	Response %
Local general funds	73%
State/Federal grants	11%
Assigned use funds (e.g. park millage, beautification etc.)	6%
Special taxes (e.g. road use, gas, frontage etc.)	4%
Fines and penalties (e.g. developer, ordinance violations etc.)	3%
Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)	2%
Fundraising, endowments and donations	1%



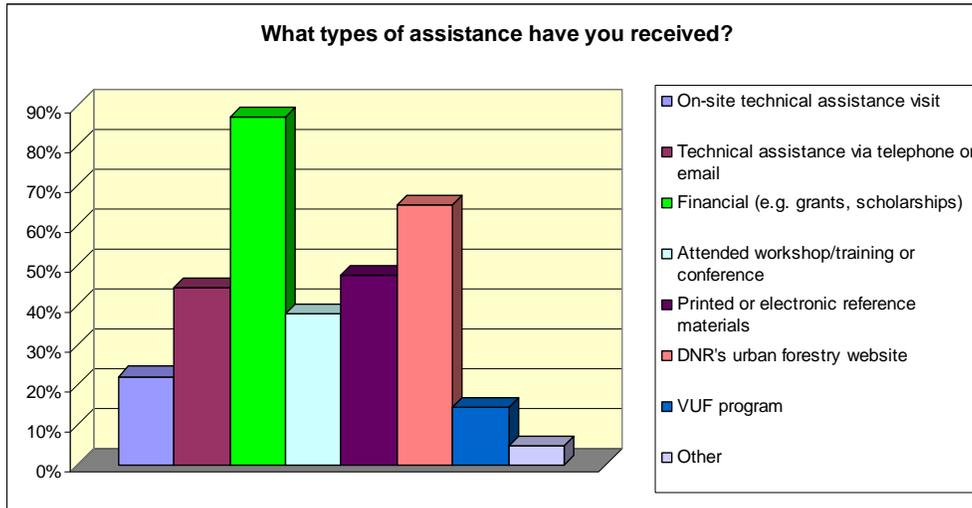
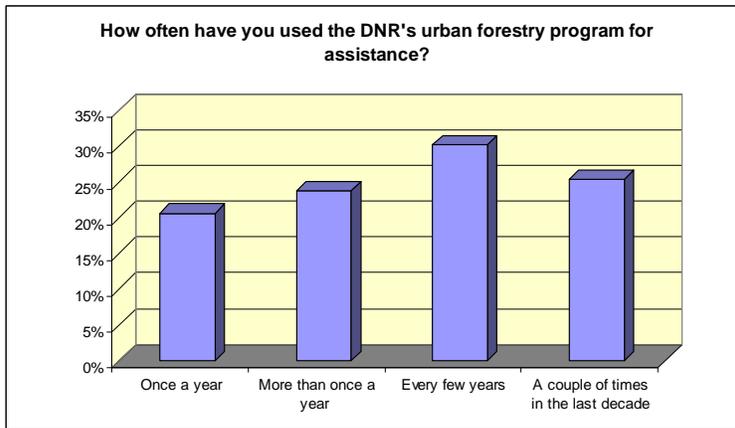
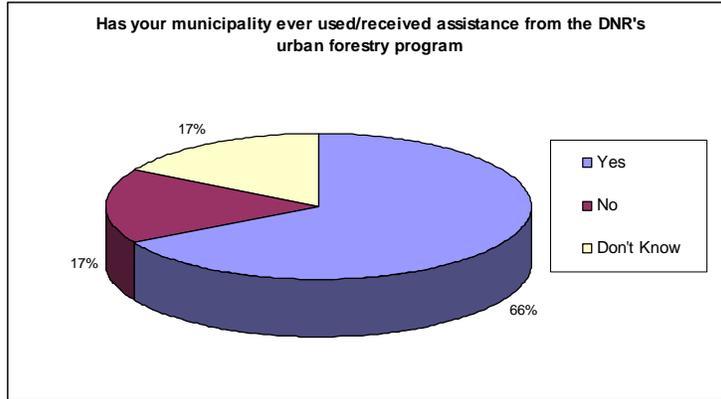
## PARTNERSHIPS



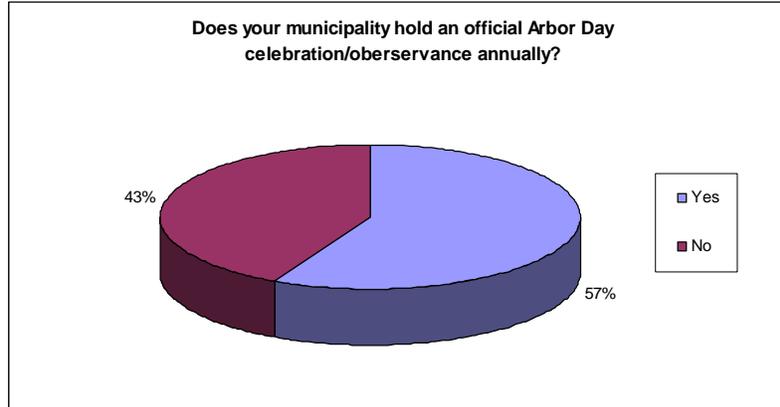
## ASSISTANCE



<b>Please indicate your preference for the different forms of assistance available from the DNR:</b>	
	<b>Rank #</b>
Financial assistance (e.g. grants, scholarships)	<b>1</b>
Website accessible information	<b>2</b>
Printed materials (newsletters, brochures)	<b>3</b>
Instructional workshops/training	<b>4</b>
Technical assistance via phone or email	<b>5</b>
Technical assistance VISITS from a staff member	<b>6</b>
State or regional conferences information	<b>7</b>
Demonstration areas/projects	<b>8</b>
Visiting Urban Forester program	<b>9</b>
Job announcements	<b>10</b>

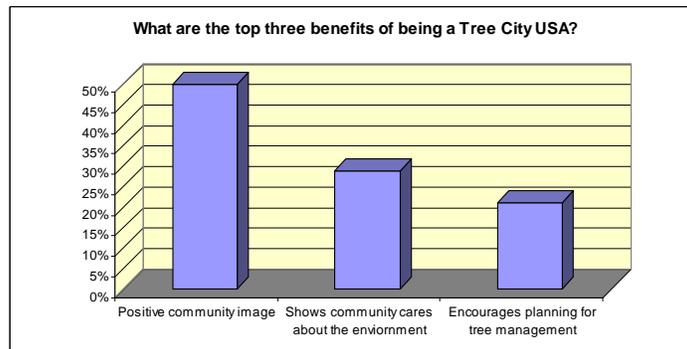


## ARBOR DAY



## TREE CITY USA

<b>Is your municipality currently a Tree City USA?</b>	
	<b>Response %</b>
Yes	<b>55%</b>
No	<b>45%</b>



<b>If your municipality is NOT a Tree City USA, what are the barriers?</b>	
	<b>Response %</b>
Don't have an annual Arbor Day celebration/proclamation	<b>26%</b>
Don't have a tree board/department	<b>18%</b>
Don't know about the program	<b>14%</b>
Don't have a tree ordinance	<b>11%</b>
Can't meet the \$2 per capita required expenditure	<b>10%</b>
Don't have time to complete the paperwork	<b>7%</b>
Can't see the benefits of it	<b>6%</b>
Lack knowledgeable community staff or volunteers to care for trees	<b>5%</b>
Other	<b>3%</b>

## Conclusions

The 2005 Municipal Forestry Survey provides a great amount of information about local urban forestry programs, the needs of municipalities, as well as current and potential effectiveness of DNR program delivery methods and strategies.

Municipal governments constitute the primary focus and beneficiaries of the DNR's UCF program delivery. Consequently, there is a need to periodically assess the effectiveness of the program in meeting community needs and conversely, to gather input from them to improve how the program is delivered.

The results of this survey give insight into the DNR's UCF program in terms of the appropriate strategic program emphasis and delivery. Below are some conclusions that can be drawn about the DNR UCF program.

- most (75%) of the communities served by the program are small (less than 25,000 pop.)
- the majority of communities (75%) currently do have a "tree management program"
- in most cases a municipal department director is responsible for tree related issues, though, nearly 55% can/do hire professionals as needed
- most communities don't have anyone devoted, even part-time, to tree care/management
- disease/insect threats and loss of tree cover are perceived as the greatest TREE threats. Reduced budgets and staff are perceived as the greatest PROGRAM threats
- awareness of the DNR UCF program has grown significantly in the past 5 years
- state/federal program assistance being provided is greatly valued and frequently utilized
- the types of assistance being provided (financial, technical and educational) are appropriate but need is greater than the program's capacity to deliver (esp. financial).
- most respondents have received some form of assistance from the program since it began (66%) with over 70% having received some in the past three years
- program grants are the most important form of assistance to communities
- web-based assistance is becoming increasingly important to communities
- communities are in need of assistance to create/implement UCF management plans. Therefore, the UCF program should continue focused delivery of assistance in this area
- training/education courses for municipal employees should continue to be emphasized
- communities that have received assistance continue to stay engaged with the program
- most communities (75%) do not support or practice "topping" trees
- communities are planting fewer trees than they remove, they're replanting primarily with larger (balled and burlap) trees, and most do not have a residential cost-share program
- most (52%) municipal budgets for tree care are less than \$50,000/yr. (and shrinking), are heavily reliant on general funds (73%), and primarily used for removals (30%)
- volunteers, nonprofit and other partnerships are not utilized by most municipal programs
- Arbor Day is annually celebrated by a small majority of communities (57%)
- Participation in Tree City USA is growing. Positive community image is the primary driver for participation while the Arbor Day/proclamation requirement is the main barrier

Data from this survey provides valuable planning insights. Future surveys will be conducted every 5 years, or as needed. The use of web-based data collection tools was efficient and cost-effective, and should be considered again for future surveys.

Though this is a first-time survey, it is evident that DNR has achieved significant accomplishments in improving the management and health of our urban forests. It is also now clear what challenges are faced and how best to address them efficiently and effectively.

## Appendix: 2005 MI Municipal Forestry Survey Questions

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### *2005 State Urban and Community Forestry Program Survey*

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Urban and Community Forestry program (DNR) is conducting a survey of Michigan communities to gather information that will be used to help us improve our delivery of urban forestry services. You received this email because you are listed in our records as the primary point of contact between our program and your community. If you do not believe that you are the most appropriate staff member to complete this survey, please forward this email on to an individual on your staff (or knowledgeable elected official) who can respond. It is important that we get responses from as many communities as possible.

The data collection method for this information is an on-line survey. You can go to the following address to complete the survey.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com>

There are 40 questions ranging from statistical information about your community such as information about your tree care budget or ordinance, and opinion questions such as what type of urban and community forestry services you value most. It may be helpful for you to have written information about your community nearby while you are completing the survey, such as budget or statistical data

Your participation in this survey is critical for the DNR to develop technical, financial, and educational efforts that can help you deal with tree issues in your community. Even if your community doesn't have an active tree management program, please respond so we can include your information. The term ***Tree Management Program*** will refer to *those official activities undertaken by a community of any size, to manage and maintain trees on public property. Some examples of activities would include budgeting, staffing, planting, pruning, removal, spraying etc..*

If you have questions about this survey, please don't hesitate to contact me by phone or email at the contact information listed below. Survey results will be made available shortly after the survey has closed.

Please go on-line and complete the survey by September 30, 2005. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

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### ***General Questions***

1. What is the name of your community?
2. Please indicate the size of your community's population

500,000 – 1,000,000	10,000 –24,999
250,000 – 499,999	5,000 – 9,999
100,000 – 249,999	2,500 – 4,999
50,000 – 99,999	Less than 2,500
25,000 – 49,999	
3. Does your community have a tree management program? Yes or No. If No, answer question 5.

4. If your community does not have such a program, does it need one? Yes or No

**Personnel**

5. What is the title of the person responsible for tree issues in your community?  
City/Village/Township Manager  
Director/Superintendent/Manager of Public Works/Parks & Rec./Forestry etc.  
Supervisor/Foreman  
Consultant/Private  
Forester  
Other\_\_\_\_\_
6. Which of the following positions are filled in your community's tree management program?  
Clerical support/Office  
Equipment operator  
Laborer  
Working foreman  
Truck Driver  
Manager/Director/Supv.  
Tree Trimmer  
Other\_\_\_\_\_
7. Do you have an ISA Certified Arborist on your community staff or have the ability to contract with a local ISA Certified Arborist? Yes or No
8. Given your current budget constraints, do you generally prefer that tree management activities be conducted in-house or contracted out?  
  
In-house  
Contracted out  
No preference
9. What is your preferred proportion of In-house versus Contracted expenditures (e.g.: 50% In-house, 50% Contracted)?  
  
In-house \_\_\_\_\_%  
Contracted \_\_\_\_\_%

**Perception**

10. Within the next two years, how likely or unlikely is it that your community will: (6 point scale of unlikely to likely)  
  
Start or expand a tree management program  
Maintain an existing program at the same level  
Reduce the size or budget of the program
11. How much will each of the following factors impact the creation, implementation, or expansion of a tree management program in your community within the next two years: (6 point scale of negative to positive)  
  
Budget constraints  
Availability of technical assistance  
Availability of grant funds  
Citizen demand  
Community participation  
Local elected official's interest  
Having qualified staff to manage program  
Having adequate staff to manage program  
Local political climate

Public safety/risk from hazard trees

12. Of the following tree related issues, which three are the most important concerns to your community? Please mark the top three.

Hazard trees  
Tree preservation or protection  
Heritage or Historic trees  
Wood utilization/disposal  
Lack of species diversity  
Lack of tree cover  
Topped trees  
Vandalism  
Root conflicts or problems  
Insects and disease problems  
Stormwater/Water quality  
Tree maintenance  
Tree planting problems  
Trees and utility conflicts  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

13. What are the primary benefits of trees in your community? Check up to three items.

Air quality improvement  
Increased property values  
Stormwater runoff control  
Shade  
Community pride, attractiveness, image  
Enhancing community appeal to new residents, businesses, or shoppers  
Stormwater runoff or water quality  
Traffic calming  
Enhance recreation areas  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

14. What are the primary negative aspects of trees in your community? Check up to three items.

Debris removal after storms  
Tree disposal  
Financial cost of maintaining trees (e.g. infrastructure damage, repairing vandalism)  
Tree/sign conflicts  
Tree/sidewalk conflicts  
Hazardous trees  
Tree/utility conflicts  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

15. Regarding the public trees in your community, how important is it for your community to: (“rating” question, on a scale of 1-6, from not important to important)

Increase Community Infrastructure Value  
Decrease Hazards from Trees  
Improve Community Appearance  
Improve Efficiency of Staff Effort  
Decrease Broken Curbs and Sidewalks  
Provide Shade  
Promote Business Development

Create Habitat for Wildlife  
Control Soil Erosion

**Regulation**

16. Do you have a municipal tree ordinance or other community ordinances and codes related to trees? Yes or No.

17. If yes, please check which clauses appear in your ordinance or codes:

- Regulates which tree species may or may not be planted as street trees
- Defines who is responsible for public tree maintenance
- Regulates tree removal on private land being developed
- Regulates tree removal on private residential property
- Establishes a heritage tree program
- Regulates removal of dead or diseased trees
- Recognizes established standards for proper tree care
- Regulates forest practices in lieu of the state forest practice act
- Prohibits the topping of public trees

18. Does your community have an officially recognized citizen tree advisory body, like a tree board, planning commission, or parks committee that advises the community on tree issues? Yes or No

**Tree Inventory**

19. Has your community conducted an inventory of any of the following? Check all that apply.

- Forested lands within the community
- Park trees
- Street trees
- Trees on private land
- Significant or Historic Trees
- None of the above
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Tree Management**

20. Does your community have a Community Forest Management Plan? Yes or No

21. How would you describe your tree management program's overall schedule for all types of tree maintenance (Pruning, removal, fertilization, staking etc.)

- Annual
- Seasonal
- Emergency/As needed
- Non existent
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

***Planting Program***

- 22. Does your community maintain tree nurseries for its tree management program? Yes or No
- 23. On average does your community annually plant more, less or the same number of trees as it removes?

- More
- Less
- Same

- 24. How would you describe your community's approach to tree planting?

- Replacement
- Planned improvement
- Non existent
- Other\_\_\_\_\_

***Budget***

- 25. Please mark all sources of tree care funding for your community's tree management program over the last fiscal year.

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- Endowment
- Gas Tax
- General Funds
- Revenue Sharing
- Private Donations/Fundraising
- Special Frontage Tax
- Road-use Tax
- State/Federal Grants
- Other\_\_\_\_\_

- 26. How much you would estimate your community spent on tree related activities during 2004? Total  
\$\_\_\_\_\_

- 27. Please estimate what percentage of that total was spent in each of the following tree related categories during 2004:

- Planting
- Maintenance (Pruning, fertilization, staking, etc)
- Pest Control
- Removal
- Public education
- Employee training
- Administration

***Partnerships and Volunteers***

- 28. Does your community work with volunteer citizens or community organizations for community tree planting, care or education? Yes or No
- 29. Does your community have a partnership with a non-profit tree advocacy group(s)? Yes or No

***Assistance***

30. Is your community aware of the State and Federal Cooperative Assistance programs for Urban and Community Forestry? Yes or No

31. Has your community used the services of the DNR's Urban and Community Assistance Program staff? Yes or No.

32. If yes, how often?

- More than once a year
- Once a year
- Every other year
- A couple of times in the last decade

33. If yes, what types of assistance have you received? Check all that apply

- Received an on-site technical assistance visit
- Received advice via telephone or email
- Received a grant
- Community staff attended an educational workshop
- Received printed or electronic reference materials
- Visited the DNR website to access urban forestry information

34. From lowest to highest, please rank the priority you would give to the different forms of assistance you could receive in the future from the DNR:

- Cost-share Grants
- Technical advice via phone or email
- On-site technical assistance visits to your community
- Instructional workshops
- Statewide or regional conferences
- Printed materials (newsletters, brochures)
- Urban forestry tours (nurseries, other cities' programs, etc)
- Other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_

***Arbor Day / Tree City USA***

35. Does your community have an official Arbor Day or Arbor Week observance? Yes or No

36. Are you aware of the Tree City USA program? Yes or No

37. What do you think are the main benefits of the Tree City Program? Check the top three benefits.

- Positive community image or pride
- Recognition for hard work
- Makes community more attractive for new residents or businesses
- Flag, street signs, Arbor Day observance
- It's a sign the community cares about the environment
- Encourages planning for tree management
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

38. If your community has been awarded Tree City USA status this year, please skip this question. If not, what are the barriers to your community becoming a Tree City? Check all that apply.

- Don't know about the program
- Can't see the benefits of it
- Can't meet the \$2 per capita requirement

No support for program among community leaders  
No support for program among community residents  
Don't have the time to complete the paperwork  
Don't have a tree ordinance  
Don't have a tree board  
Lack knowledgeable community staff or volunteers to care for trees  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

***Open-Ended Questions***

39. Are there any comments you would like to make? This space is available for your questions, comments, or concerns. Please indicate if you would like a response from a DNR staff member.

***Thank you again for taking the time to complete this survey. Results will be made available shortly after the survey closes in September.***