



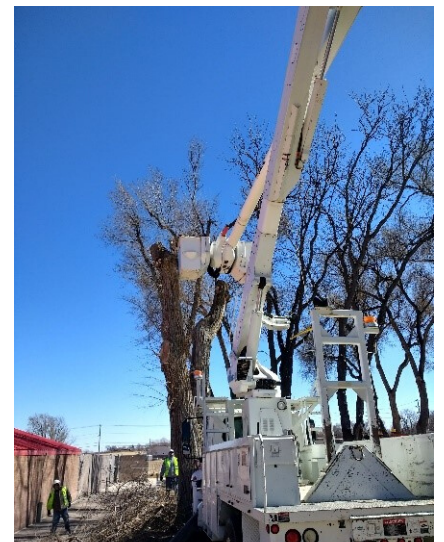
Urban and Community Forestry Program Success in Colorado

The USDA Forest Service's Urban and Community Forestry (UCF) Program helps support state forestry agencies in their work to provide critical technical assistance for establishing and managing urban forestry resources.

The Southeast Colorado Teaming Up for Trees Project, supported with federal State and Private Forestry dollars, has helped government agencies, non-profits, and volunteers create vibrant, diverse, and sustainable community forests in towns and cities across southeastern Colorado.

- Environments in southeastern Colorado plains and foothills test tree survival. Thousand Cankers Disease continues to kill the walnut population and Emerald Ash Borer threatens community tree populations in the future.
- Other urban forest health challenges include: older, even-aged, urban forests; monocultures of undesirable Siberian elm; and shrinking budgets and staff to manage this valuable community forest resource.
- Just over \$86,000 of approximately \$200,000 in total costs for the Southeast Colorado Teaming Up for Trees Project came from federal grant support. In total, the project removed 354 dead/dying trees and replanted 51 trees on public properties within 14 southeastern Colorado Tree City USA communities.

In FY20, the nation's state and territorial foresters recommend the UCF Program be allocated \$35 million to expand and preserve the wealth of benefits provided by America's most versatile natural capital: trees.



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