## **Top 10** Reasons We Need Trees



- 1. Trees help purify the air we breathe by absorbing pollutants.
- 2. Trees increase property values and improve the tax base in communities.
- 3. Trees improve neighborhood appeal, attracting businesses, shoppers, and homeowners.
- 4. Trees cool our cities and towns by reducing heat generated by buildings and paved surfaces.
- 5. Tree shade, properly placed, can save an average household up to \$250 annually in energy costs.
- 6. Trees reduce the amount of pollutants in sewer systems, saving communities millions of dollars in water treatment costs.
- 7. Trees soften harsh building lines and large expanses of pavement, making urban environments much more pleasant.
- 8. Trees provide habitat for birds and other wildlife, maintaining a balance with nature even in urban areas.
- 9. Trees reduce the amount of water-borne pollutants that reach streams and rivers.
- 10. Trees reduce levels of domestic violence and foster safer, more sociable neighborhood environments.