



TREES IMPROVE OUR QUALITY LIFE

What is an Urban Forest?

- The urban forest is the forest where we live.
- Trees are an important part of every urban landscape - a residential community, commercially developed area or urban greenspace.
- The size of the community does not matter.

What are the Benefits of an Urban Forest?

- Reduces Stormwater Runoff by Conserving Water and Reducing Soil Erosion
- Modifies Local Climate by Lowering Air Temperature, Reducing Glare and Reducing Wind Speed
- Improves Air Quality by Providing Oxygen and Reducing Air Pollutants
- Absorbs Noise
- Saves Energy by Increasing Shade
- Provides Wildlife Habitat
- Increases Economic Stability by Attracting Businesses and Tourists
- Increases Property Values
- Provides Privacy
- Reduces Crime and Vandalism

What is the City of Bradenton doing to enhance its Urban Forest?

- Tree Protection Ordinance
- Tree Inventory and Master Plan
- Sufficient Staffing
- Tree and Land Preservation Board
- Meets Tree City USA Standards
- Arbor Day Celebrations
- Memorial Park Program
- Notable Tree Program

What is the Tree and Land Preservation Board?

The City of Bradenton Tree and Land Preservation Board (TLPB) provides opportunities for city government and the private sector to collaborate efforts to promote awareness of tree canopy and tree education programs, and open space and parklands preservation initiatives. The TLPB also advises owners of buildings, land and other properties that may impact the City's tree canopy and open spaces, and other lands concerning the treatment of the natural, visual characteristics and value of such properties.

The TLPB meets on the first Thursday of each month from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Bradenton City Hall in the Department of Planning and Community Development conference room. This 11-member board is composed as follows:

- Two Florida-registered Landscape Architects
- One Florida-certified Arborist
- One County Agricultural Extension Office representative
- One Land Use Planner
- Two Landscape Nursery professionals
- One Keep Manatee Beautiful member
- Three City residents interested in the board's purpose
- One alternate

If you are interested in being a volunteer member on the TLPB to help the City of Bradenton enhance its urban forest, please contact the Keep Manatee Beautiful at (941) 795-8272.