Benefits of Trees . . .

Healthy trees mean healthy people:

- 100 trees remove 53 tons of carbon dioxide and 430 lbs. of other air pollutants per year.
- Tree-filled neighborhoods reduce stress in people, making them more productive at work and happier at home.

Healthy trees mean healthy communities:

- Tree-filled neighborhoods have lower levels of domestic violence, are safer and more sociable.
- An abundance of street trees "says something" about a community that makes it more appealing to newcomers as well as residents.

Healthy trees mean a healthy environment:

- 100 mature trees intercept about 140,000 gallons of rainwater per year reducing runoff and soil erosion while providing cleaner water.
- Trees provide food and shelter for a variety of birds and small animals.

Healthy trees mean homeowner savings:

- Strategically placed trees save up to 56% on annual air-conditioning bills and 3% on winter heating bills.
- Each large front yard tree adds 1% to a home's sale price and a large specimen tree can add 10% to property value.

Healthy trees mean better business:

- In tree-lined commercial shopping districts, shoppers report:
  - more frequent shopping trips.
  - longer shopping trips.
  - willingness to pay more for parking.
  - willingness to spend 12% more for goods.

Trees pay us back:

- One healthy public tree in its 20th year after planting costs $36 per year to maintain but provides $96 in annual economic benefits; an annual net benefit of $60!
- Environmental and aesthetic benefits, such as energy savings, storm water runoff reduction, cleaner air, and higher property values, are an average of 3 times greater than tree care costs!
- If your investment banker told you he/she could make you a 30% return on your investment, it would be a no brainer. **Invest in trees and they will pay you back!**

Source: USDA Forest Service

Become a friend today!

Do you love trees?
Do you love Cedarburg?

CEDARBURGREEN
Friends of the Community Forest

Cedarburg Green is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the health and livability of Cedarburg by planting and caring for trees.

Become a Friend today!

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Mission Statement

To foster appreciation and support for Community Forestry for the benefit of Cedarburg residents and visitors;

To beautify our public streets, boulevards, and parks;

To promote sustainable environmental stewardship and landscape management practices; and

To raise and distribute private funds for the planting, care and maintenance of public trees and for other projects aligned with our goals and objectives.

Visit our website for a complete list of our Goals and Objectives, a calendar of events, and more!

http://CedarburgGreen.org

Facts About Cedarburg's Forest

- The Cedarburg Parks & Forestry Department maintains approximately 7,000 street trees.

- Each year, an average of 130 street trees are removed due to decline, decay, or structural defect.

- The cost to replace a single street tree that has been removed is about $250.

- Past city budgets have only allowed replacement of about 50 trees per year, far less than the number removed. The net result is a decrease in our street tree population over time.

- One goal of the Parks & Forestry Department is to establish a routine Pruning Cycle where each public tree is pruned on a 5-7 year cycle.

- The Parks & Forestry Department has a full time staff of only three employees and must rely on the Public Works staff to help with pruning and tree and stump removal. Some years, depending on the weather and staff availability, routine maintenance of the street and park trees doesn't happen like it should.

- In 2012 the Parks & Forestry Dept. completed an inventory of street trees throughout the City which identified tree species, location, size, condition and where vacant planting sites exist. The inventory identified 320 vacant tree planting sites.

- Another goal of the Parks & Forestry Department is 100% stocking of street trees; meaning every vacant, plantable site along City streets is planted. The cost to plant the 320 sites and achieve 100% stocking is around $80,000.

- In 2011, the City of Cedarburg joined 10 other communities in the U.S. named by *Forbes* magazine as "One of the Prettiest Towns in America". Unfortunately, due to budget constraints in recent years, several City beautification projects have been on hold.

Many hands needed to help keep Cedarburg Green! Please join us!

When you become a CEDARBURGREEN Friend of the Community Forest

You help...

- Plant new trees

- Keep existing trees healthy

- Ensure the trees and forest of Cedarburg stay green and healthy for future generations

- Increase our collective property value and quality of life

- Cedarburg be an even better place to live, work, and raise a family, for generations to come

You get...

- A subscription to our eNewsletter, filled with a wealth of information about trees, soil, forest ecology, and sustainability

- New friends who share your love for our beautiful trees

- VIP invitations to events

- Satisfaction of knowing you're helping the living, growing forest of Cedarburg, a precious resource for all generations

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