

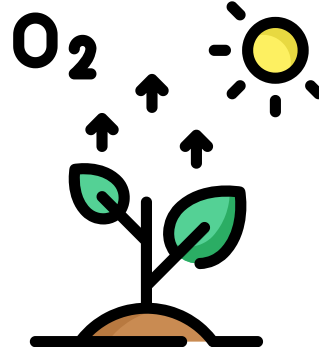
BENEFITS OF TREE INVENTORY FOR TOWNS AND SUMMER VILLAGES

Why should small Alberta communities consider doing a tree inventory?

Environmental values

A tree inventory provides a clear picture about the environmental assets trees provide such as carbon sequestration, avoided run off and oxygen production, measured in thousands or millions of dollars.

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Economic benefits

By identifying any dead, diseased, or hazardous trees the inventory can help to prioritize the maintenance schedule resulting in decreased cost of care. Inventories can also greatly increase the opportunity to obtain revenue from various funding sources.

Identifies hazards

Doing a tree inventory can identify things such as forest fire risks, pest impacts and potential liabilities where trees pose a threat or are damaging infrastructure. Being aware of these risks is beneficial to both the safety of the community and the sustainability of the urban forest.

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Provides public education

Tree inventory will show residents the benefits of a healthy, well-managed community forest, and inform them about species best suited to the community.

Assists with town development

Tree inventory will help identify potential gaps in development of community policies and bylaws, identify highly environmentally sensitive areas within town limits, and discover how departments can streamline their planning activities.

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If you are considering performing a tree inventory and need assistance let us help guide you. Contact AWES at 780-242-9855.