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### Input sought for Ann Arbor's urban forest

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Aug. 3, 2010 — The City of Ann Arbor is in the process of creating its first Urban Forest Management Plan, which will be used to set long-term goals, guide management decisions and shape future tree policies. The city is responsible for managing the public trees within the urban forest, which includes over 40,000 street trees and 6,600 park trees in mowed areas.

Ann Arbor's city-managed urban forest provides \$4.6 million in benefits; and the plan will help to maintain a sustainable urban forest that maximizes these benefits. The first step in this effort occurred in 2009 with the completion of the city's comprehensive GIS-based street and park tree inventory.

Two public workshops have already taken place, in May and June 2010, and now residents can help guide the direction and scope of the plan by taking an online survey:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/a2urbanforest>. The survey is part of an initial outreach effort to hear from residents about issues and opportunities for improving the quality of Ann Arbor's urban forest. The survey will close Sept. 30, 2010.

Go to the forestry website for survey details, [www.a2gov.org/urbanforestry](http://www.a2gov.org/urbanforestry), where you can also subscribe to receive urban forestry updates via e-mail. Printed copies of the survey will be available upon request to Urban Forestry and Natural Resources Planner Kerry Gray at 734.794.6430, extension 43703, or [kgray@a2gov.org](mailto:kgray@a2gov.org).

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