



A healthy urban tree canopy increases property values, reduces storm water runoff and erosion, improves air quality and reduces energy used for heating and cooling. Every tree makes a difference!

Gays Mills' community tree inventory from 2018 contains 875 trees which are worth \$74,638 in annual benefits. Many of our public trees are small but the annual benefits will increase as the trees grow.

Discover the value of the benefits provided by individual trees around your home and in your community with the National Tree Benefit Calculator: <http://www.treebenefits.com/calculator/>

You can add to private lands tree benefits by planting a tree. While supplies last, Village residents can receive and plant a free small chinkapin oak or sugar maple tree. Neither of these trees is suitable for areas that flood regularly. The oaks should grow well on both high quality and sandy sites. The sugar maples need soils with organic matter and good moisture holding ability. Residents can request cost-sharing (landowner pays 50% and the grant pays 50%) for the purchase of approved larger trees that will be planted in the Village. Contact Village Forester Cindy Kohles (608-872-2184 or [crowhollowfarm@yahoo.com](mailto:crowhollowfarm@yahoo.com)) for more information and approvals. Cost-sharing and available cultivars may run out soon so act quickly!