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Virginia Department of Forestry Awards Grants to Support 22 Community Projects Statewide

The Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOF) recently announced the awards for the 2018 Urban and Community Forestry (U&CF) Grants. Funds for these projects originate from the USDA Forest Service. A total of \$216,923 has been allocated with an estimated match of \$411,290.

“The Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program supports projects that promote the protection and enhancement of urban and community forest ecosystems, tree planting, the care of trees, as well as education on tree issues in cities, towns and communities across Virginia,” said VDOF Urban Forestry Coordinator Barbara White. “Grants awarded through this program encourage local government and citizens to get involved in creating and supporting long-term and sustained urban and community forestry projects and programs at the local level.”

Projects include scholarships, educational events, support for the Master Naturalist and Virginia Tree Stewards, remediation for emerald ash borer destruction, urban forestry planning and zoning ordinances, community design assistance, invasive species control, non-profit support and tree inventories.

The communities and nonprofits awarded U&CF Grants include:

[City of Chesapeake Department of Human Services Division of Community Programs](#)

[City of Roanoke](#)

[City of Waynesboro Department of Parks and Recreation](#)

[Community Design Assistance Center of Virginia Tech](#)

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[Gateway Streetscape Foundation](#)

[Green Infrastructure Center Inc.](#)

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The Virginia Department of Forestry protects and develops healthy, sustainable forest resources for Virginians. With nearly 16 million acres of forestland and more than 108,000 Virginians employed in forestry, forest products and related industries, Virginia forests provide an overall economic output of more than \$21 Billion annually.

Headquartered in Charlottesville, the Agency has forestry staff members assigned to every county to provide citizen service and public safety protection across the Commonwealth, which it's been doing now for more than 100 years. VDOF is an equal opportunity provider.