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Program Overview

Within the Government of the District of Columbia, the Urban Forestry Administration (UFA) is the agency responsible for urban forestry. UFA's duties include planting, pruning, removing, and maintaining the health of the District of Columbia's street tree canopy. UFA is organizationally located within the District Department of Transportation (DDOT).

Although UFA's primary function within DDOT is tree management, UFA has also extended its reach into serving other sectors of the District government and community. In recent years, UFA has drafted a tree protection ordinance, provided consultation to the DC Office of Planning for zoning cases, acted as consultant to the DC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) regarding tree protection, and worked with its public and private partners on enhancing a citizen forester training program. These efforts have increased UFA's effectiveness and improved its delivery of service. In October 2007, UFA became responsible for the maintenance of trees on DPR recreation facilities.

Community Projects and Accomplishments

Arbor Day Celebration and Announcement of the 2007 Arbor Day National Poster Contest winner
Washington, DC's Arbor Day Celebration was held on April 27, in conjunction with the announcement of the 2007 National Arbor Day Poster Contest winner at Wilkinson Elementary School in Southeast. The event, also sponsored by Casey Trees and Toyota, introduced Kaileen P.'s winning poster, "Trees are Terrific and Forests are Too!" Wilkinson Elementary School students participated in educational activities such as growing their own trees; reading stories; creating poems, songs and artwork about trees; and planting 10 trees on the school campus. Prior to the event, UFA, the DC Department of Public Works and CSOSA worked together to clean up trash and to prune trees and remove dead trees from the campus.



*Mayor Adrian Fenty congratulates the
2007 Arbor Day Poster Contest
Winner, Kaileen P.*

District of Columbia Urban Tree Canopy Goals

In 2003, former Mayor Williams committed to establishing Urban Tree Canopy goals for the District. UFA has been participating as part of a coalition of interested municipal agencies, non-profit partners and federal government partners in working towards making a realistic urban tree canopy goal a reality. The group is presently working on determining all parties that should be a part of the discussion and on establishing a timeline for setting goals.

DDOT Tree Watering Campaign

This summer, DDOT/UFA got out the message of watering trees using press releases, brochures and billboards. The DC Metro Area frequently experiences dry summers and to help out the 4,000 new trees planted this spring, we reminded residents to help these trees by watering with 10 gallons of water every week during hot, dry weather. The billboards were placed in 41 locations throughout the city from July through October.



Statistics

Managing and Developing Communities:	1
Population of Participating Communities:	581,530
Volunteer Assistance generated (hours):	27,500