

## Delaware

### Program Overview

The Delaware Forest Service U&CF Program assists Delaware's communities with the proper planning, management, and maintenance of trees, forested areas, and other natural resources. The protection of the State's community forest resources is essential as Delaware's communities continue to expand and grow.

### Program Accomplishments

The Delaware Forest Service U&CF Program partnered with Kent County Parks and Recreation Department to relocate more than 125 trees from the former Taber State Forest Biomass Wood Utilization Study Area to several county-owned parks. The Delaware Forest Service staff provided technical assistance to support the successful transplanting of a mix of 4- to 6-inch-caliper native hardwood tree species, which improved tree cover within several Kent County communities.

The U&CF Program expanded its partnership with the historic community of Knollwood to assist the neighboring subdivision of Bancroft Heights. The subdivision was built in the early 1920s for the workers of the Citisteele USA, Claymont, DE, plant. Both of these communities continue to suffer from urban blight. To improve the communities' appearances, New Castle County Housing, Inc., Citisteele USA, and the U&CF Program continued to provide technical and financial support to redevelopment programs for both communities.

Through cooperative efforts of the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, Division of Soil & Water—Non Point Source Pollution Program, the Delaware Forest Service will expand the total dollars offered through its annual subgrant program in urban and community forestry. To enhance services to Delaware communities, the U&CF Program will now be able to offer double the traditional amount of grant dollars to improve the State's urban and community forest resources. Within the 2002 U&CF grant packet, Delaware's community leaders will find several traditional grants for tree management and tree planting activities, and one new subgrant designed to improve water quality and address stormwater management issues in the State.

### Statistical Highlights

Number of participating communities: 68

Number of communities assisted: 68

Number of days of volunteer assistance to program: 165

Number of Tree City USA communities: 15

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