



WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
Natural Resources

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URBAN & COMMUNITY FORESTRY



Ritzville (pop. 1700) – Fall 2013



- 65 mph wind storm
- Legacy trees lost



Tree City USA since 2010



Tree Planting Grant

- Active Tree Board
- Management Plan
- Over 200 volunteer hours
- Grant funds match 7x
- 57 trees replaced
- 3-year maintenance agreement



“This project has been a very good project for us to see how a community can work together to make overwhelming impacts to the quality of life and citizenship *just by planting a tree.*”

- *Kris Robbins, City Clerk*





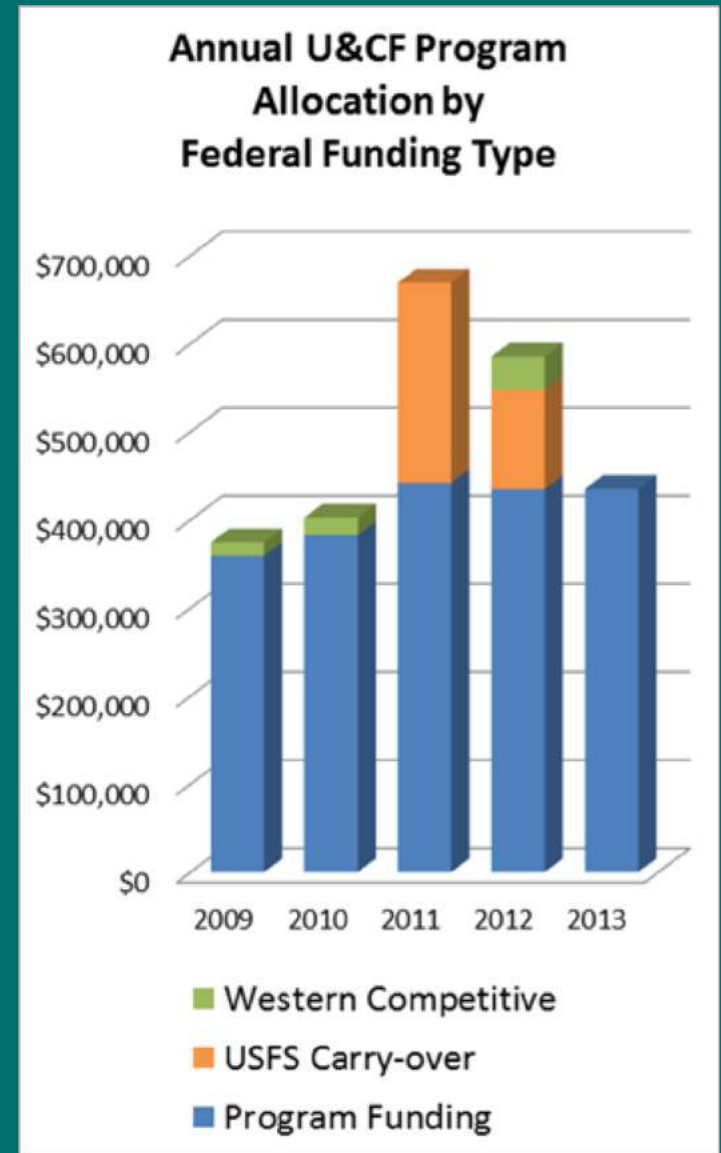
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URBAN & COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM



Funding

- Program Funding-USFS
 - 5-yr. Average: \$410,760
- Western Competitive Grants-USFS (3)
 - Total: \$72,434.00
- Special Projects-USFS (2)
 - Total: \$340,000.00
- Restoration Jobs Project-State of Washington
 - Total: \$1,280,840.00





Strategic Plan

Mission:

Provide leadership to create self sustaining urban and community forestry programs that preserve, plant and manage forests and trees for public benefits and quality of life.

Five Program Goals



Meeting the Talking Tree



Goal 1. Provide Leadership

- Program Manager
- Urban & Community Forestry Specialist
- GIS Specialist (part time)
- Special Project Coordinator (part time)



Linden



Ben



Nicki



Micki



Leadership



Sarah Foster,
Assistant Division Manager



Conservation Districts

- Spokane
 - 6 counties
- Snohomish
 - 4 counties



Garth Davis



Leif Fixen

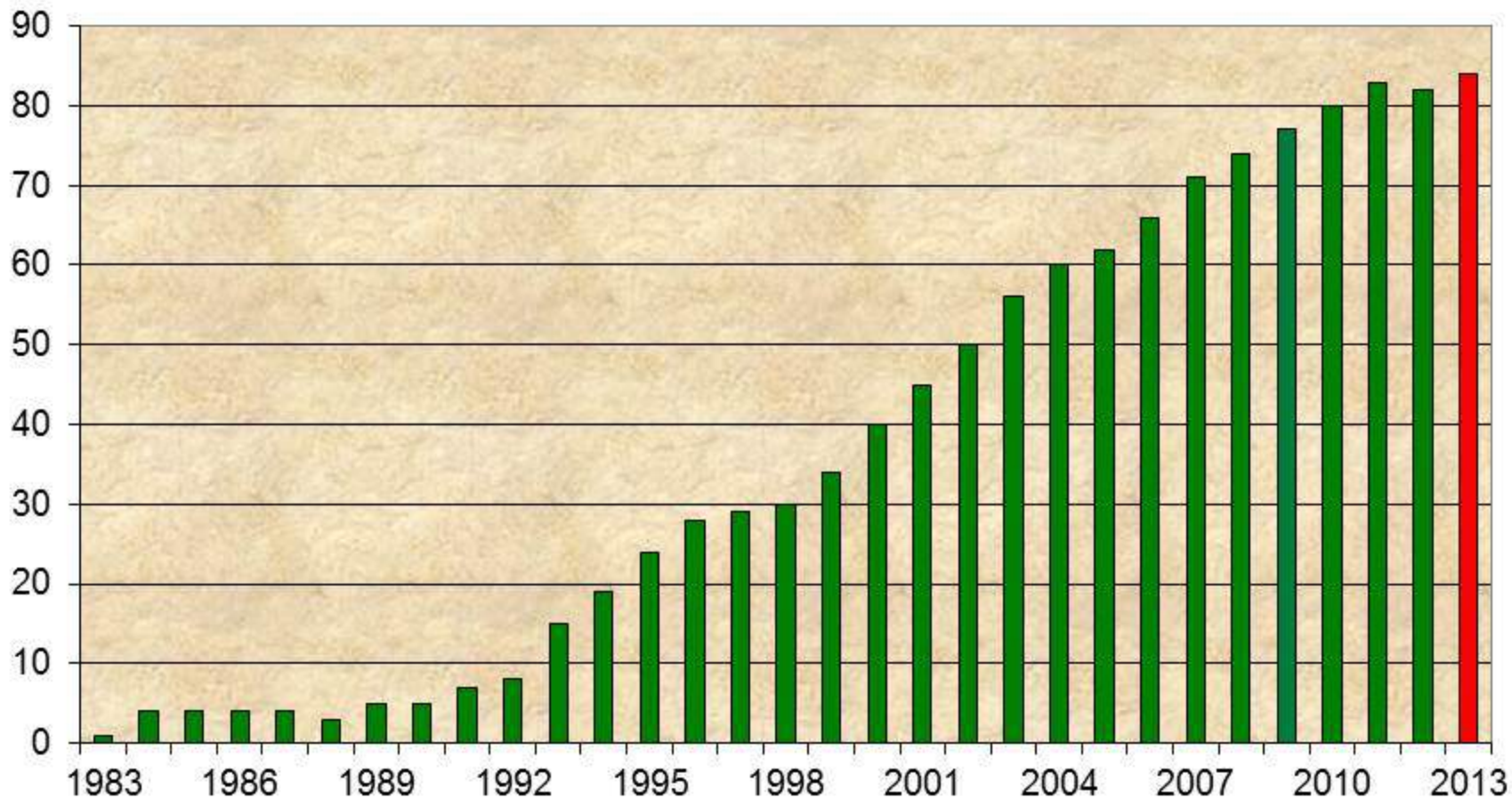


WA Community Forestry Council



30 years of Tree City USA in Washington State: 1983-2013

Number of Tree City USA Communities



10 Tree Line Utilities
5 Tree Campus Schools

Year

Goal 2. Promote Education and Outreach

- Regional workshops
- Social media
- Brown bag lunches
- Problem Solving
- Arbor Day



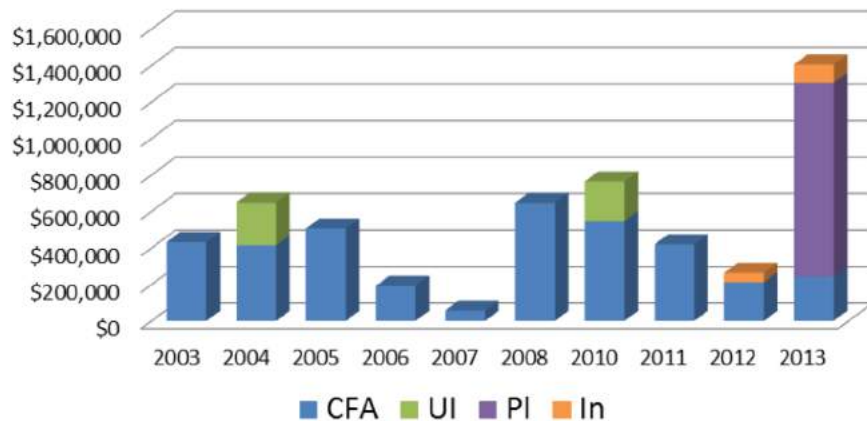
Urban Wood Utilization



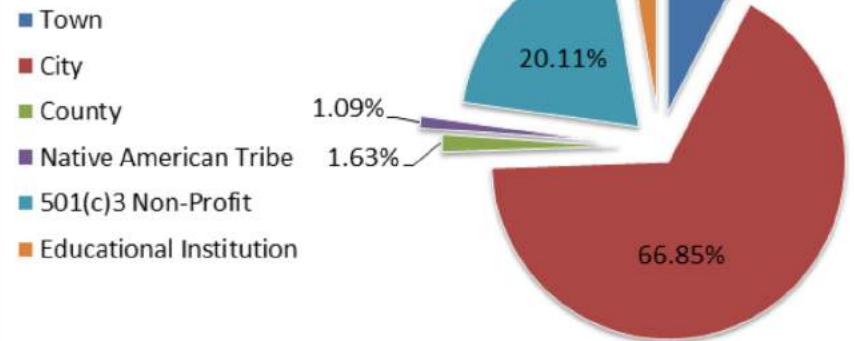
Goal 3. Provide Financial & Technical Assistance

- 184 grants - 2003-2013
- \$1,685,591.11 awarded grant funds
- \$3,645,916.15 matching funds
- \$5,334,270.92 total value

Total Value of All Funded U&CF Projects by Year, 2003-2013

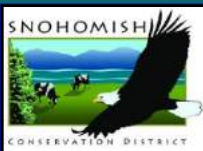


Distribution of Funded U&CF Projects by Applicant Type, 2003-2013



Goal 4. Build U&CF Program Capacity

- State-funded projects
 - Evergreen Communities Act
 - Capital Jobs Bill
- Partnerships
 - OR Department of Forestry
 - Snohomish & Spokane Conservation Districts
 - Pacific NW Chapter International Society of Arboriculture
 - WA State University
 - University of WA
 - Yakima-area Arboretum
 - Plant Amnesty
 - Tree Line Utilities
 - Arbor Day Foundation
 - WA Cities and Towns
 - Others



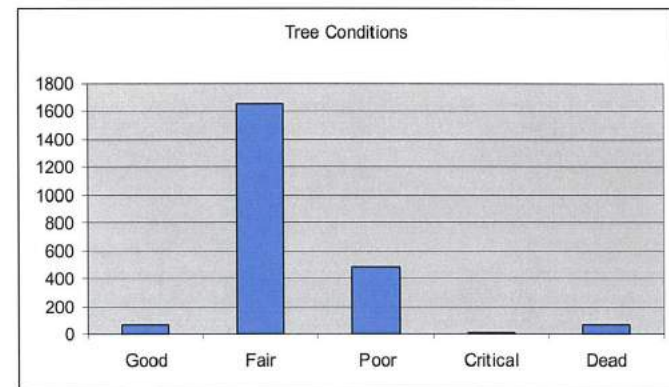
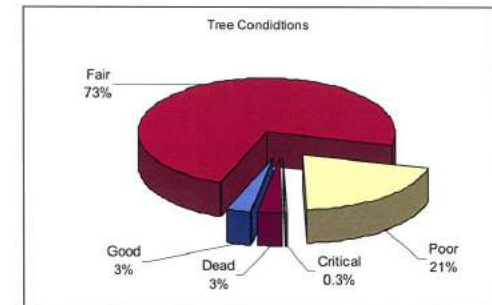
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Evergreen Communities Act

- Legislation 2008
– (E2SHB 2844)
- Technical Advisory Committee
- Inventory Data Standards

Table 3 – Tree Conditions

Condition	Count
Good	70
Fair	1654
Poor	475
Critical	7
Dead	67



Numbers here represent the relative lack of structural pruning and the more natural quality of the trees surveyed. Some typical characteristics are listed on the following page to help the reader understand the condition ratings.



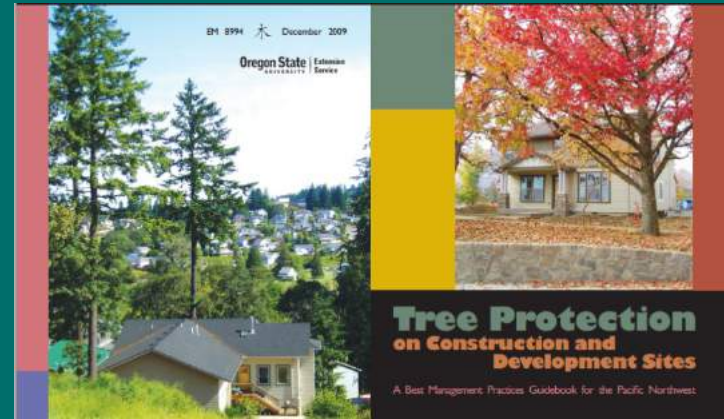
“Jobs Now”

- 2012 “Capital Jobs Bill”
- Supports Puget Sound Partnership
- Improve local and regional water quality
- Urban forestry-related



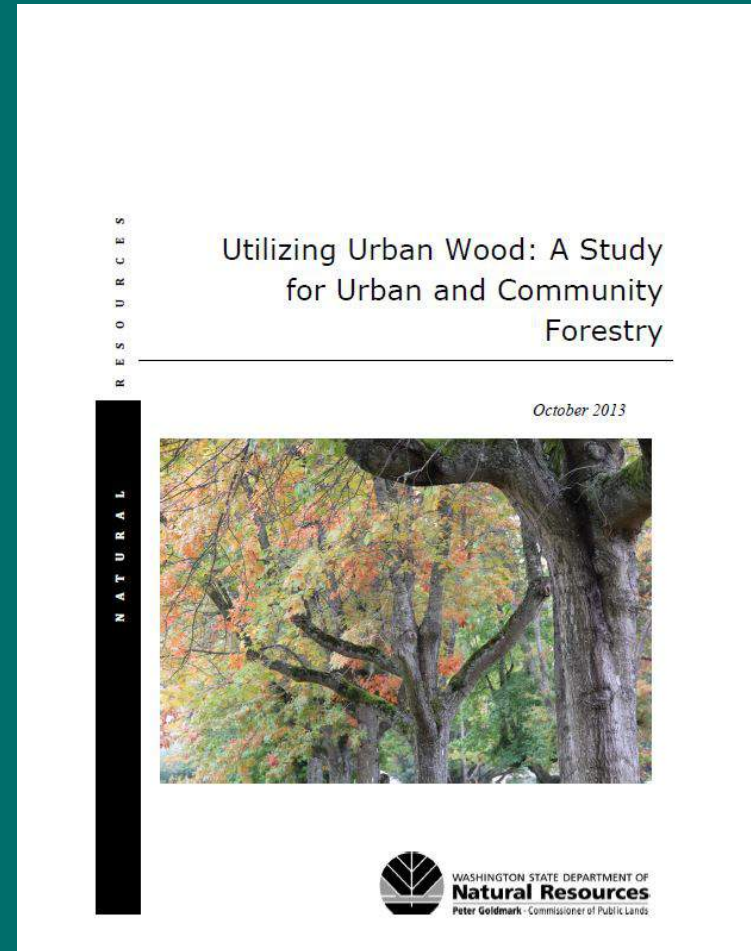
Competitive Grants

- Best Management Practices
- Rathdrum Aquifer
- Technology Transfer Project
- Regional UF Strategy

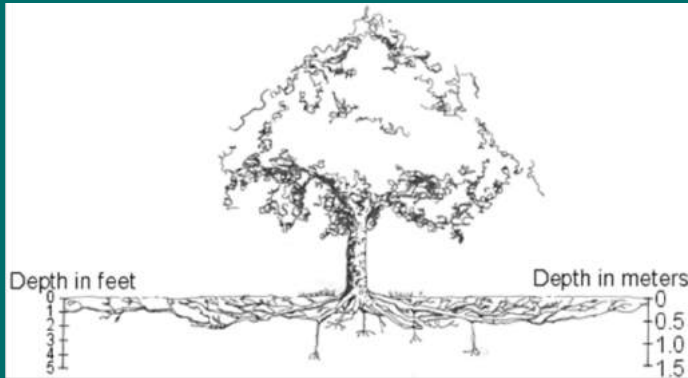


USFS Carry-over Funding

- Veteran's Urban Forestry Stewardship
- Wood Utilization



Goal 5. Planting Trees



Planning for trees



Tacoma



Snoqualmie



Connecting Community... to Forestry



Healthy Run, Tukwila

Forest Action Plan

- Conserve, restore & expand the urban tree canopy

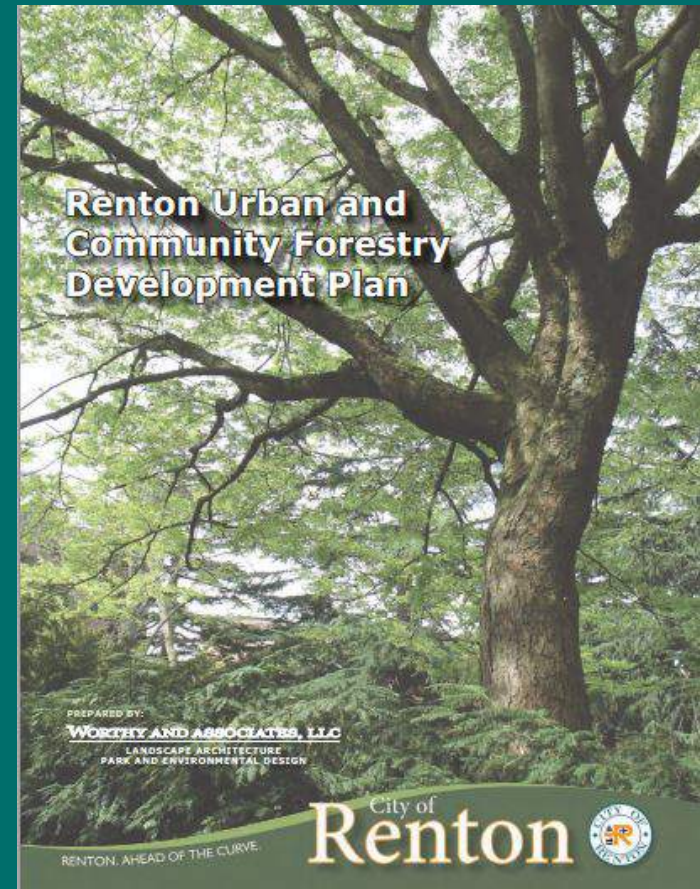


Tree topping campaign, Tacoma



Forest Action Plan

- Assist communities with developing and implementing urban forest conservation programs



Forest Action Plan

- Maintain and improve air quality and energy conservation



Energy Trees – Avista/Spokane Conservation District



Forest Action Plan

- Improve public awareness of the benefits of urban forests



Arbor Day, Bellevue



Arbor Day, Spokane



Arbor Day, Fairfield



Forest Action Plan

- Reconnect urban people, especially youth, with the forested and outdoors environments.



Green Kent Day



Bonney Lake volunteers



Planting in George



The Future of Urban Forestry in Washington

...is looking **GREEN**



SeaTac



Kids Klub Lynwood



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