



## Tree Inventories



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### What is a tree inventory and why do we need one?

In order to efficiently manage any resource you need to know what you have, how many, where it is located and what condition it is in. A complete inventory will provide an accurate listing of the location of trees to facilitate directing work crews to a tree or group of trees to perform required work. In addition, management information is collected for each tree such as the tree species, trunk diameter, management need and tree health. This information can be analyzed to develop short and long range management plans and budgets.

A complete tree inventory is the ideal management tool to effectively and efficiently manage a tree population. A tree inventory requires a commitment to use the information and update the inventory on a periodic basis. If you do not, the information will become obsolete and will be of little use.

An alternative to a complete tree inventory is a sample tree inventory. A statistical sample of the tree population is conducted and management information is collected on each sample tree. An accurate estimate of the management needs of the population can then be developed for planning purposes. A sample inventory, however, will not provide complete work list to complete management activities.

### Who can use a tree inventory?

Managers that are responsible for managing a large population of trees. Including:

- Cities, Towns and Villages
- Institutional or Business Campuses
  - Property Managers
  - Golf Courses

**Urban Forestry, LLC has completed numerous inventories for a variety of clients. We also offer ArborWare tree inventory management software. Please contact us if we can be of assistance in fulfilling your tree inventory or other management needs.**