



CITY OF TREES CHALLENGE

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Launched on Arbor Day in 2020, the City of Trees Challenge is an ongoing story of community and collaboration to address climate change. The Challenge aims to plant an urban tree for every household in Boise, Idaho and a forest seedling for every resident by 2030— approximately 100,000 trees in the city and 235,000 seedlings in nearby forests, supported by community partnerships that develop strategies to plan for, plant, and care for these trees over the course of their lifespan.

OBJECTIVES

- Plant 100,000 urban trees in Boise, Idaho, and 235,000 seedlings in the nearby fire-impacted Boise National Forest.
- Using tools like the American Forests [Tree Equity Score](#), ensure equitable distribution of urban trees to ensure benefits like reduced cooling costs during peak summer months and improved health, are directed to the neighborhoods that need them most.
- Focus on restoration of lands damaged by the 2016 Pioneer Fire to improve forest health and wildlife habitat, and sequester carbon.

PATHWAYS FOR SCALING



The Inflation Reduction Act includes \$1.5 billion for urban and community forest programs that can be modeled from the City of Trees Challenge.



The REPLANT Act provides funding to plant and regenerate 1.2 billion trees in National Forests, creating 49,000 jobs, and sequester 758 million metric tons of carbon dioxide.

LOCATION

Idaho

FUNDING AMOUNT AND SOURCES

Approx. \$80,000/year from City of Boise since 2021; Over \$100,000 from Arbor Day Foundation, The Nature Conservancy in Idaho, USDA Forest Service, Treasure Valley Canopy Network and other public and private funders in Idaho

PROGRAM PARTNERS

City of Boise, The Nature Conservancy in Idaho, USDA Forest Service, Treasure Valley Canopy Network, Arbor Day Foundation, American Forests

SUCCESSES TO DATE



Over **149,000 forest seedlings** have been planted in Boise National Forest to restore lands damaged by the 2016 Pioneer Fire.



Over **14,000 urban trees** have been planted in Boise neighborhoods.



The Boise Tree Captains Program is building partnerships to plan for, plant and care for trees in neighborhoods across the city.

For more information about this and other innovative and scalable projects implementing Natural Climate Solutions in the U.S., please visit www.usnature4climate.org/building-ambition/.