



The Alliance for Community Trees (ACT) is a national alliance of organizations dedicated to improving the health and livability of cities through tree planting and care. With 150 affiliates in 40 states and Canada, ACT engages volunteers to improve the environment in urban areas, where 83% of people live. ACT's local affiliates have planted 7.8 million trees in city neighborhoods nationwide, with help from 450,000 volunteers.

- **NeighborWoods** plants trees to enhance affordable housing and contribute to community revitalization in neglected neighborhoods. The program has provided \$1.6 million in technical and financial assistance to non-profit organizations in 62 cities since 2005, resulting in over 100,000 trees planted and cared for by nearly 50,000 volunteers.
- **Community Tree Leadership Forum** is a national training program that helps community tree groups become successful, sustainable organizations. The program provides skill training in core areas critical to success such as advocacy, fundraising, volunteer management, collaboration and more.
- **National NeighborWoods Month™** is ACT's annual community service campaign, which in October 2007 resulted in 235 volunteer events delivered by 72 local partners in major markets across the country. Campaign partners planted 33,000 trees, engaged 15,000 volunteers and educated the public about sustainability through education and media outreach.
- **Advocacy.** ACT works on behalf of its 150 members by advocating for national legislation in support of urban forests. ACT educates its members to be effective advocates for sound public policies at the local, state and national level.
- **The NeighborWoods Network™** is an electronic community for local organizers to collaborate and share success strategies. Monthly Webcasts, weekly newsletters, and electronic discussion groups connect and educate ACT's extended network of tree advocates.
- **The ACT Annual Meeting** is a national conference that highlights the latest academic research, management practices and policy advancements from leading experts in the field of urban forestry. To strengthen public education and volunteerism, a training track for NeighborWoods organizers showcases successful strategies for community action and mobilization.
- **One Planet—Ours, Sustainability for the 22nd Century.** Working with the US Botanic Garden and other partners, ACT created a model urban forest on the grounds of the National Garden. Running from May-October 2008, the exhibit will be seen by over 450,000 visitors.