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Gainesville's Trees
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Trees are Good!

- The Benefits of Trees

- ▶ Money \$\$\$
- ▶ Beauty
- ▶ Social Value
- ▶ Environmental Value
- ▶ Non-Monetary Values



Dollar Value of a Tree

- ▶ Reduce Heating and Cooling Costs
- ▶ Increase Property Value
- ▶ Some Environmental Values can be Calculated (For example, Storm Water Control, Cleaning the Air, Absorbing Carbon, Reducing Soil Erosion, etc.)
- ▶ Increase Business Traffic



Trees are Beautiful!

- ▶ So Many Different Kinds of Trees!
- ▶ The Seasons are Marked by Trees!
- ▶ People Prefer to be Around Trees
- ▶ We Feel Better Around Trees!



Social Values of Trees

- ▶ Shade
- ▶ Healing
- ▶ Some Trees Provide Food!
- ▶ Trees Bring People Together – Unity, Neighborhood
Identity, Civic Pride
- ▶ Trees are Teachers and Playmates!



Environmental Benefits of Trees

- ▶ Trees Combat Climate Change – They Store, or “Sequester”, Carbon by Breathing in CO₂
- ▶ Trees Breathe Out Oxygen, for us to Breathe!
- ▶ They Provide a Home and Refuge for Birds, Mammals and Other Wildlife
- ▶ Trees Clean the Air by Absorbing Pollution
- ▶ They Prevent Water Pollution and Soil Erosion
- ▶ Trees Save Water



Thank You!

Questions?