

Planting Trees, Growing Communities

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# Marin ReLeaf



*Planting Trees...  
Growing Healthy Communities*

Non-profit organization  
planting and caring for trees in  
public urban spaces  
throughout Marin County

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*“Today, for the first time in history, the majority of the planet’s population lives in cities, and that continued urbanization will result in one million people moving to cities each week, thus creating a new set of environmental challenges and opportunities.”*

United Nations Green Cities Declaration, Conference June 1-5, 2005

Urban trees play a critical role in environmental protection due to their natural ability to store carbon and thereby reduce greenhouse gases, a contributing source of global climate change. In addition, trees reduce storm-water runoff and filter water entering our streams, lakes and ocean. They enhance the quality of life for all community members by providing shade, beauty and enjoyment while increasing property values and improve tourism and shopping experiences. Current local policies provide inadequate protection for the preservation and planting of urban trees.  
*Marin ReLeaf is the only organization in Marin County dedicated to urban forestry and the protection of trees.*



**Volunteers at China Camp State Park  
Acorn-to-Oak Project.  
Monitoring first-year seedling**

*Recipient of  
Environmental Leadership Award,  
San Rafael Chamber of Commerce*

*Urban Forestry is the management of tree populations in urban settings for the purpose of improving the urban environment. Urban Forestry advocates the role of trees as a critical part of the urban infrastructure. Urban Foresters plant and maintain trees, support appropriate tree and forest preservation, conduct research and promote the many benefits trees provide.*

## What is a Sustainable Urban Forest?

Trees are the largest and longest living plant material in our cities. The most benefit for our communities comes from planning for proper selection, placement, planting and maintenance. Public trees make up between 15 to 20 percent of the urban forest. The remainder is in private ownership.

Street trees impact city infrastructure systems; streets, sidewalks, powerlines, water drains, green-waste and sewage. By planting a tree in front of your home or business you become a partner with sustainability of our future health.

Most street trees are exotic hardwoods. Across the world, street trees are being milled for carpentry projects when they must be removed. This helps to offset expenditures throughout their lifetime.

By using the guidelines for sustainability that have been developed by the federal forest service over the past 100 years, we can have a healthy urban forest for future generations.

## Our Mission:

The purpose of Marin ReLeaf is to improve the quality of life in Marin County communities by promoting awareness of the benefits of urban forestry and by engaging community members in the appreciation and protection of trees in urban habitats. Marin ReLeaf is dedicated to planting trees in public spaces and providing education and advocacy programs for Marin communities.

*Marin ReLeaf is organized as a 501 © (3), non-profit.  
All donations are fully tax deductible.  
We are all volunteers, and have no paid staff at this time,  
so all donations go directly to our planting programs.*



***“As cities grow, their inhabitants need a well-planned, clean, healthy and safe environment in which to raise their children and pursue their dreams.”***

*Kofi Annan, Former United Nations Secretary-General*

## How you can you support Sustainable Urban Forestry

### Membership

Memberships are on a sliding scale for different sectors of our community. All memberships and donations are dedicated to our planting programs.

### Street Trees

Working with the City of San Rafael, we are developing a three-year street tree planting pilot program for neighborhoods. Learn about street trees, volunteer to install, or join the maintenance effort. Join our Young Tree Care classes starting 2011.

### Acorn to Oak

Volunteer to harvest nuts from native oak trees (instructions on our web site). Join the planting parties the first weekend of December. Locations change yearly. Take this program to your community.

### Memorial Trees

Honor someone you love with a tree planted in an urban park where you can visit it. These trees help sustain our parks with new trees for future generations.

***Check our web site for more ideas***

Yes,

I want to become a member of Marin ReLeaf and support sustainable urban forestry in Marin County.

## Annual Membership

- \$10 Seedling, Student
- \$25 Twig, Individual
- \$35 Branch, Family
- \$50 Tree, Organization
- \$100-499 Grove, Business
- \$500 and above Forest, Sponsor

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