

# Trees: A Risk Worth Taking (most of the time)

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The evidence is mounting around the compounding benefits of the urban forest. We know trees in cities clean air and water, reduce energy demands, and improve the people's overall quality of life. Yet, tree failure may have serious negative consequences. So, how can we maximize the good and minimize the risk associated with trees growing in the built environment?

This presentation will explore: balancing public safety with tree benefits, how to assess tree risk, the burden of tree risk on public and private tree owners, and examples of risk management.

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