



Local urban forestry talk set for tonight

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On Wednesday, June 25 at 7 p.m., the Woodland Tree Foundation and the City of Woodland are hosting a community forum on the benefits and costs of urban forestry tonight at 7 in the Community and Senior Center, 2001 East St.

Dr. Greg McPherson, Ph.D., Research Forester and Director of the USDA Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Research Station's Center for Urban Forestry Research, will lead the forum, which will conclude with questions from participants. McPherson is located on the UC Davis campus, in the School of Environmental Horticulture where he is currently leading a team of researchers on the project, Sustainable Urban Forest Ecosystems. The teams' work is to measure and model urban forest benefits and costs, with a particular emphasis on energy, carbon and water.

According to McPherson, "no longer can the urban forest be thought of as merely an aesthetic 'frill' whose maintenance is optional. Trees create a walkable, cool environment; a distinct sense of place that improves property values; opportunities to intercept and slow rainfall run-off; sequester carbon dioxide, a major greenhouse gas; and provide animal habitat."

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