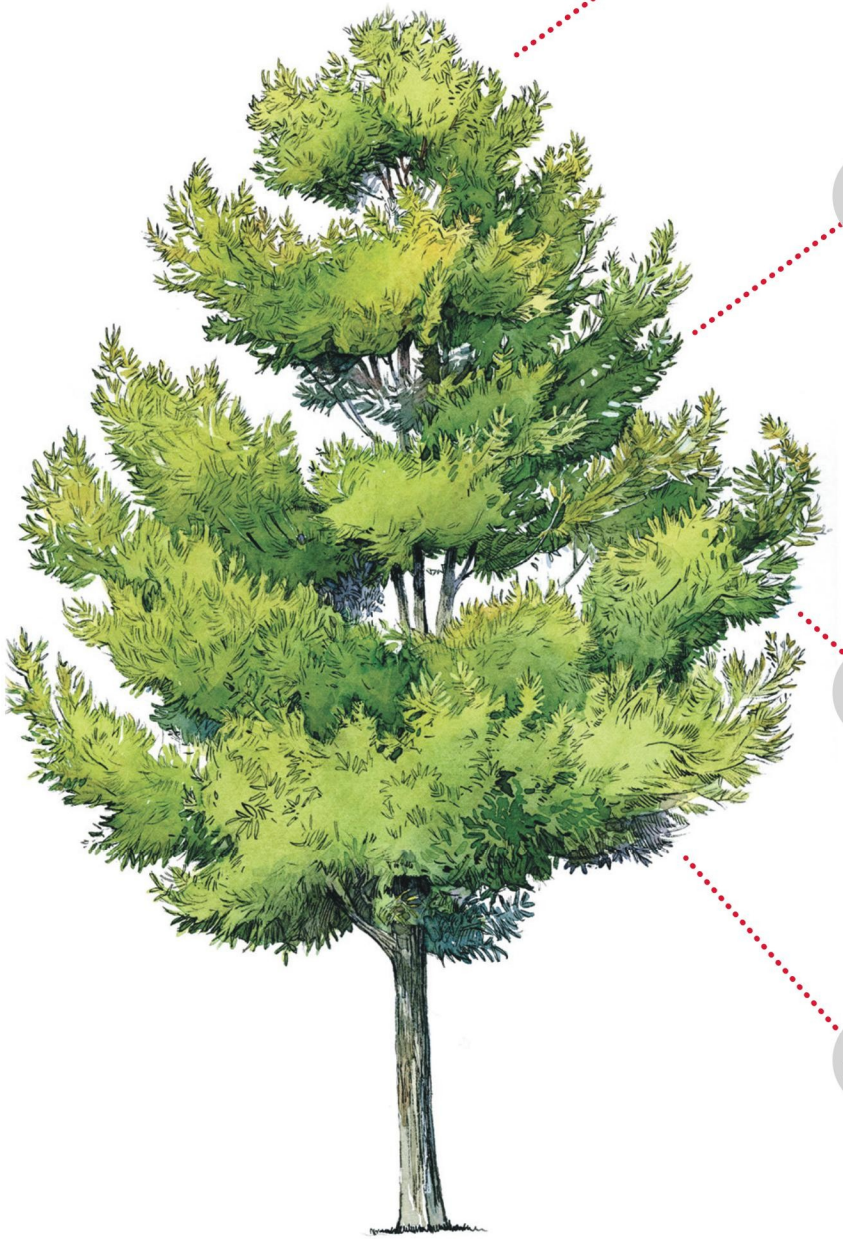


Community Benefits

- Reduce stress and improve mental health: "green views" help Calgarians feel calm and happy.
- Absorb noise: urban sounds are reduced by green sound barriers.
- Provide shade, helping reduce UV exposure and sunburns.
- Reduce vehicle speeds on residential streets.

Environmental Benefits

- Clean our air: they absorb greenhouse gases and pollutants.
- Reduce the "heat island" effect from concrete buildings: they cool our city.
- Create urban diversity: animals rely on trees for shelter, food, protection, nesting and breeding grounds.
- Reduce erosion: their roots bind soil and decrease sediments and pollutants in our watersheds.
- Help provide clean water: they slow runoff and filter our water.

Social Benefits

- Help us heal: studies prove patients need less medication and recover faster when in a treed hospital.
- Reduce crime, increase social ties and create a sense of community.
- Increase your sense of community, provide gathering areas and an enhanced sense of unity.

Economic Benefits

- Save money: they cool your home with shade in summer, and insulate it in winter.
- Increase property values: landscaping with trees sees higher home values.
- Provide food: apples, cherries and pears can all grow in Calgary.
- Trees on storefronts increase foot traffic for local businesses.