# The Value of Trees

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Trees help humans and other living things in many ways. Among them, they:

 Remove carbon dioxide (a greenhouse gas) and other pollutants from the air

· Produce oxygen

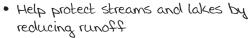
 Provide food and shelter for wildlife

Provide wood products

 Add beauty to the landscape

 Provide a pleasant environment for recreation

 Help reduce residential energy consumption by shading homes in summer and sheltering them from wind in winter



 Reduce noise pollution by absorbing sound

Increase property values.

Research has shown that trees can provide up to \$7 in benefits each year for every \$1 invested in caring for them. Benefits include increased property values, pollution control, and energy savings.

# KEEP TREES A HEALTHY PART OF YOUR WORLD.

- Plant trees. Make sure they are right for the site.
- Help keep trees healthy. For example: water trees during dry periods; avoid wounding bark with lawn mowers and weed whips; stake small-diameter, newly planted trees to give them added support; much trees to help retain moisture in the soil.
- Celebrate Arbor Day and Arbor Month. In Minnesota, Arbor Day is the last Friday in April and May is Arbor Month.
- Zoin—or establish—a local tree committee or board.
- Go to www.Mntrees.org, Minnesota's one-stop Web site for information on trees, tree care, and tree-related organizations.

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- Copy panels and have students paste them into a journal to which they add additional comments and drawings.

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