A Training Programme For Urban Forestry Volunteers

National Tree Officers
Conference, Telford 2016

Urban Tree Warden Training.

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

Margaret Mead

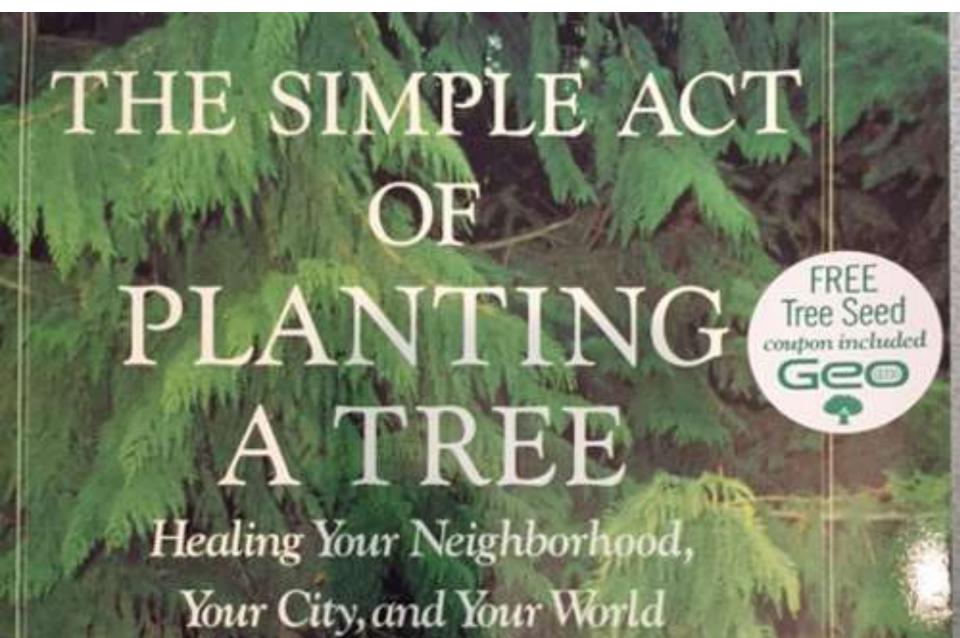












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"Let's all enjoy being victims"

Chris Neilan

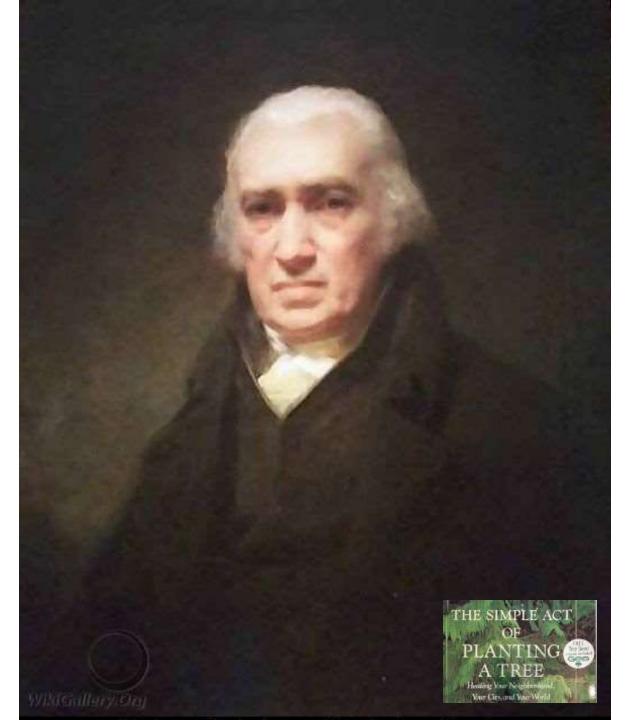
- Some downsides
 - Volunteer labour is not cheap
 - Time demands can be great AND out of the 9-5 mindset.
 - New management skills are required
 - Achievable targets are needed.
 - The right people.
 - Success is demanding, failure more so.

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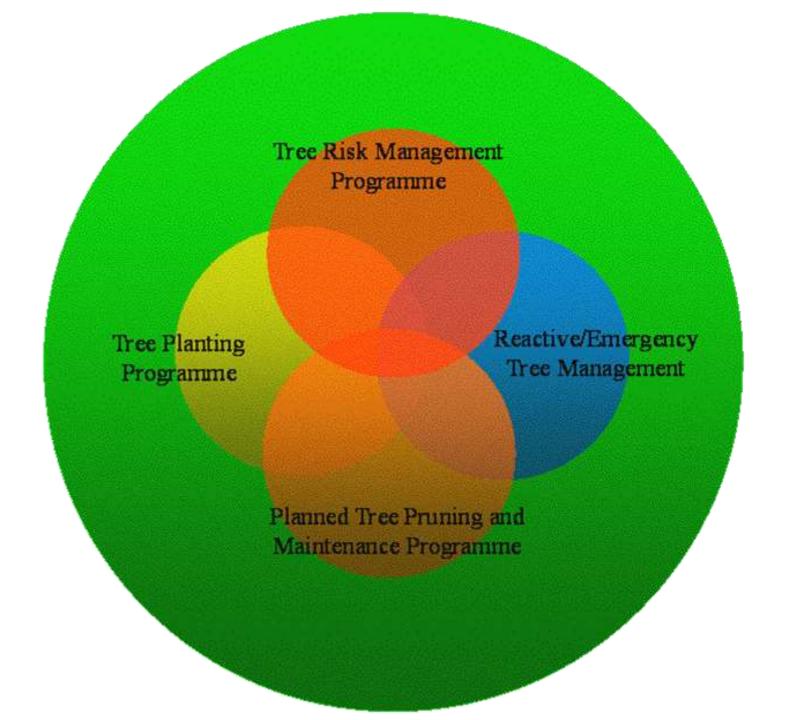
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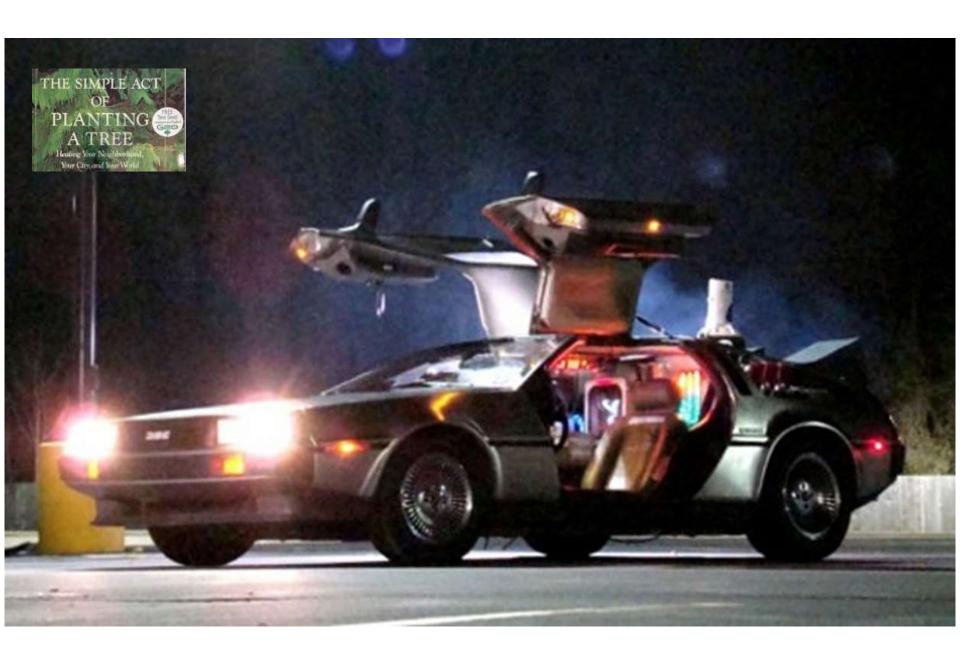






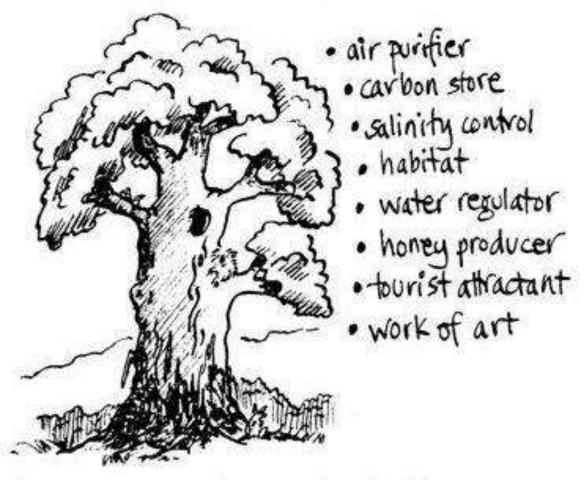








PUBLIC + ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES



GOVERNMENT + INDUSTRY VALVE



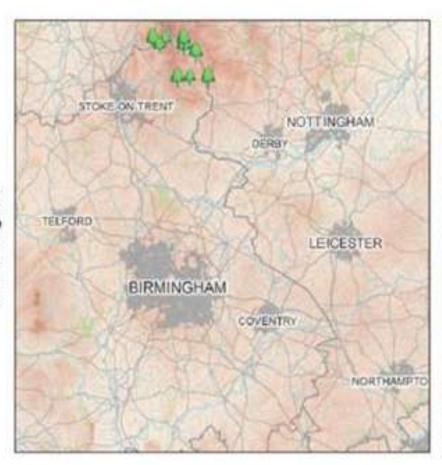


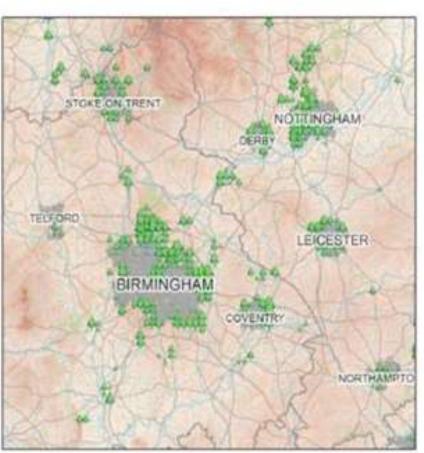




People, trees, and values







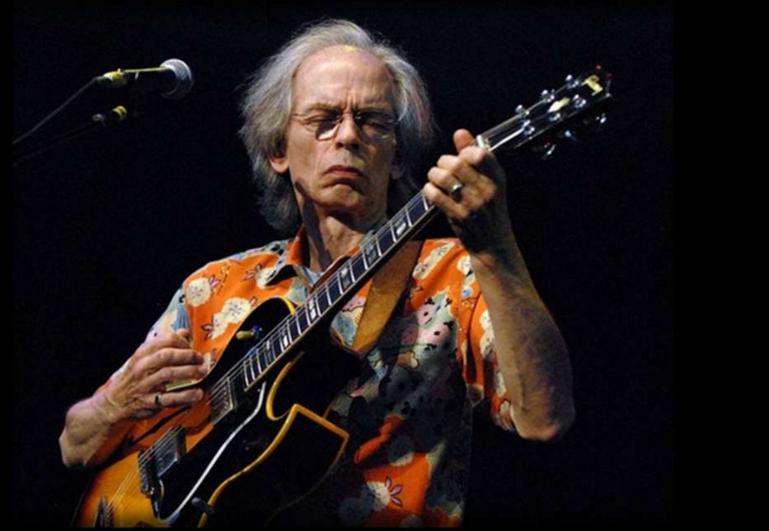
Based on a) market prices b) non-market values

Central England

The Bottom Line...

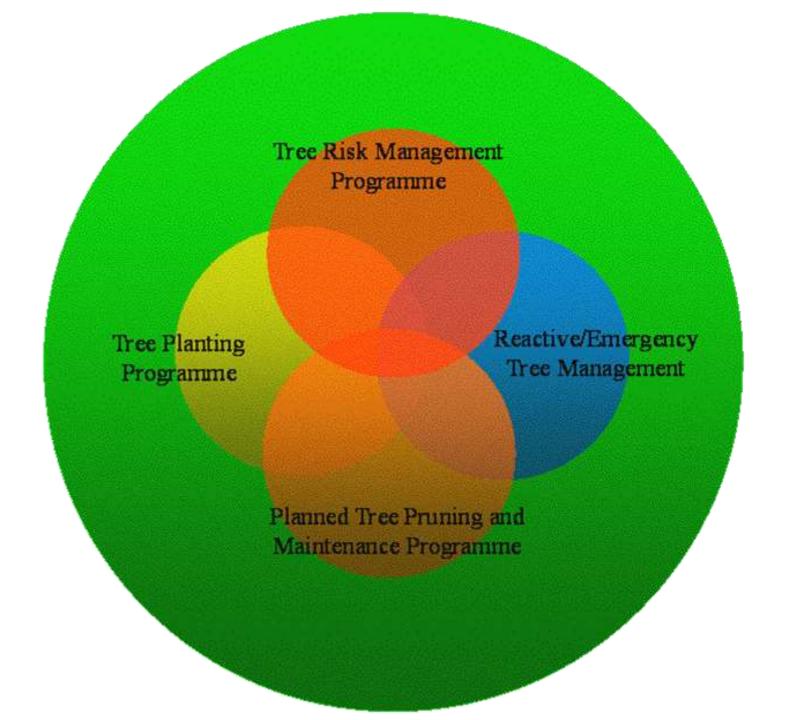
- Quality of life depends on tree benefits
- Benefits depend on healthy trees
- Healthy trees require quality care
- Quality care depends on you





What You Can Do...

- Establish long-term goals for the urban/community forest
- Fund programmes for maintenance and care
- Support volunteer organisations
- Champion community trees





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Thank you for your time.

