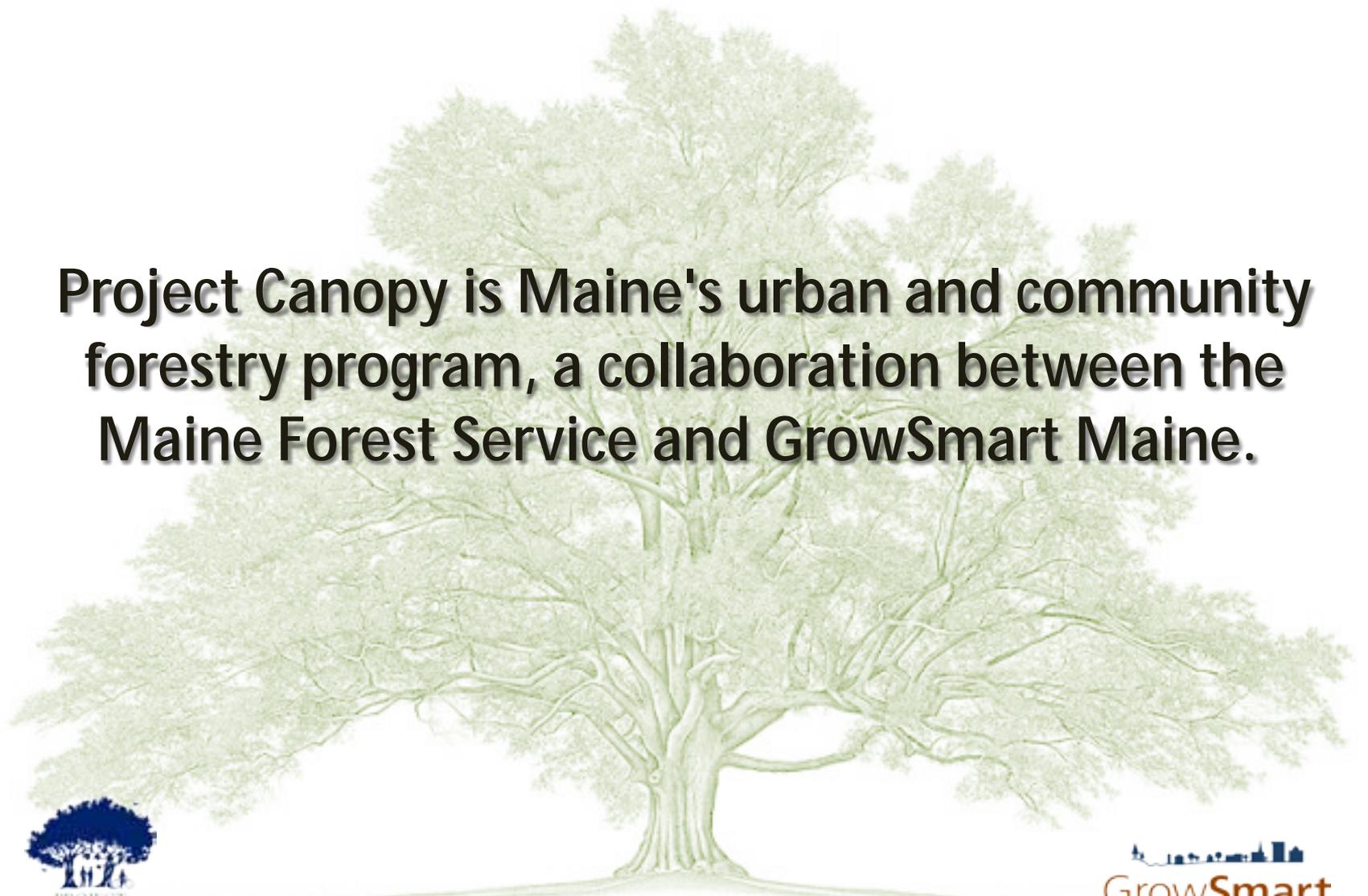


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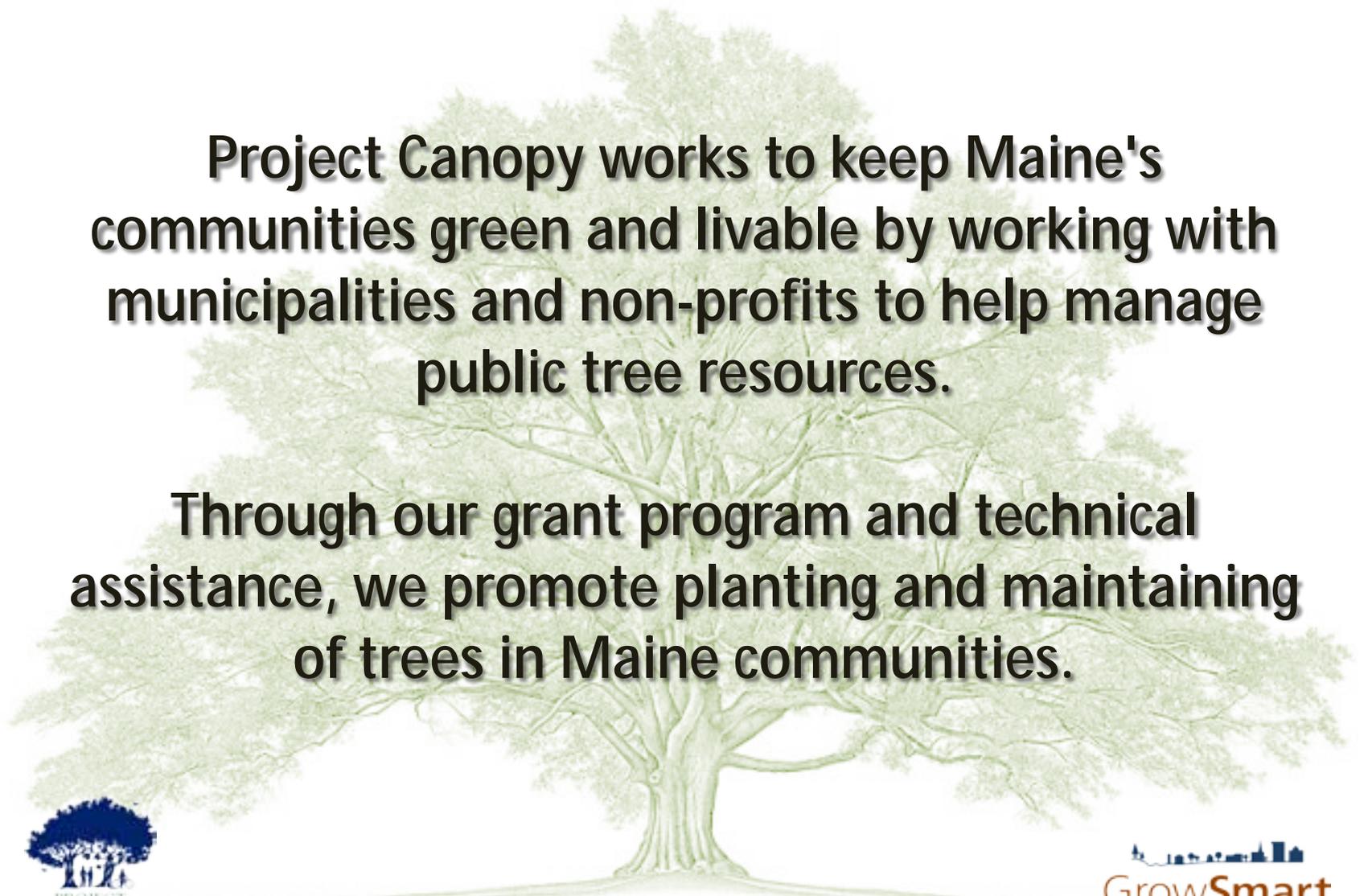
Greening Maine's Downtowns





Project Canopy is Maine's urban and community forestry program, a collaboration between the Maine Forest Service and GrowSmart Maine.





Project Canopy works to keep Maine's communities green and livable by working with municipalities and non-profits to help manage public tree resources.

Through our grant program and technical assistance, we promote planting and maintaining of trees in Maine communities.



Urban trees:

- Ñ Reduce Crime - a 10% increase in tree canopy has been associated with a roughly 12% decrease in crime ¹
- Ñ Improve Air Quality - large, healthy trees greater than 30" in diameter remove *70 times* more air pollution annually than small, healthy trees less than 3" in diameter ²
- Ñ Improve the Local Economy - Businesses on treescaped streets show 20% higher income streams ³
- Ñ Reduce Stormwater Runoff - the average tree intercepts 1,271 gallons of precipitation annually, in total saving a city \$523,311 in storm-water retention costs ⁴
- Ñ Increase Property Value - trees in front of a property can increase its value by up to \$7,000 ⁵



“If you knew that you could live a safer, healthier existence by doing something as simple as designing streets, plazas, and parking lots that could support robust urban forests, wouldn’t that be one of the simplest decisions you could make?”

Source: Aren't Urban Trees A Public Health Issue?

Posted on [October 22, 2012](#) by [Leda Marritz](#) <http://www.deeproot.com/blog/blog-entries/urban-forests-a-public-health-issue>



Nothing says 'historic downtown' more than majestic mature shade trees



- Danforth Street; Portland, Maine 1899

Trees are not everlasting, but we can replant.



- Elms on Eastern Promenade; Portland, Maine





We must plant today to return our streets to their historic splendor for tomorrow.



- Washington Street; Bath, Maine



It all starts with you.



- Kittery Commons; Kittery, Maine



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