

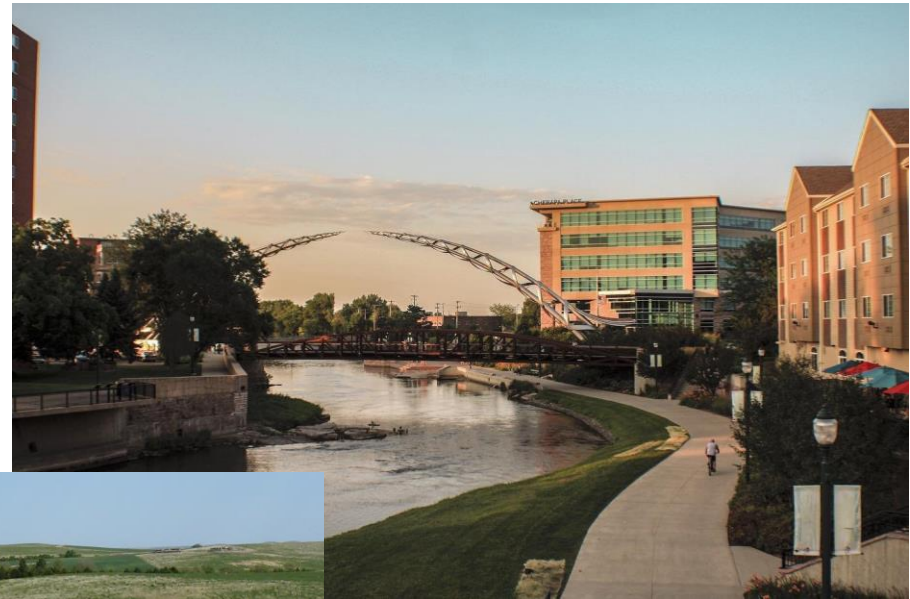


Urban Forestry in South Dakota

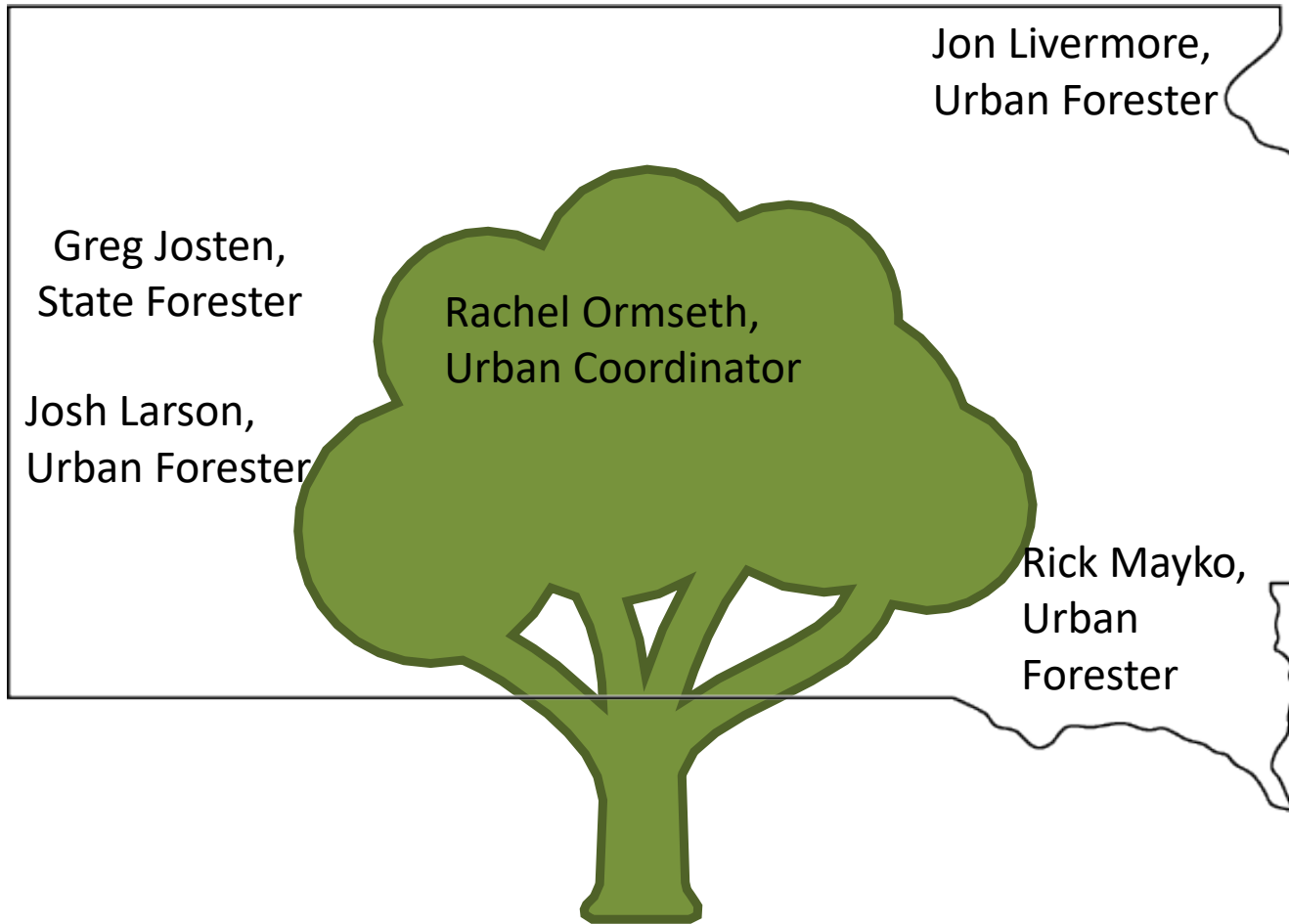
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What does Urban Forestry mean in South Dakota?

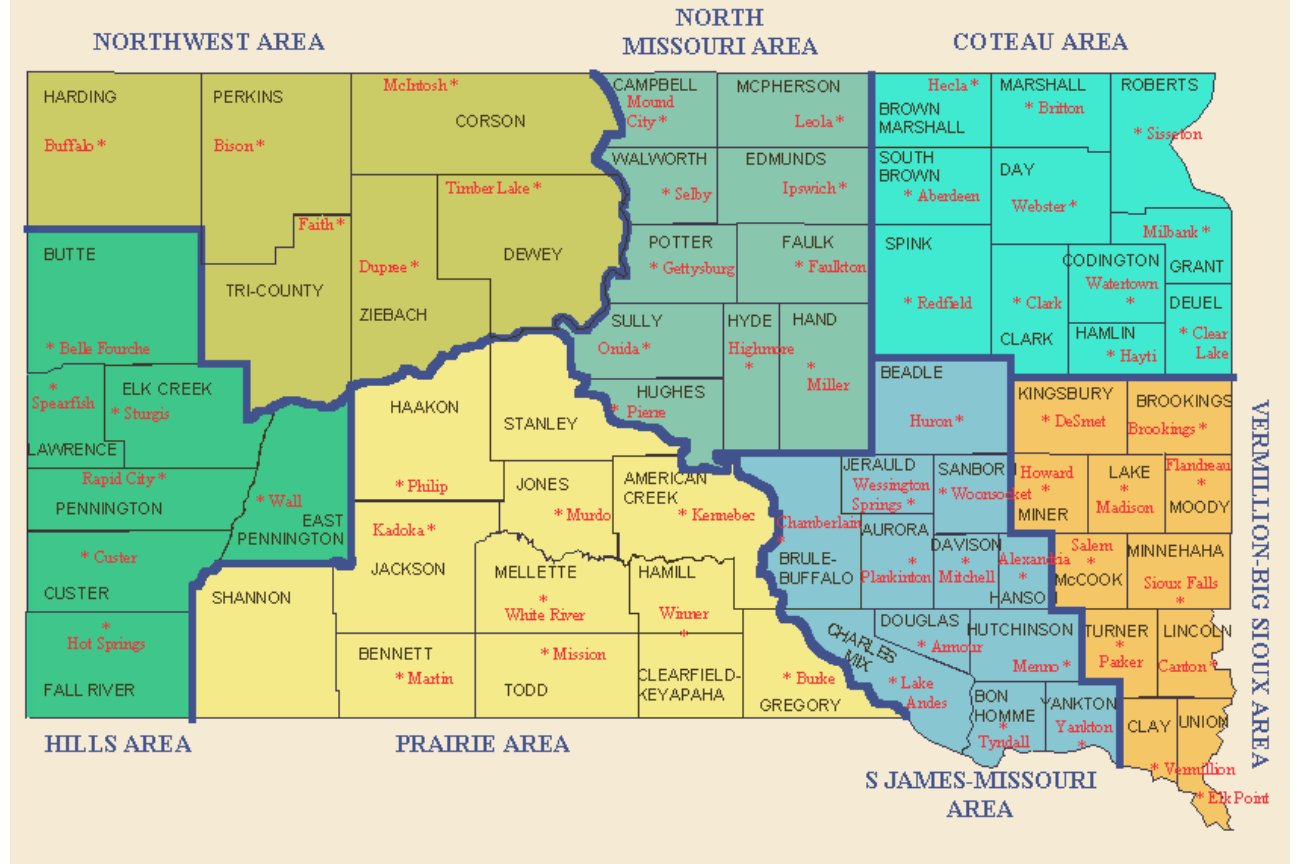
- 94% of communities have less than 5,000 people



How do we make it all happen?



South Dakota Conservation Districts and SDACD Areas





UCF Challenge Grant

**Communities, non-profits,
tribes**

\$20,000/State Fiscal Year



- Categories
 - Professional Services
 - Tree Inventory/assessment
 - Existing Tree Care & Maintenance
 - Education & Training
 - New Tree Planting
 - Other activities

Arbor Day Contests

First Place – Annika Tank of Marshall Conservation District

The tree that little girl's brother made a fort out of.

The tree that gave shade to little girl's baby sister, while little girl's mommy planted the tomatoes and cucumbers that little girl's friends ate when they had play dates.

The tree that was home to the caterpillar that turned into a butterfly that little girl spent hours chasing.

The tree that protected the dog that passed away when little girl was a baby.
The tree that held little girl when she swung in the branches and made crowns out of its leaves.

The tree that's bark was nipped at when little girl got a new puppy.

The tree that comforted her when her dear grandpa who planted it passed away.

The tree that watched as little girl turned into big girl.

The tree that give little girl inspiration when she filled out her college application.

The tree that waited for little girl to come back.

The tree that watched as little girl's family built the house for little girl when she came back.

The tree that was chopped down and used as little girl's bed and little girl's baby's bed.

The tree served little girl and little girl's family by providing oxygen shade, comfort, and protection.

The tree will always protect and comfort little girl.





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