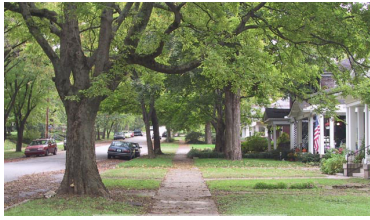


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PLANTATION IN BIG CITIES

Planting large species trees in urban environments brings a host of social, environmental and economic benefits. So it's high time we halted their serious decline. With careful planning and advances in planting technology, our towns and cities can easily accommodate more large trees. Whilst all trees are beneficial to an urban environment it is the larger species (i.e. trees that can attain heights of over 15m) that are the particularly significant elements that can match and compliment the architecture of the city in scale and create great city places. A report showed that the annual net benefit of planting large species trees is 92% greater than for small species trees. In fact, the net benefits are so great that large trees pay for themselves within five years. The growing body of research referenced in the guide provide a convincing argument that it makes sound financial sense to plant larger species trees. The financial benefits of trees range from increasing property prices to reducing energy consumption by regulating local microclimates. They've also been shown to improve physical and mental health, reduce hospital recovery times and increase workplace productivity. Their canopies intercept rainwater, reducing run-off and flood risk. And their roots filter water, improving its quality. Evidences show that large species trees are keys to create climate-proof, happy and healthy cities for the future. It is vital that large species trees are seen as part of an integrated urban ecosystem, rather than being considered merely as ornamentation. Trees are a vital component of the Green Infrastructure in our urban areas. If we don't make the most of these techniques and plant more large trees, we'll be short-changing future generations and miss a huge opportunity to climate proof our towns and cities.

Thanks and Regards

Progress report:

1. **Utilization Certificate for Development of Municipal Park with in Municipal Campus for the year 2015-16 have been submitted at SUDA and MED.**
2. **Tendering is under process for Beautification of Park near B.K.C College Ward Number -14 for the Year 2016-17**