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LIONS AND LEOS ARE WORKING TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT
TO CREATE HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES AND A MORE SUSTAINABLE WORLD.

Environmental Advocacy,
Awareness and Education

Recycling & Waste
Management

Environmental Cleanup
& Restoration

Clean Water
& Sanitation



TREE PLANTING AND TREE CARE

Improve your community through the planting of locally appropriate tree seedlings or saplings and contribute to cleaner air and healthier environments.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) provide a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future. The 17 Goals are an urgent call for action by all countries—developed and developing—in a global partnership. Achievement of the SDGs also relies on the involvement of volunteer organizations, who connect governmental strategies and initiatives with complementary, yet essential, community action.

THIS SERVICE AREA SUPPORTS SDG #15

15
LIFE
ON LAND



PROTECT, RESTORE AND PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE USE OF TERRESTRIAL ECOSYSTEMS, SUSTAINABILITY MANAGE FORESTS, COMBAT DESERTIFICATION, AND HALT AND REVERSE LAND DEGRADATION AND HALT BIODIVERSITY LOSS



Trees are important for creating sustainable cities: in urban areas, trees can cool the air by up to 8 degrees, **reducing air conditioning needs by 30 percent**. Urban trees are also excellent air filters, removing harmful pollutants and fine particulates.†



22 pounds of CO2 is absorbed by a mature tree every year.**



420 million hectares of forest (an area larger than the size of India) have been lost since 1990, and another 100 million hectares are at risk.*



Approximately 1.6 billion people globally rely on forests to make their living.‡



Forests are home to more than **80% of all species** of land animals, plants and insects.‡



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Service Ideas

lionsclubs.org/environment



Participate in the UN Environment Programme's (UNEP) **The Billion Tree Campaign** and join communities around the world to restore nature and support our planet.



Explore guidance at the **UN Decade of Restoration** and take a **quick course on tree planting**.



Plan a club service activity in honor of **International Mother Earth Day** on April 22. Consider a community-wide tree planting or tree care activity that mobilizes people to connect on a global day of service to protect the environment. Use the posters, photos, videos, and other assets provided by UNEP to raise awareness of the day in your community. Share your impact on social media using the #InternationalMotherEarthDay hashtag.



Participate in an International Day inspiring individuals to Learn, Share, and Act. Check out the International Days promoting **soil**, **wetlands**, and **wildlife**. Support these efforts by identifying recently planted trees in your area in need of water, weeding, and mulching. Use the **Young Tree Care Service Project Planner** to get started.



Organize a tree planting event with your club, district, or Multiple District. Consult your local environment authorities to determine the type and number of trees needed, as well as the location for planting. Use the **Tree Planting Service Project Planner** to get started.



Work with a local school to sponsor a tree planting event engaging students. Use the **School Tree Planting Service Project Planner** to get started.



Collaborate with community groups to plan nature projects: plant a community garden or repurpose an unused space as a garden. Download LCI's **guide to developing local partnerships** to get started.



Work with a local tree care service organization to identify how to care for trees in your community that are in need.