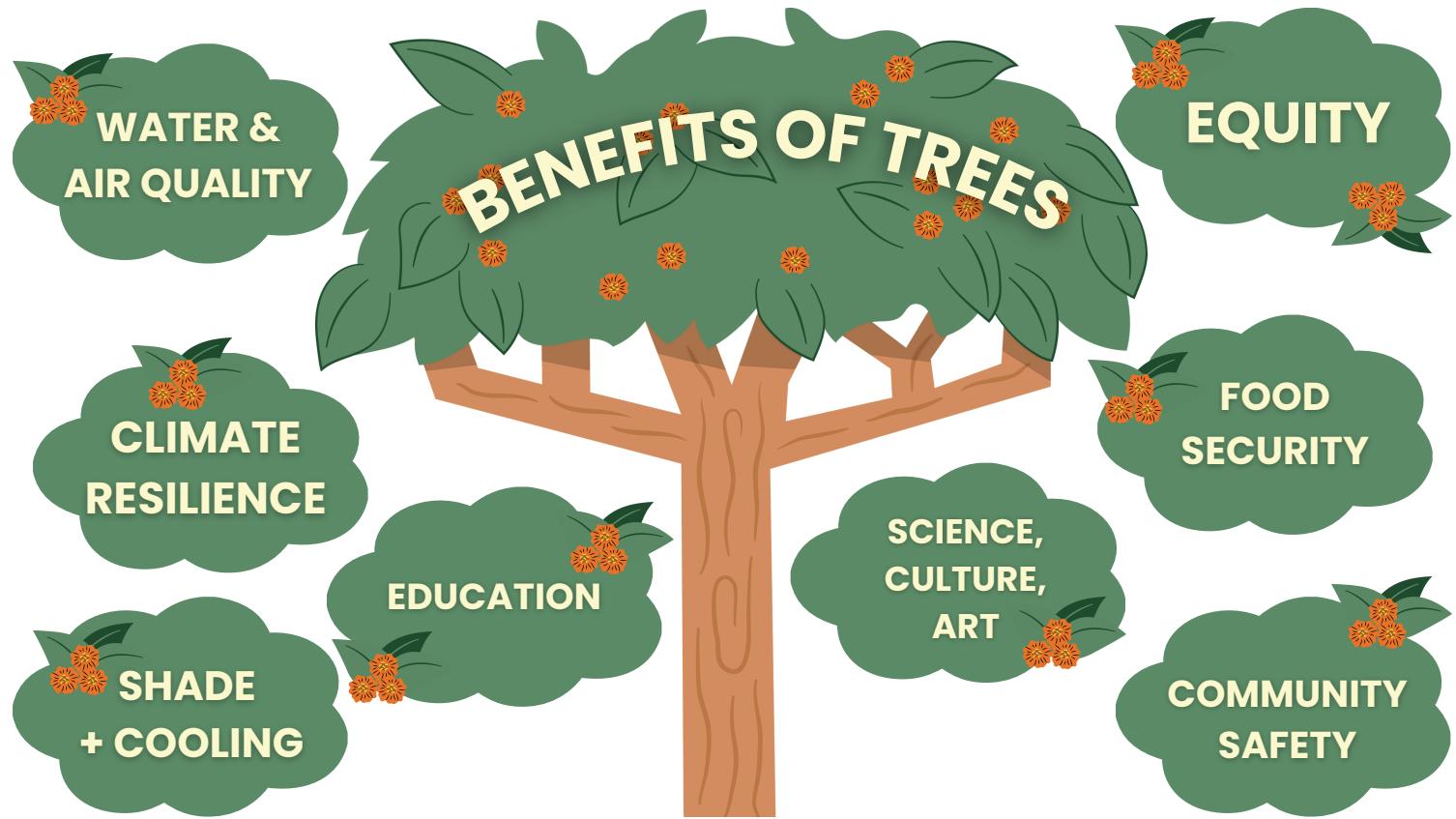




KAULUNANI

SHADE TREES FOR SCHOOLS

Our vision is to expand tree canopy on school grounds to reduce heat and create outdoor spaces that improve opportunities for students' well-being, learning, and play, while strengthening communities' ecological health and resilience.



Trees are more than just beautiful!

A healthy urban canopy provides **cleaner air and water, reduced erosion, climate resilience and healthy habitat** for urban species. Enhanced urban canopy also encourages people to spend more time outside, contributing to **improved physical, mental and emotional health**.

On school campuses, studies show that seeing more greenery outside classroom windows **help reduce stress and anxiety in students, leading to improved classroom performance**. Trees are also an important educational tool, providing the **opportunity for students to connect to the environment, art, culture and food systems on campus**. Tree planting and care activities **create a sense of pride** in caring for the school community.

WANT TO PLANT TREES ON YOUR CAMPUS?

MAKE A TREE CARE PLAN:

VISION

Why do you want trees on campus? Where?

- Make a map with current and proposed trees

SELECTION

"Right tree for the right place"

- Consider tree environmental requirements and growth
- Compare planting locations with above and below ground utilities to avoid conflicts

PLANTING

Have a planting event!

- Engage students, facilities, teachers, administrators and community

TREE TEAM

Who will be involved in long-term tree upkeep and care?

- Invite teachers, students, administrators, facilities, and community members

PERMISSIONS

Get proper approvals before planting!

- Talk to administrators and facilities teams
 - If a DOE campus, get approval through the Office of Facilities

PILINA

How can you continue to build relationship between trees and your campus culture?

RESOURCES

- [Year of our Community Forests Resources](#)
- [Hawai'i Farm to School Resource Hub](#)
- [Green Schoolyards Educator Resources](#)
- [Arbor Day Foundation Learning Hub](#)

Tree Curriculum

- [How cool is your Schoolyard?](#)
- [Calculate tree services with iTree](#)
- [Create Tree Art](#)
- [Grow Native Plants with MLC](#)

How to plant a tree

- [Hawaiian Electric Right Tree Right Place](#)
- [How to Plant a Tree with DPR](#)
- CTAHR tips on [Planting a Tree](#)

Caring for trees at school? Become a Tree Campus!

- Strengthen campus community and pride around campus trees
- Gain national recognition through the Arbor Day Foundation [Tree Campus K-12 Program](#)
- Learn more at [kaulunani.org](#), click on Tree City & Tree Campus Programs

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