## URBAN REFORESTATION FACT SHEET

Urban Reforestation involves planting trees, shrubs, and other vegetation, typically on a large scale, in urban environments. Urban Reforestation provides abstraction of rainfall which helps to minimize the volume of runoff by providing surfaces to wet, processes to evaporate and places for storage. The vegetation also provides surface roughness and irregularities that increase the time of concentration of runoff.

Context is important when selecting plant types and densities. Plant heights, widths, root growth, shading, and leaf litter should be considered and weighed against land use, maintenance availability, and community benefits.



Tree lined street in Old Metairie; source: MetairieClubGardens.com



Tree lined street in New Orleans; credit: Richared Gillen

