

# **Minnesota Shade Tree Advisory Committee (MnSTAC)**

## **Minnesota's Urban Forestry Council**

### **Vision & Mission Statements and Mission Strategies** (Approved: August 2014)

**MnSTAC's Vision:** Minnesota's community forests are a statewide priority and are healthy, diverse, sustainable, and well managed.

**MnSTAC's Mission:** *To be the leading advocate for Minnesota's community forests and to empower and educate Minnesota's citizens to maximize the coverage, health, quality, function, and future of our community forests.*

#### **Mission Strategies:**

1. **Advocacy** – advocate to Minnesota's governor, legislature, state forester, community leaders, and citizens on the best ways to fund, preserve, protect, and expand Minnesota's community forests.
2. **Grass-roots Involvement** – encourage and empower the broadest possible involvement of individual citizens, civic and public organizations and institutions, and all entities interested in Minnesota's community forest resources to proactively and effectively promote and influence matters relating to sound community forestry practices and policies.
3. **Information/Technology Exchange** – facilitate and coordinate the exchange of information and technology related to community forestry matters among Minnesota's citizens and community-forest-minded organizations and institutions.
4. **Investment** – promote a long term public and private commitment to protect and enhance our community forest resources and the dedicated investment of the funds and resources needed to achieve this important goal.
5. **Education** – educate Minnesota's leaders and citizens about the benefits of Minnesota's community forest resources, threats to Minnesota's forest resources, and the best and most up-to-date management practices related to trees and forests.