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Quick Reference to Quotes and Bulleted Benefits of Trees

“Arboreta and botanical gardens in the U.S. have the resources and capacity to play a much larger role in global plant conservation efforts. Arboreta, including The Morton Arboretum, can grow and protect endangered trees in their collections, help with conservation efforts in countries where trees are endangered, and promote greater public awareness and support.”

-Dr. Gerard T. Donnelly, President and CEO, The Morton Arboretum

“More than 8,000 tree species, or 10% of the world’s total, are threatened with extinction, according to the Global Trees Campaign. Trees are critical to sustaining life on earth, and provide a multitude of benefits as part of the ecosystem.”

-Kris Bachtell, Vice President of Collections and Facilities, The Morton Arboretum

Benefits that trees provide:

- clean the air
- provide food, medicine, and timber
- provide habitat for wildlife
- control storm water runoff and soil erosion to prevent flooding
- store carbon
- lower energy costs
- create greener, healthier, more livable communities

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Quick Reference to Quotes and Bulleted Actions People Can Take

“The exhibit will help visitors realize the value of trees, and encourage them to take simple, direct actions that will contribute to healthy, diverse forests and a better quality of life.”

- Sue Wagner, Vice President of Education and Information, The Morton Arboretum

Examples of actions that people can take:

- learn about trees and share what they learn with others
- support local, national, and international tree conservation work
- volunteer to support conservation work at an arboretum or botanical garden
- think about conservation when buying seedlings and trees
- recycle and reuse paper and other products from trees
- use building materials developed sustainably
- volunteer to help manage and restore local natural areas
- learn to identify threatened species in their region
- Support industries that support trees and the environment