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Question1:

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Question4: Pennsylvania's Urban and Community Forestry Program, with USDA Forest Service support, has helped many towns and cities develop municipal tree programs that provide economic, environmental, and aesthetic benefits. Technical assistance and modest incentive grants have been very successful in encouraging municipalities to tap their own resources in developing their tree programs. Regrettably, many municipalities still have no tree program, and so must cope with unsafe trees, unattractive business districts avoided by shoppers, and unhealthy environmental conditions that could be alleviated by trees. The Urban Forestry Program of USDA Forest Service has been very successful and popular, as its benefits extend to a high percentage of taxpayers and voters. The program is soundly managed. I strongly recommend that it be continued, and expanded financially if that can be done without adding to the deficit. It would help to revitalize communities and improve the well being of our citizens.

Question5: See question 4. Community tree programs are just as important for the economic development of rural villages as for cities. The USDA Forest Service Urban Forestry Program has helped to make the infrastructure of communities, which includes street trees, safer and more functional in reducing heating and cooling costs, mitigating capacities needed for storm sewers, and improving the economic attractiveness of communities.

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