

To The Regional Government of Voronezh Region

The urban forest is the backbone a city's green infrastructure network; it is the key component that provides scale, setting and structure to the green network; trees and woodland are inspirational to society.

The urban forest is therefore of fundamental importance to support society, economy and environment in our towns and cities to ensure better places for people to live, play and work.

As the UK's largest professional body for arboricultural professionals, the 'urban foresters', the Arboricultural Association supports and promotes the effective management of urban forests. Its members are engaged around the world to help plant, manage and promote urban forests.

The Arboricultural Association is therefore pleased to be a supporter of **Green Infrastructure of the Urban Environment: Current Status and Prospects of Development** on the 6th and 7th September 2017 in Voronezh, Russia. In particular it supports the international focus Russia places on urban forests at this conference and their contribution to better places for society, for economy and for the environment.

The Arboricultural Association wishes the Regional Government of the Voronezh Region success in its endeavors to secure green infrastructure through the interaction and education of delegates at this conference and looks forward to receiving its findings.



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