

## Trees save Lives

A recent study by the United States Forest Service finds that trees save lives every year in the United States by removing dangerous pollutants (nitrogen dioxide, ozone, sulfur dioxide, and fine particulate matter) from the air. These pollutants are associated with a large number of health problems, including chronic bronchitis, asthma, and cardiovascular disease. The authors of the study estimate that trees removed 17.4 million tons of pollutants in 2010. By removing this amount of pollution, trees helped prevent 850 deaths and 670,000 instances of acute respiratory symptoms, which saved an estimated \$6.8 billion in health care spending. If you are interested in learning more about trees, please contact the Dickinson Conservation District at (906) 774-1550.