

Freetown the Treetown — Pay-per-Verified-Tree Urban Reforestation

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Quality score: 40/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

Freetown City Council pays community growers, mostly women and young people, per digitally verified surviving tree via a GPS/photo-audited app; about 500,000 trees were verified toward the 2024 one-million target, with survival above 80%.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	1/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	1/3
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	2/3
Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced	0/3
Governance, certification & transferability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-01

[Freetown City Council](#) — accessed 2026-08-01

[UN Climate Action — Freetown planting five million trees by 2030](#) — accessed 2026-08-01

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