

Sofia's 'New Forest' — Volunteer-Planted Oak Green Belt Near Negovan, Without Published Survival Data

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Quality score: 13/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

Sofia Municipality's volunteer-driven 'New Forest' is building a green belt of oak saplings near Negovan; a 2022 autumn drive planted 4,500 saplings towards a 15,000-oak plan with 200+ volunteers. Totals vary by source and no survival or cooling data are published.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-10-18

[Sofia Municipality](#) — accessed 2026-10-18

[BTA: Autumn afforestation in Sofia's New Forest near Negovan](#) — accessed 2026-10-18

[Sofia Municipality: 6,200 new trees planted in the New Forest of Sofia](#) — accessed 2026-10-18

[Urban Nature Atlas: Sofia City Forest](#) — accessed 2026-10-18

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