

Project ID	24
Focus / Field	Environment
Country / Region Implemented	Philippines
Name of Project / Activity	Enhanced National Greening Program (E-NGP)
Project / Activity URL (if any)	https://dbm.gov.ph/index.php/secretary-s-corner/press-releases/list-of-press-releases/1092-green-green-green-pushes-city-governments-to-build-better-open-spaces
Target Location	Masbate City and Mandaue City, Philippines
Purpose of Project / Activity	The Green, Green, Green Program is a "unique assistance program that aims to make cities more livable and sustainable through the development of public open spaces" (Palma, 2018). In the face of climate change, mangroves perform a significant role in shoreline protection, acting as a buffer against strong winds and waves. Mangrove forests are also valuable in reducing greenhouse gas emissions as they absorb carbon five times more effectively than rainforests of the same size. This is also to provide an area for aquaculture that is expected to provide livelihood to residents, to accommodate more visitors and thus create more opportunities for people to appreciate the value of the mangroves.
Target of Project / Activity	The National Greening Program or the NGP as the DENR banner program is a convergence initiative of DA-DAR-DENR where the DENR stands as the lead agency. As a government priority pursuant to EO Nos. 23 and 26, both series of 2011, the NGP aims to: 1) contribute in reducing poverty among upland and lowland poor households, indigenous peoples, and in coastal and urban areas; 2) implement sustainable management of natural resources through resource conservation, protection, and productivity enhancement; 3) provide food, goods and services such as timber, fiber, non-timber forest products, aesthetic values, air enhancement values, water regulation values, and mitigate climate change by expanding forest cover that serve as carbon sink; 4) promote public awareness as well as instill social and environmental consciousness on the value of forests and watersheds; 5) enhance the formation of positive values among the youth and other partners through shared responsibilities in sustainable management of tree plantations and forest resources, and 6) consolidate and harmonize all greening efforts of the government, civil society, and the private sector.
Project / Activity Contents	Found only in the tropics and subtropics, a mangrove forest is an ecological community connecting freshwater and saltwater environments. A mangrove forests' one-of-a-kind ecosystem is home to an incredible biological diversity. Two mangrove forest parks are currently being enhanced through Green, Green, Green Program - one in Mandaue City and another in Masbate City. In Mandaue City Mangrove Eco-Park, a number of new facilities will be added, including an assembly area, bamboo boardwalk, and a viewing deck. These features will allow the park to accommodate more visitors and thus create more opportunities for people to appreciate the value of the mangroves. For Phase 2 of the park, with P12 million funding from Green, Green, Green, the Mandaue City LGU will also build several facilities such as a receiving area, nursery, aquasilviculture, watchtower, and bird blind. The park will be open to tourists and more than 300,000 residents of Mandaue City. Similarly, Masbate City LGU is working on improving and completing their own mangrovetum using their P9 million funding assistance. Besides reforestation, their project aims to upgrade pedestrian accessibility by building a convenient entrance to the boardwalk system as well as a drop-off driveway.
Name of Implementing Organization	Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Organization URL	https://www.denr.gov.ph/index.php/priority-programs/national-greening-program
Location of Head Office (City, Country)	Quezon City, Philippines
Category (Public / Private / NPO)	Government/Public organization
Annual Budget	PHP 25 billion budget
Source of Funds	Government subsidies
Base of Activity	Mandaue City and Masbate City, Philippines
Number of Staff (paid)	N/A
Number of Volunteers	N/A

The above information is current as of September 2022.