











PRUNING ANJAR'S FOREST TREES

Submitted by - Environmental Committee, Municipality of Anjar





THE VILLAGE

Located in Zahle District, Bekaa Governorate of Lebanon.



RACHAIYA CORRIDOR PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Lebanon Reforestation Initiative (LRI), a project funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and implemented by the US Forest Service International Programs (USFS-IP), is focusing its efforts on the reforestation of Social and Environmental Corridors (SECs), linking existing forests with recently reforested areas to create safe biocorridors for wildlife, expanding green areas and building stronger relationships between diverse neighboring communities to better manage their shared resources.

The Rachaiya SEC starts in Rachaiya and extends to reach Anjar. Its Corridor Planning Committee, composed of members of the Municipalities and communities have developed a strategic plan to fill the corridor gaps, enhance natural resource conservation and responsible rural tourism, and raise environmental awareness, in collaboration with the civil society, public, and private sectors.



Anjar, (عنجا) is known for the ruins of Umayyad City and its Armenian Church, the second largest Armenian Church in Lebanon. In Anjar you will be surrounded by beautiful scenery and will enjoy the most delicious food in its Lebanese restaurants.

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PRUNING THE FOREST TREES

IN ANJAR, 45,000 native tree seedlings have been planted by the Lebanon Reforestation Initiative since 2011. Anjar's Environmental Committee is submitting a proposal aimed at preserving these trees, by pruning them and removing large branches leaves stubs that might destroy the plant's natural shape and result in developing weak branch structures.



THE PLAN

- Removing dead or dying branches injured by disease, severe insect infestation, animals, storms or other adverse mechanical damage.
- Promoting the forest's health and growth.
- Employing at least 15 local workers for a month.

\$\frac{1}{5}\tag{TOTAL BUDGET REQUIRED: \$24,000}