



# **Tree City USA Program Guide**

**- City of Negaunee-**



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### **Purpose of guide**

The purpose of this guide is to assist the Tree Board and city staff in navigating the necessary requirements found under the Tree USA and Forestry Management Plan Ordinance, adopted by the Negaunee City Council (see Appendix A). As well as, assist the general public in informing them on the programs administered under this ordinance.

This guide will cover the following: establishment of the Tree USA and Forestry Management Plan Ordinance, duties of the Tree Board, the purpose of the Tree USA program, standards of the Tree USA Program and the requirements necessary to maintain these standards, and the development criteria and execution of a Forestry Management Plan.

### **Establishment**

The Negaunee City Council adopted Tree USA and Forestry Management Plan Ordinance in 2019. The Council's goal was twofold. First, to found a community-oriented tree program that helps to manage and expand the inventory of trees within the community's park system. As well as educate, provide a healthy environment, increase natural habitats for wildlife, and connect the importance of trees to human uses and needs.

The second, was to establish a Forestry Management Plan. This plan is designed for larger tracts of land for the purpose of harvesting. This lack of managing plan prior has caused missed opportunities for the city to capture additional revenue that could be used for the betterment of the community. Providing a professional ongoing plan that manages the city's forestlands will help to capture the greatest value from these timbers. As well as provide a steady and reliable source of additional revenue.

The duty of creating this plan falls on the Parks and Recreation Commission. The commission will act as the Tree Board, with the powers to investigate, counsel, develop and/or update every ten (10) years this plan.

Additional benefits from this plan include healthy forest, routing out unhealthy or diseased trees, replanting new trees for future harvesting, providing more public places, providing educational opportunities, and encouraging other property owners to engage in a forestry management plan of their own.

## **Tree Board Duties**

The following duties are required by the Tree USA and Forestry Management Plan Ordinance. The parks and Recreation Commission, acting as the Tree Board, shall work with the City Manager and city staff to effectively execute the duties described below:

### **Maintaining Tree USA Membership Status**

In order to maintain a Tree USA Community status four standards established by the Arbor Day Foundation and the National Association of State Foresters must be met. These standards were established to ensure that every qualifying community would have a viable tree management program and that no community would be excluded because of size.

These four standards are:

- Establishment or designation of a Tree Board or Department
- Establishment of a tree care ordinance
- A community forestry program with an annual budget of at least \$2 per capita
- An Arbor Day observance and proclamation

### **1 Establishment or designation of a Tree Board or Department**

The City Council has designated the Negaunee Parks and Recreation Commission with the task to act as the Tree Board under the Tree USA program. This empowers the board to work with the City Manager to execute the Tree USA and Forestry Management Plan Ordinance.

### **2 Establishment of a tree care ordinance**

This standard has been met with the adoption of the Tree USA and Forestry Management Plan Ordinance. The City Council is the only entity in the City that can establish or overturn an established ordinance.

### **3 Establishment of a Community Forestry Program**

Under the Tree USA Program and the Tree USA and Forestry Management Plan Ordinance, a forestry management program must be created. This fulfills standard number three under the Tree USA Program and satisfies the provisions of the Tree USA and Forestry Management Plan Ordinance.

To qualify to be a Tree USA Community or maintain their membership status. Members must spend at least \$2.00 per capita. This could include tree care, planting, education, materials, studies, planning, volunteering, workshops, etc.

Staff should properly track activities associated with the \$2.00 per capita requirement. The City Manager has designated the City Clerk to collect and retain such data annually.

This data collection will include work performed by all City departments, including the DPW, Parks & Recreation, cemetery, electric department, and administrative departments.

In addition, costs of printed materials, planning, reports, online electronic maintenance, and studies shall be counted towards the per capita requirement.

Meetings, workshops, and any volunteer work associated with tree care or tree education may be counted toward the per capita requirement based on the predetermined formula established by Tree USA. It is recommended that the city work with educational and community-based institutions to properly record any of the aforementioned activities not directly under the supervision of the city and that may count towards the per capita requirement.

Documentation should be collected for the purpose of reporting an accurate accounting of the \$2.00 per capita requirement. Such documentation may include but is not limited to, receipts, bills of service, time cards, or volunteer attendance sheets. Any such documentation should be related to financial expenditures or recordings of qualifiable volunteer activities (See Appendix C for Qualified Expenses).

Annually, the City Manager or their designee will file the appropriate paperwork with Tree USA, in order to maintain the City of Negaunee's membership with the Tree USA Community program.

### **Forestry Management Plan**

Under the Tree USA and Forestry Management Plan Ordinance, a 10-year forestry management plan is required to be developed and maintained. The Tree Board should develop a Request for Qualified Proposals (RFP) to develop such plan. An RFP will provide a bidding process to assist in locating a qualified, responsible, and cost-effective firm or individual that can both develop and maintain the City's forestry management plan.

The Tree Board is responsible in developing the criteria of the 10- year forestry management plan and such criterion should be reflected in the RFP when attempting to locate an appropriate firm. In addition, the Tree Board may want to consider consulting the community at large, the City Council, the Planning Commission, the Parks and Recreation Department, and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for input during the RFP development.

All RFPs shall follow the City of Negaunee's policies and procedures on bidding, all RFPs should be submitted closed and sealed.

Please see map in Appendix B for lands that should be included in the forestry management plan (properties outlined in green). Excluded properties, do not contain marketable wood product, or cannot be harvested due to the land topography or unsafe abandoned mines.









#### **4 Arbor Day Observance**

Arbor Day began in 1872 as the idea of founder J. Sterling Morton, a Nebraska farmer and newspaper editor. Since then, it has spread to every state in the nation and many countries overseas. Most importantly, it has been the initial inspiration for generations of children who grew into adults who love trees and care about the environment.

The importance of this tree-planting holiday provides an excellent opportunity to educate about trees and tree care. It also creates pride within the community and can help garner public support for the city's entire urban forestry program.

Part of the fun of Arbor Day is creating something that will be enjoyed by the whole community. Here are some of the ways Tree City USA communities are making the celebration memorable.

Some examples of celebrating Arbor Day may include but are not limited to:

-  Involving school children, Scouts, church groups.
-  Combining with an art and craft festival.
-  Sponsoring contests for young people and adults (art, crafts, essays, best landscaping, etc.).
-  A "Tree of the Year" contest.
-  Planting trees
-  Honoring individuals who have made important contributions.
-  Theatrical or musical performances.
-  Food from nature-cooking demonstrations.

## **Arbor Day Celebration**

### **When?**

The Arbor Day celebration date should be chosen by the Tree Board annually and a program should be laid out no later than April of each year. The recommended date should be forwarded to the council for their official proclamation of the celebration.

Arbor Day in the United States is normally celebrated on the last Friday of April. However, given our local climate, it would not be appropriate to celebrate Arbor Day during this time of the year in the Upper Peninsula. It should also be known that the Tree USA program lets each community choose when they will celebrate Arbor Day.

It is recommended that arbor day be celebrated near the end of May or early to mid-June. This is to allow for other activities that may be associated with his event to take place when the weather is comfortable for outdoor activities.

### **Program?**

The Tree board should determine the program for the celebration. The board should take in consideration funding, available sponsors, participants, and timing needed to accommodate their program. It is advisable that the board have a preliminary outline of events communicated to the City Manager by March of each year to properly prepare for the program.

At a minimum, the program could include the following activities:

1. Flag ceremony by the local Boy Scouts Troop;
2. Reading of poems written or recited by local elementary school;
3. Proclamation given by the mayor;
4. Community Growth Recognition Award presented by the mayor;
5. Photos taken of Community Growth Recognition Award recipient with their tree;
6. Light refreshments served at the end of the ceremony.

### **Community Growth Award!**

The Tree Board will select a Community Growth Award recipient each year (see process and criteria for selection). This award is designated to honor individuals that have made important a contribution to the community, that currently or have formally lived in Negaunee.

The Community Growth Award will feature a proclamation of the award by the mayor, an official tree planting in the name of the recipient, a certificate given to the recipient, and an official invitation of family members, friends, press and the community to the ceremony.

The Community Growth Award will also feature a prominent monument in the form of a kiosk displayed in the park where the tree has been placated. The kiosk should be designed to feature no less than 50-award recipients. The kiosk will display the name of the receipts and be designed in such a way that explains the purpose of the monument.

The Community Growth Award recipient should be chosen on the following qualifications and criteria:

#### **Qualifications?**

1. Must have been or currently a resident of the City of Negaunee.
2. Must not have a criminal record.
3. Must not have received this award before.

#### **Criteria?**

1. Recipient must have been involved in a service to their community. Such activities include membership or association with city, local, state or federal agencies; US military service, non-faith-based community service organizations, faith-based community service organizations, and educational facilities. Any types of organizations not listed above, that operate outside the corporate boundaries of the City of Negaunee exclusively, are ineligible.
2. Recipient must demonstrate what their service to the community is or was.
3. Recipient may be living or deceased.
4. Nominations may be solicited.

**Certificate!**

The following certificate (see Appendix G) will be presented to the Community Growth Award recipient during the official Arbor Day celebration event:

# *Community Growth Award*

Let it be known on this date \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, has been awarded the City of Negaunee's Community Growth Award.

The Community Growth Award is presented to a past or present Negaunee residents who have demonstrated through their works, a dedication to public service and commitment to the people of Negaunee.

Chosen by their peers, we the City of Negaunee hereby distinguish this recipient by planting a tree in their name. Let this tree stand as a sign of pride and recognition for this recipient's dedication to their community.

Let this tree thrive in our community and be a symbol that others may strive to obtain!

We the people of Negaunee, thank you!

**JOHN DOE**



\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

### **Community Growth Award Kiosk!**

The Community Growth Award (CGA) memorial kiosk should be designed to remain in a public location, that is visible by a visual recording device and is resistant to vandalism. The kiosk should display information on award recipients (name and date of award), the Tree City USA logo, a header that names the memorial (Community Growth Award), the City of Negaunee logo, and inspiration quote that embodies the intent of the CGA. The design should incorporate trees or parts of trees, as well as, landscaping around the memorial.

The Tree Board should design the kiosk to hold at least fifty or more recipient names. It is advised that only one kiosk be made and used in the park it is located for the first few years. The Tree Board should choose a park with space where new trees can be planted and plan 50-years or more out. The Tree Board may choose to have more than one kiosk in operation at a time in multiple parks, or two or more in the same park, if necessary to accommodate the program.




**Picture Above: Example of kiosk.**

## Proclamation!

Once a date has been proclaimed by the mayor and a Community Growth Award recipient has been chosen, the City Manager will send the proclamation (See Appendix F) and other information about the celebration in the form of a press release. The City Manager and his staff will then coordinate the plan laid out by the Tree Board.

The following proclamation will be used for the official Arbor Day celebration event:



*Whereas,* In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

*Whereas,* this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

*Whereas,* Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and


*Whereas,* trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife, and

*Whereas,* trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and

*Whereas,* trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

*Whereas,* trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

*Now, Therefore, I,* \_\_\_\_\_, Mayor of the City of \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby proclaim \_\_\_\_\_ as

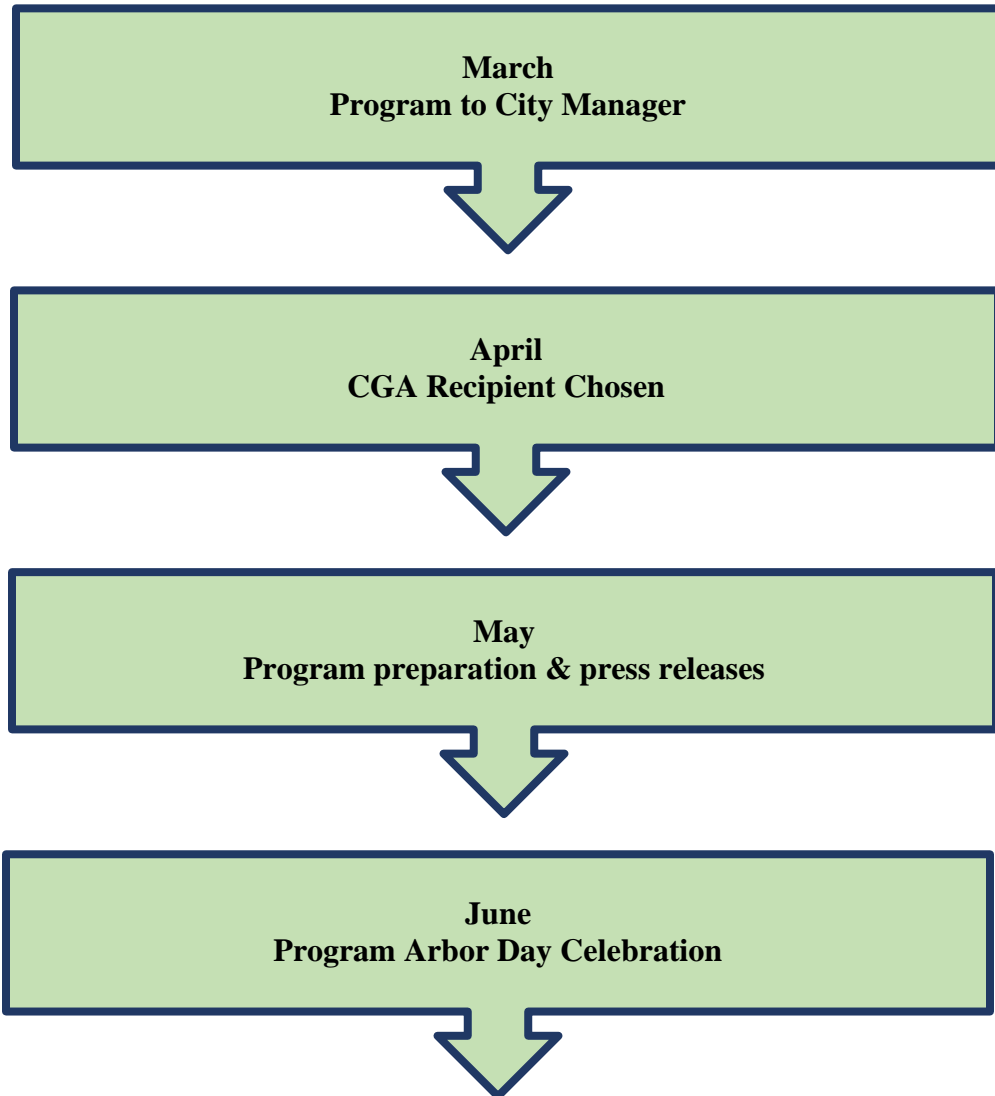
 **Arbor Day**

In the City of \_\_\_\_\_, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

*Further,* I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

*Dated this* \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

### Flow Chart



### Website & Social Media Presence

The City of Negaunee will maintain a website page for the Tree Board. This page will contain information about the Tree Board, including but not limited to: meeting times, meeting dates, members, agendas, minutes, policies, procedures, the annual Arbor Day celebration, and the Community Growth Award program, including its recipients.

## **Reporting Guidelines**

Each December the City Manager or their designee will file the appropriate paperwork with Tree USA in order to maintain the City of Negaunee's membership with the Tree USA Community program (see Appendix D). The sheet below is the standard form used by the Tree USA program when reporting (see Appendix E). It is recommended to use this form to gather reportable information. The information needed complete this form can be obtained from the City Clerk. This information should must be inputted on the online portal. Please note, you may be required to provide documentation as to how these figures below were obtained, i.e., payroll sheets etc.

### TREE CITY USA STANDARD 3 WORKSHEET

Community: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of trees planted \_\_\_\_\_

Number of trees pruned \_\_\_\_\_

Number of trees removed \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide the following financial information about your community forestry program:

#### Tree Planting and Initial Care

Include cost of tree purchases, labor and equipment for planting, planting materials, stakes, wrapping, watering, mulching, competition control, etc.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Community Forest Management

Include pruning, public education, professional training, memberships, salaries, street and park tree inventory, pest management, fertilization, watering, etc. (Line clearance per se is not tree maintenance. Utility trimming expenses are allowed only if the utility is a partner in the city's tree program and has implemented a tree planting program and proper pruning methods as recommended in the Tree Line USA program.)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Tree Removals

Include cost of saws and equipment, supplies, and labor.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Volunteer Time

Value of volunteer labor and other contributions from civic organizations.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Other

Include any other expenses not already mentioned. Briefly describe.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL COMMUNITY FORESTRY EXPENDITURES

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### COMMUNITY POPULATION

(To qualify for Tree City USA total expenditures must be at least twice population. Transfer these two numbers to Standard 3 on application and attach this sheet to application.)

## **Appendix A**

### **CITY OF NEGAUNEE TREE ORDINANCE**

An ordinance to adopt a Tree Ordinance in the City of Negaunee.

The City of Negaunee, State of Michigan ORDAINS:

#### **SECTION I**

##### **Definitions**

STREET TREES are herein defined as trees, shrubs, bushes, and all other woody vegetation on land lying between property lines on either side of all streets, avenues, or ways within the City.

PARK TREES are herein defined as trees, shrubs, bushes and all other woody vegetation in public parks having individual names, and all areas owned by the City, or to which the public has free access as a park.

#### **SECTION II**

##### **Administration**

The Negaunee Parks and Recreation Commission shall be responsible for routine administrative duties related to this Ordinance.

#### **SECTION III**

##### **Duties and Responsibilities**

It shall be the responsibility of the Negaunee Parks & Recreation Commission to study, investigate, counsel and develop and/or update every ten (10) years, and administer a written plan for the care, preservation, pruning, planting, replanting, removal or disposition of trees and shrubs in parks, along streets and in other public areas, as well as tracts of tree covered public lands within the City of Negaunee that are greater than three (3) square acres. Such plan will be presented annually to the Negaunee City Council and upon their acceptance and approval shall constitute the official comprehensive city tree plan for the City of Negaunee.

The Negaunee Parks & Recreation Commission shall make all reasonable and necessary efforts to facilitate the City of Negaunee achieving and maintaining “Tree City USA” status through the Arbor Day Foundation, and when requested by the City Council, shall consider, investigate, make finding, report and recommend upon any special matter or question coming within the scope of its work.

SECTION IV  
Public Tree Care

The City shall have the right to plant, prune, maintain and remove trees, plants and shrubs within the lines of all streets, alleys, avenues, lanes, squares and public grounds, as may be necessary to insure public safety or to preserve or enhance the symmetry and beauty of such public grounds.

The City may remove or cause or order to be removed, any tree or part thereof which is in an unsafe condition or which by reason of its nature is injurious to sewers, electric power lines, gas lines, water lines, or other public improvements, or is affected with any injurious fungus, insect or other pest. This Section does not prohibit the planting of Street Trees by adjacent property owners providing that the selection and location of said trees is in accordance with Sections 7 through 11 of this ordinance.

SECTION V

SECTION HEADINGS; SEVERABILITY; REPEALER

Section headings in this Ordinance are furnished for convenience only and shall not be considered to be part of this Ordinance. All other Ordinances, resolutions and orders or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed, and each section of the Ordinance and each subdivision of any section thereof is hereby declared to be independent, and the finding or holding of any section or subdivision thereof to be invalid or void shall not be deemed or held to affect the validity of any other section or subdivision.

Upon roll call, City of Negaunee Council Members:

Voting aye:

Voting nay:

Whereupon, this Ordinance was declared passed and adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

This Amendment shall be published as required by law, and shall be effective on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

CITY OF NEGAUNEE

Attest:

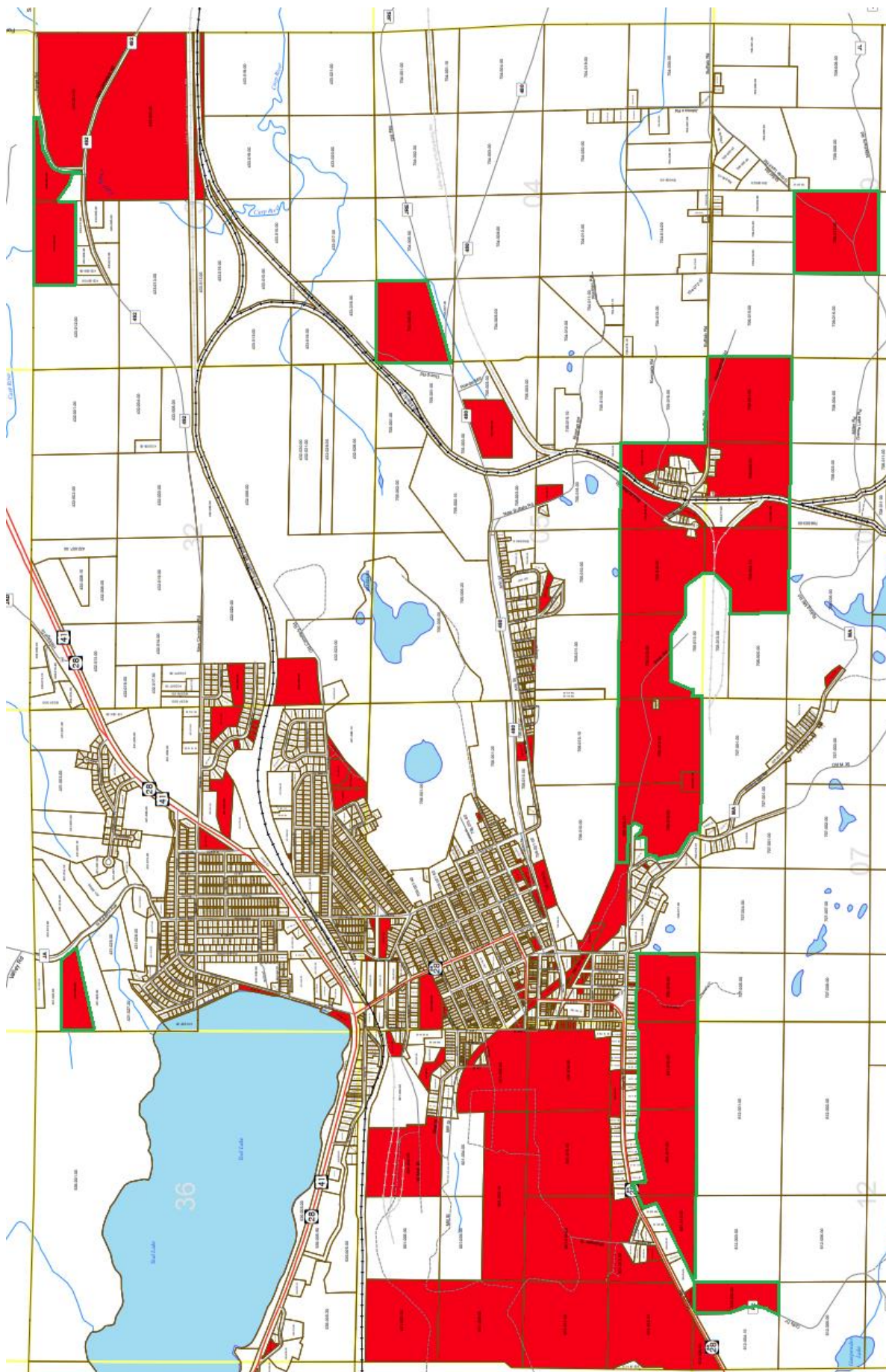
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By: David Kangas, Its Mayor

By: Judy Iwanski, Its Clerk

**Appendix B**  
**Forestry Management Plan Lands**





**TREE CITY USA®**  
An Arbor Day Foundation Program

# QUALIFIED EXPENSES

The following expenses for public tree care (street, park, cemetery, public buildings) may be counted in meeting the \$2 per capita requirement for Standard 3:



## THINGS YOU DID YOURSELVES

- Tree worker salaries & benefits (use a % if tree care is only one part of their job)
- Time spent on tree care (watering, removing stakes, insect control, mulching)
- Time spent pruning or removing trees
- Leaf and brush pick-up
- Biomass recycling
- Equipment maintenance
- Administrative time
- Insurance



## THINGS YOU BOUGHT

- Trees!
- Supplies (staking, mulch, watering bags, tools, gloves)
- Prizes for Arbor Day contests
- Computer inventory software
- Durable equipment (chainsaws, bucket truck, etc.)
- Other (tell us!)



## EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES

- Tree care conferences and workshops attended by city workers
- Memberships in and donations to tree organizations
- Public education materials — brochures, newsletters, etc.



## THINGS YOU CONTRACTED OUT

- Tree pruning or removal
- Tree inventory work
- Equipment rental
- Consultants to write a plan or give advice
- Insurance



## THINGS OTHER PEOPLE DID

- Volunteer time (use National Volunteer rate) for:
  - Tree board meetings
  - Tree planters
  - Arbor Day preparations
- Items donated by others:
  - Trees, or tree planting services
  - Discounts by local vendors



## Appendix D

# TREE CITY USA® APPLICATION

Select one: ☐ First Time Applicant

OR ☐ Recertification



TREE CITY USA status is awarded for work completed by the community during the calendar year. Please contact your State Urban Forestry Coordinator for your state's deadline, mailing address and any additional information required by your state. The common deadline is December 31 but can vary by state. Completed applications with attachments can be mailed to your State Urban Forestry Coordinator. To apply online and for additional information, please visit [portal.arboday.org](http://portal.arboday.org).

## Community Information

Community Name (as it should appear on recognition materials) \_\_\_\_\_

Community Website \_\_\_\_\_

## Mayor or Equivalent

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Professional Title \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (ex. 402-473-9553) **City Forestry Contact:** Person who is

responsible for completing and answering questions about this application.

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Professional Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (ex. 402-473-9553) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_

## Standard ①: Tree Board or Department

### Frequency of Tree Board Meetings:

Weekly ☐ Bi weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐

Semiannually ☐ Annually ☐ **Chairperson:** If your city or town has a Tree Board, list your chairperson or head board member. If your city

or town doesn't have a Tree Board, list your city department or manager.

First Name

Last Name

Professional Title

\_\_\_\_\_

State

Zip Code

Email Address

Fax Number

Address

City

Phone Number (ex. 402-473-9553)

### Other Tree Board Members or Staff

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name

First Name Last Name

*If additional Tree Board members are needed, please attach.*

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## Standard ②: A Community Tree

### Ordinance

Date Current Tree Ordinance was established

**NEW** Applicants (required): ☐ Current ordinance is attached.  
unchanged and still in effect.

**RECERTIFICATIONS:** ☐ Our ordinance as last submitted is

☐ Our ordinance has been changed. The new version is attached.

## Standard ③: A Community Forestry

Program with an Annual Budget of at  
Least \$2 per capita

To review program standards and application resources, visit  
[arborday.org/treecity](http://arborday.org/treecity).

Community Population \_\_\_\_\_

Tree Planting and Initial Care .....\$

Tree Maintenance .....\$

Tree Removals .....\$

Management .....\$

Utility Line Clearance .....\$

Volunteer Time .....\$

Other (please explain) \$

Total Community Forestry Expenditures .....\$

*Please attach Annual Work plan (if required by your state) and supporting budget documents.*

Trees Planted \_\_\_\_\_ Trees Pruned \_\_\_\_\_

Trees Removed

## Standard<sup>4</sup>: Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation

Date of observation \_\_\_\_\_

*Please attach program of activities, photos, and/or news coverage. Attach Arbor Day Proclamation.*

Mayor or Equivalent Signature

Title

Date

### Application Certification To Be Completed By The State Forester:

Community:

The above named community has made formal application to this office. I am pleased to advise you that we reviewed the application and have concluded that, based on the information contained therein, said community is eligible to be certified as a Tree City USA community, having in my opinion met the four standards required for recognition.

State Forester Signature

Title

Date

## Appendix E

### TREE CITY USA STANDARD 3 WORKSHEET

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Briefly describe.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

Appendix G

Community Growth Award

# *Community Growth Award*

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City Seal