

In order to qualify for Tree City USA, four criteria must be met:

1. **A Tree Board or Department:**

The Community has a board, commission or department with legal responsibility for the care of public trees and authority to develop and administer a community tree management program

2. **A Community Tree Ordinance:**

A municipal tree ordinance regulates and establishes authority for tree planting, maintenance, protection and removal.

3. **A Community Forestry Budget of at least \$2 per Capita:**

Evidence is required that the community has established a community forestry program that is supported by an annual budget of at least \$2 per capita. The budget should address the needs of species diversity, planting and removal needs, hazardous trees, insect and disease problems and establish a pattern of regular tree care such as pruning and watering.

4. **An Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation:**

The community issues a mayoral (or equivalent) Arbor Day proclamation and sponsors or participates in an Arbor Day observance.