Building A Thriving And Sustainable Community Tree Program

TREES, PEOPLE AND TOWNS CONFERENCE
JULY 2016
NEBRASKA CITY, NEBRASKA
Some Tactics That Have Worked

Diversify Funding Resources
Nurture An Informed Community
Engage And Enable The Community
Contract And Partner
Set And Enforce Best Practices
Exercise Flexibility
Minimize Lost Causes
Embrace Creativity
Diversify Funding Resources
Diverse Funding Resources

Friends of the Parks
Stormwater Management Grants
Isaac Walton League
Class of 1955
Streets Department
Vendors
Fridley, Minnesota. Pop 23,000
Shakopee, Minnesota. Pop 25,000-ish

Community Gravel Bed
- Discarded Jersey Barriers
- Left-over Pea Stone
- 75-200 Bare-rooted Trees per year
Nurture An Informed Community

Arbor Day Celebrations: Classes, Contests, Demonstrations
Regular Newspaper Articles
Radio Shows – Q&A
Master Gardeners, Tree Care Advisors
Garden Center Kiosks
YouTube Videos
Web Sites
Tree Resources for Property Owners

Spring Storm & Tree Damage Resources

Approved street tree list

Hiring a Tree Service Company

Help with a Notice or Citation

Contact Us

Contact info

Become a forestry volunteer.

Learn more »
Minnesota GreenStep Cities is a voluntary challenge, assistance and recognition program to help cities achieve their sustainability and quality-of-life goals. This free continuous improvement program, managed by a public-private partnership, is based upon 29 best practices. Each best practice can be implemented by completing one or more actions at a 1, 2 or 3-star level, from a list of four to eight actions. These actions are tailored to all Minnesota cities, focus on cost savings and energy use reduction, and encourage civic innovation. [More]

Be a GreenStep City
Learn about the benefits and what’s required, and then...  
1. Build some interest (anyone can do this); have someone visit your city  
2. Have your city council approve a resolution to join the GreenStep program (use a sample resolution)  
3. Post some info on this website about your city and what you’ve already done (ask us for help)  
4. Choose which best practices to work on (the hard and rewarding part) at your own pace  
5. Get recognized for your work each June and share knowledge on this website with other cities (easy)  
[ Read more: Steps ]

LATEST CITIES TO JOIN THE GREENSTEP PROGRAM (and date joined)
- New Germany (6/7/19)
- Sunfish Lake (5/2/19)
- Albert Lea (4/25/19)
- Arden Hills (4/25/19)
- Golden Valley (4/10/19)
- Hastings (4/18/19)
- South Saint Paul (4/18/19)
- Big Lake (3/23/19)
- Barnum (3/14/19)
- Inver Grove Heights (3/14/19)
- Faribault (3/8/19)
- Hewitt (3/8/19)
- Atkin (3/7/19)
- Mounds View (2/22/19)
Engage And Enable The Community

Citizen Tree Board, Tree Advisory Group, Tree Task Force
Tree Care Volunteers
Corporate Volunteer Programs
Scouts, Faith-based Organizations, Service Organizations
Garden Clubs
Citizen Scientists
Tree Your Yard!
Design a treescape for your home with the help of Casey Trees’ landscape design experts and arborists.

THURSDAY, JULY 21

REGISTER
Minnesota Tree Care Advocate

Register for the 2016 Tree Essentials Classes

Menu

Become a TCA
树卫士

树卫士是明尼苏达大学开发的一个项目，旨在协助市政当局和其他组织发展城市林业志愿服务项目，这些项目需要更高的教育水平。树卫士可以接受修剪、种植和维护树木在城市森林中的培训。

如果您有兴趣参与城市林业，请联系我们info@mntca.org。
Where Do You Find Community Volunteers?

Then, How Do You Motivate Them?

How Do You Retain Them?

How Do You Enable Them?
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Improving Community Forests Through Citizen Engagement

The University of Minnesota Department of Forest Resources, Tree Trust, the Conservation Corps of Minnesota and Iowa, and HandsOn Twin Cities have partnered with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to provide support for the "Improving Community Forests Through Citizen Engagement" grant. Funding for this project has been provided by The
Provide Training And Technical Assistance
Community Tree Reports

Community Tree Fact Sheet
Prepared for: St. Cloud, Minnesota
Date: 12-28-2011
By:
The University of Minnesota
Department of Forest Resources
Urban and Community Forestry
Community Preparedness Project Team

I. Executive Summary
II. Project Description
III. Community Tree Data Summaries
IV. Helpful Resources
V. Community Preparedness Project Team Acknowledgements

Chart Title

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\[ R^2 = 0.7513 \]

Maple
Linear (Maple)
Inventory Volunteer Recognition

Community Trees
Inventory Team

Name:_____________________
City:_____________________

[Images of people in volunteer shirts and trees]
Community Recognition
Contract And Partner

Share Equipment And Duties With Neighboring Communities

Contract Labor-Intensive, Dangerous or Equipment-Intensive Tasks

Low-Bid Does Not Mean Low-Quality
Set And Enforce Best Practices
Detailed Specifications For Planting, Pruning, Etc.
Licensing Beyond A Fee
ANSI Z60.1
Regular Training For Employees And Volunteers
No Enforcement... No Quality
No Enforcement...No Quality
Exercise Flexibility

List Of Tree Options For Boulevards
Lean Toward Policies, Practices
Try New Ideas…Be Willing To Make Mistakes
Community TreeTreks
Sidewalk Shaving Versus Panel Replacement
Different Spacing Of Trees
Minimize Lost Causes

High Maintenance Trees
Don’t Preserve Everything
Natives Aren’t Always Best Choices
A Mean Trick On A Forest Friend
Know When It’s Time To Say Goodbye
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If You Are On A 15 Year Pruning Cycle, Don’t Plant Many:

- Hybrid American Elms
- Hackberry
- Kentucky Coffeetree
- Autumn Blaze Maples
- Amur Corktree
No More Small Footprints For Big Trees
Our Mission:
Create a better urban forest by blending a passion for trees with a passion for excellent craft beer.
The Brewing a Better Forest™ Team

Ben Johnson
Ben works with Rainbow Treecare, loves planting trees, and is a little camera shy. When not busy working Ben is biking, running, and relaxing with an ice cold beer at a local taproom.

Favorite Beer: Cold, local, and something new
Favorite Tree: Bur Oak, Quercus macrocarpa

Russell Kennedy
A highly trained forester by the U of MN, Russell works in urban forestry for Rainbow Treecare. Roll Out The Barrel... he also plays saxophone in The Arborators Band, made up of arborists and tree enthusiasts. Russell loves trees, camping, snowboarding, paddling, dogs, logs, kittens, saplings, friends, gardening, bugs, baking, music and more.

Favorite Beer: The Dark Ales, Yup.
Favorite Tree: Red Truffula Tree, Truffula ruscus (Extinct from over-harvesting for production of Thneed)

Eric North
A tree lover, scientist, and educator, Eric is a researcher and instructor at the University of Minnesota in Urban...
Embrace Creativity

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WATER A TREE BEER FOR FREE
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Alternative Tree Production Systems

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Grow-Bags
Avoid Pot-Bound Problems With Air
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Other Options? Grow Bags
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Bare-Rooted…Gravel Bed

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