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**2011  
Nebraska Community Forestry Conference &  
Tree City USA Recognition Day**



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# KNOWN FOR THEIR TREES

**8:00 - 9:00 a.m.**

**Registration**

**9:00 - 9:30 a.m.**

**Opening and Welcome**

Eric Berg

Community Forestry & Sustainable

Landscapes Program Leader

Nebraska Forest Service

Lyle Minshull

Chair

Nebraska Community Forestry Council

**9:30 - 10:00 a.m.**

**Greener Nebraska Towns: Why the Trees Are So Important**

Justin Evertson

Green Infrastructure Coordinator

Nebraska Forest Service

**10:00 - 10:30 a.m.**

**Arboriculture and Photography**

Jeff Grewe

Certified Arborist

Arbor Aesthetics

**10:30 - 10:45 a.m.**

**Break**

**10:45 - 11:30 a.m.**

**Climate Change Science: Where Do We Go From Here?**

Ken Dewey

Professor, Applied Climate Science

UNL School of Natural Resources

**11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**CTAP-Community Forest Inventory Program**

Adam Smith

CTAP Project Coordinator

Nebraska Forest Service

**12:00 - 1:30 p.m.**

**Lunch and Community Forestry Awards**

**1:30 - 2:00 p.m.**

**The Future of Rural Nebraska is Green**

Former State Senator Sandy Scofield

Director

University of Nebraska Rural Initiative

**2:00 - 3:30 p.m.**

**Tree City USA Recognition Ceremony**

Governor Dave Heineman

Dr. Scott J. Josiah

State Forester & Director

Nebraska Forest Service

Lyle Minshull

**3:30 p.m.**

**Adjourn**

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## Speakers:

Jeff Grewe  
Ken Dewey  
Justin Evertson  
Eric Berg  
Adam Smith  
Sandy Scofield  
Lyle Minshull

And finally, a big thanks to all the individuals whose hard work, sweat and dedication not only helped their communities reach Tree City USA status, but also made their communities a better place to work, visit and live. We enjoy putting this program together to recognize your efforts!

# 2010 Recipients

## North Central – Rich Woollen

12 Bassett  
34 Broken Bow  
24 Columbus  
10 Fullerton  
14 Ord

## Northeast – Steve Rasmussen

18 Allen  
11 Atkinson  
21 Battle Creek (Growth)  
20 Creighton  
18 Crofton  
8 Dodge  
20 Hartington  
8 Laurel  
24 Neligh  
1 Norfolk (1st Year)  
26 O'Neill  
17 Pender  
19 Pierce  
11 Pilger  
20 Plainview  
5 Scribner  
19 Snyder  
19 South Sioux City (Growth)  
24 Tekamah  
21 Wakefield  
15 Wausa  
20 Wayne  
16 Wisner

## Northwest – Doak Nickerson

19 Alliance  
21 Chadron  
22 Gering (Growth)  
8 Mitchell  
12 Morrill  
16 Rushville  
23 Scottsbluff

## South Central – Scott DeWald

23 Arapahoe (Growth)  
22 Beaver City  
15 Cambridge  
15 Central City

18 Cozad  
17 Doniphan  
24 Fairbury  
4 Farnam (Growth)  
23 Gothenburg  
25 Grand Island  
21 Hastings (Growth)  
18 Holdrege  
25 Kearney  
14 Lexington  
21 Minden  
16 Nelson  
16 Red Cloud  
2 Shelton  
22 Sutton (Growth)  
18 Waco  
21 York

## Southeast – Steve Karloff

11 Ashland  
35 Auburn  
24 Beatrice  
1 Bellevue (1st Year)  
22 Bennington  
28 Blair  
25 Boys Town  
25 Cook  
20 Crete  
26 David City  
19 Falls City  
33 Fremont  
28 Friend  
24 Gretna (Growth)  
19 Hickman  
26 Humboldt  
4 Julian  
20 La Vista  
34 Lincoln (Growth)  
1 Milford (1st Year)  
34 Nebraska City  
8 Nemaha  
17 Odell  
24 Offutt AFB (Growth)  
33 Omaha  
22 Papillion (Growth)  
25 Ralston

23 Schuyler  
29 Seward  
18 Stella  
30 Stromsburg (30 Year)  
17 Valley (Growth)  
3 Wahoo  
11 Waverly

## Southwest – Rachel Allison

18 Bayard  
16 Benkelman  
18 Brady  
20 Chappell  
23 Curtis  
15 Grant  
26 Imperial  
20 Kimball  
26 McCook  
28 North Platte (Growth)  
27 Ogallala  
17 Palisade  
16 Paxton  
18 Potter  
25 Sidney  
15 Sutherland  
26 Trenton  
11 Wallace  
18 Wauneta

## Tree Line USA

11 Omaha Public Power District  
9 Nebraska City Utilities  
6 Nebraska Public Power District  
6 Lincoln Electric System

## Tree Campus USA

3 Creighton University  
3 Nebraska Wesleyan University  
3 University Of Nebraska–Lincoln  
2 Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture–Curtis  
2 Central Community College–Hastings  
1 University of Nebraska–Omaha



# Tree City USA Accomplishments

## Community of Alliance

The Alliance Parks Division started work on a public space tree inventory. We are working to identify what species we have to ensure we continue to develop a diverse species collection in our public space. We planted several new varieties at the cemetery and in the parks system to supplement our current, more mature trees.

We continue to hand water young trees to ensure they get the water they need to get established in the first few years after planting.

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jlewis@cityofalliance.net, cityofalliance.net

Mayor: Fred Feldges

Years: 19      Population: 8,000      2010 Expenditures: \$30,228

Trees Planted: 35      Trees Pruned: 240      Trees Removed: 25

## Community of Allen

The Allen Tree Board members pruned trees when and if necessary.

The Village of Allen and Allen Consolidated School worked together in moving three trees from the gym expansion area to an area west of the school building.

The Village of Allen mowed the Allen Nature Grove and removed volunteer trees which had grown up on the evergreen trees.

A Tree Board member voluntarily mowed the lawn in the Allen Historical Tree Grove. The area around the trees on the school property and Historical Tree Grove are weeded each spring and new chips are put around the trees.

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amrastede@nntc.net, ci.allen.ne.us

Mayor: Jay Jones

Years: 18      Population: 410      2010 Expenditures: \$927

Trees Planted: 3      Trees Pruned: 15      Trees Removed: 2

## Community of Arapahoe

## 2010 Growth Award

The K-4 students came to the Arapahoe Outdoor Classroom to participate in Arbor Day activities. The students heard stories about J. Sterling Morton, planted flowers, planted a tree and did scavenger hunt activities in relationship to trees and the environment.



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Arapahoe, NE 68922  
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Mayor: John Koller

Years: 23      Population: 1,020      2010 Expenditures: \$2,050

Trees Planted: 10      Trees Pruned: 20      Trees Removed: 20

## Community of Atkinson

The Forestry Board involved 5th grade and high school students in the 2010 Arbor Day tree plantings. Two flowering crabapple trees were planted in front of the West Holt Public School. David Gibbens, Forestry Board chairman and agriculture teacher, also planted 3 hybrid maples near the new playground on April 20 for Earth Day with the help of the 4th grade class.

The weeks of June 11 and 23, the City of Atkinson had strong winds, which did a lot of damage due to the heavy rains received earlier. With the saturated ground, the wind blew over a lot of large trees in town along with branch damage to those that remained. The City Park lost 6 large trees, Atkinson Lake Park lost 10 and approximately 40 were lost in residential areas.

Maintenance tree trimming, removal and trimming of bushes was done at the City Park and on the Cowboy Trail by city employees throughout the summer months. Also, the city acquired the Atkinson State Lake Park area from the state this year and a lot of work was done there as well.

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(402) 925-5313, (fax) (402) 925-5780  
cheryl.ziska@atkinsonne.com, atkinsonne.com

Mayor: Sharon Wenner

Years: 11      Population: 1,150      2010 Expenditures: \$5,484

Trees Planted: 5      Trees Pruned: 22      Trees Removed: 56



## Community of Auburn

The City of Auburn has successfully completed another year of its City Forestry Program. One of the main focuses of the Forestry Program is educating the youth in our community about the importance of trees and their care. Our program this year included approximately 256 students plus teachers. The Arbor Day tree planting ceremony was held on April 30th with the Auburn Public Schools 3rd grade class in attendance. A forest pansy red bud tree was planted. Each 3rd grader received a Tree City litterbag filled with an activity information booklet (approximately 9 pgs. designed by the city hall office staff) and other Tree City USA memorabilia. The city held its annual coloring contest with the 3rd grade students. The city hall staff selected 3 winners. The winners received a book titled

“Forest” written and edited by Deborah Lock and Lorrie Mack. In celebration of Arbor Day, the Kindergarten class also participated in a coloring contest. There were four winners. The winners received their winning color sheet in a black frame and a Plant Trees bear. The city provided each student with a Tree City USA “plant trees” magnet and memo pad. The preschool students were given litterbags with tree activity sheets and other Tree City memorabilia. Each teacher received a teacher’s guide with information on Arbor Day and planting trees (7 pgs. designed by the city hall office staff). The city hosted their annual Arbor Day coffee. A book titled, “Forest” written and edited by Deborah Lock and Lorrie Mack was donated to the Auburn Memorial Library. The city continues to do their Tree Planting Program (35 trees planted this year) in which trees are planted in the parkway area at no cost to the homeowner. Once the tree is planted it becomes the homeowner’s responsibility to take care of it. The city office staff revised a tree care pamphlet for each participant in the program. For the past 4 years Claudette Johns from Lawrence, Kansas and Craig Christiansen from Omaha have donated a tree to a community in Kansas or Nebraska in honor of past friends who have died or whom they have lost touch with. This year Auburn was selected as the recipient for this tree. Claudette and Craig donated a Ginkgo tree which was planted in Auburn’s Legion Memorial Park. The city continues to operate a recycling/brush lot. It is available for Auburn citizens to discard their trimmed/pruned trees and leaves. The Tree Board members continue to attend conferences and workshops. The city will continue to strive to improve public awareness of the value of trees by educating the citizens and youth of the community on how to protect this valuable resource.

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 Auburn, NE 68305  
 (402) 274-4429  
 auburn.ne.gov

Mayor: Robert B. Engles

Years: 35                      Population: 3,350                      2010 Expenditures: \$14,312

Trees Planted: 36                      Trees Pruned: 0                      Trees Removed: 12

### Community of Bassett

Arbor Day April 30 was a wonderful program by the K-6 grade students at Bassett Grade School. A red oak tree was planted in honor of Mrs. Di McNutt who was retiring after 21 years of teaching.

In March, our chairman, Ken Minnig, was diagnosed with prostate cancer. He completed his cancer therapy in July. Once again, he is back taking care of Bassett’s trees. All of our Tree Board is pleased to have him back.

The weather was very wet in June resulting in the loss of some of the park trees. These will be replaced with wetland-loving trees next spring.

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Mayor: Gary Willams



Years: 12                      Population: 636                      2010 Expenditures: \$5,265  
Trees Planted: 18              Trees Pruned: 50                      Trees Removed: 6

### **Community of Battle Creek**

### **2010 Growth Award**

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Battle Creek, NE 68715  
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Mayor:                              Matthew Podany

Years: 21                      Population: 1,159                      2010 Expenditures: \$14,034  
Trees Planted: 12              Trees Pruned: 3                      Trees Removed: 6

### **Community of Bayard**

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Bayard, NE 69334  
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bayardc@charterinternet.com, cityofbayard.net

Mayor:                              John Araujo

Years: 18                      Population: 1,247                      2010 Expenditures: \$2,577  
Trees Planted: 10              Trees Pruned: 20                      Trees Removed: 10

### **Community of Beatrice**

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Beatrice, NE 68310  
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Mayor:                              Dennis Schuster

Years: 24                      Population: 12,354                      2010 Expenditures: \$57,978  
Trees Planted: 22              Trees Pruned: 200                      Trees Removed: 39

### **Community of Beaver City**

Forestry Contact:              Dr. Arthur Becker, Chairman of the Tree Board  
P.O. Box 160  
Beaver City, NE 68926

(308) 268-2405

Mayor: Ken Becker

Years: 22                      Population: 641                      2010 Expenditures: \$2,160

Trees Planted: 3              Trees Pruned: 0                      Trees Removed: 0

## **Community of Bellevue**

Tree Board volunteers have performed a host of services to enhance our community trees. Service includes:

- Applied and received certification as a Community Arboretum.
- In February, all Washington Park trees were professionally trimmed at no city cost, thanks to Omaha Tree Co.
- Drafted then supported a Tree Ordinance with a Tree Board.
- Planned then planted 75 trees in city parks in April with a ReTree Nebraska grant of \$6,000.
- Conducted the city's first Arbor Day program with students.
- Received an NRD match grant of \$2,000 for tree supplies.
- Partner to Veterans Legacy Memorial Garden at ENVH.
- Awarded an NRD grant of \$29,177 for water management.
- Coordinated planting 55 trees in city parks in September with a grant from ReTree Nebraska for \$5,000.
- Qualified & applied to Arbor Day Foundation as Tree City USA.
- Filmed a proper tree planting guide for educating the public.
- Partnered with Green Bellevue to secure 501(c)(3) for donations.

Tree Board volunteers have performed a host of services to enhance our community trees.

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Bellevue, NE 68157  
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Mayor: Rita Sanders

Years: 1                      Population: 50,000                      2010 Expenditures: \$101,635

Trees Planted: 200              Trees Pruned: 98                      Trees Removed: 28

## **Community of Benkelman**

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Benkelman, NE 69021  
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Mayor: Gary Clark

Years: 15                      Population: 1,006                      2010 Expenditures: \$2,694

Trees Planted: 2      Trees Pruned: 50      Trees Removed: 1

### **Community of Bennington**

- Planted 4 trees in the park in honor of past mayors.
- Planted 2 trees: one at each grade school for Arbor Day.
- Applied for grants.
- Major tree pruning, removal and clean-up following two major storms last spring.
- Mulched trees in parks, etc.
- Staked trees blown over from storms.

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Bennington, NE 68807  
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Mayor:                      Mary Johnson

Years: 22                      Population: 1,022      2010 Expenditures: \$15,730

Trees Planted: 7              Trees Pruned: Dozens      Trees Removed: Dozens

### **Community of Blair**

We held our annual Arbor Day Celebration on April 30, along with the help of the 2nd grade class from Deerefield Elementary School. We also accomplished a major tree trimming project in all of our parks this year.

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Blair, NE 68008  
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patl@ci.blair.ne.us, blairnebraska.org

Mayor:                      James Realph

Years: 28                      Population: 7,512      2010 Expenditures: \$53,204

Trees Planted: 6              Trees Pruned: 800      Trees Removed: 80

### **Community of Boys Town**

On our highest profile street at the village, we widened the road and were forced to remove all our autumn ash from one side of the street. We replaced them with red maples on both sides. A beautiful sight to see every fall.

Forestry Contact:      Joe Prokupek, Assistant Director, Ag., Hort., & Grounds Depts.  
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Boys Town, NE 68010  
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Mayor: Logan Kenoras  
Years: 25      Population: 562      2010 Expenditures: \$15,937  
Trees Planted: 147      Trees Pruned: 100      Trees Removed: 35

### **Community of Brady**

Brady continues to retain the Tree City USA for another year! Brady celebrated Arbor Day April 28 with special guests invited along with the Brady Community. With Village Board Trustee Joe May speaking, a blue spruce tree was planted in front of the Community Center by Jeff Kennedy of Kennedy's Landscape. There were refreshments served and a good time was had by all. There was also a burr oak tree donated to the village in memory of Mike Martin. This tree was planted at the community center September 30.

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Brady, NE 69123  
(308) 584-3316, (fax) (308) 584-3853  
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Mayor: Jeff Miller  
Years: 19      Population: 366      2010 Expenditures: \$1,779  
Trees Planted: 2      Trees Pruned: 0      Trees Removed: 0

### **Community of Broken Bow**

- Arbor Day Proclamation
- Continue inspecting and maintaining trees, removing dead, dying and diseased trees and replacing with new trees.
- Continue to encourage donation of trees for the new Melham Ball Park Complex and Aquatic Facility
- Broken Bow continues to be conscious of the value of trees in our community, and it is the feeling of the mayor and council that if city employees continue to take pride in the beautification of our city, the rest of the citizens of Broken Bow will follow suit in BROKEN BOW PRIDE.

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Broken Bow, NE 68822  
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bigdog\_anderson@hotmail.com, brokenbow-ne.com

Mayor: Cecil Burt  
Years: 34      Population: 3,300      2010 Expenditures: \$10,800  
Trees Planted: 40      Trees Pruned: 55      Trees Removed: 80

### **Community of Cambridge**

Education: Georgia Dutt, Chairman of the Park Board, attended the class "Trees for the Mid Plains" on January 30 in McCook, sponsored by the City of McCook, the Norris Institute, Common Scents Nursery, Re Tree Nebraska, Nebraska Statewide Arboretum, Inc. and New Tree School.

Trees: The Park Board added and marked 4 new trees to our Arboretum, removed 2 dead trees, trimmed and mulched other trees located in the Norm Walburn Arboretum and McKinley Park.

Construction: Two sets of new bleachers were constructed at the Stewart Minnick Legion Field at a cost of \$28,000 funded by the Cambridge Park Foundation and the City of Cambridge from several sources including the city's Recycling Account.

Preservation: A 1936 historical D.F. Neiswanger monument to Cambridge was relocated to a more appropriate location - the Cambridge Museum.

Flower Gardens: As part of the continuing renovation of the 1938 flower gardens located in MCKinley Park: (a) received the donation of a HENRi tapered petal birdbath from the Allen family; (b) creation of a country-scene mural by Marilyn Klinkebiel, a member of the Park Board, which serves as a backdrop to the flower gardens. Plantings and a bench were added; and (c) continued maintenance and addition of new plantings in the flower gardens.

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Cambridge, NE 69022  
(308) 697-3711, (fax) (308) 697-4358  
cambridg@swnebr.net, cambridgene.org

Mayor: Mark Harpst

Years: 15      Population: 1,041      2010 Expenditures: \$11,675

Trees Planted: Four      Trees Pruned: 25      Trees Removed: Two

## Community of Central City

Forestry Contact: Marilyn Heins, City Forester  
2018 17th Avenue  
Central City, NE 68826  
(308) 946-3719  
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Mayor: Clayton Erickson

Years: 14      Population: 2,998      2010 Expenditures: \$19,548

Trees Planted: 40      Trees Pruned: 150      Trees Removed: 22

## Community of Chadron

- Arbor Day Program
- Radio Spots for Arbor Day Program
- City Forester
- WGGA Conferences attended

Forestry Contact: Scott Schremmer, Parks & Cemetery Foreman  
P.O. Box 390  
Chadron, NE 69337  
(308) 432-0530, (fax) (308) 432-0503



parks@chadron-nebraska.com, chadron-nebraska.com

Mayor: John Chizek  
Years: 21      Population: 5,634      2010 Expenditures: \$22,822  
Trees Planted: 11      Trees Pruned: 75      Trees Removed: 8

### Community of Chappell

Cleared out branches that restricted electric lines and street driving. Volunteers and the wrestling team helped at the lake to clear out dead trees around the edge of the lake so families could have better fishing access. Gave away 40 trees on Arbor Day to residents. Very popular program.

Forestry Contact: Mike Ward, Tree City Representative  
757 2nd St.  
Chappell, NE 69129  
(308) 874-2401  
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Mayor: Terry Akeson  
Years: 20      Population: 983      2010 Expenditures: \$3,210  
Trees Planted: 40      Trees Pruned: 36      Trees Removed: 4

### Community of Columbus

Forestry Contact: Douglas Moore, Public Property Director  
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Columbus, NE 68602-1677  
(402) 562-4240, (fax) (402) 562-4265  
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Mayor: Mike Moser  
Years: 24      Population: 22,083      2010 Expenditures: \$94,322  
Trees Planted: 38      Trees Pruned: n/a      Trees Removed: 45

### Community of Cook

- Cheryl Bohling attended the Tree Care Workshop and reported on pests and pruning techniques. Lonnie Damme sent in a grant application to OPPD (not awarded).
- Arbor Day plans were finalized with a tree being planted at the home of Brandon Cannon. The event was attended by local elementary school students who also recieved their own trees. Three new homeowners recieved trees for their yards also.
- 8 trees were planted in the main park, and pruned.

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P.O. Box 175  
Cook, NE 68329  
(402) 864-7281



londamme@windstream.net,

Mayor: Elizabeth Jett  
Years: 25                      Population: 330                      2010 Expenditures: \$2,085  
Trees Planted: 9                      Trees Pruned: 32                      Trees Removed: 9

### **Community of Cozad**

This past fall, a waterfall was placed at Cozad's Muny Park with memorial money received from Russell and Thelma Jensen Estate. The fall includes some plantings including, but not limited to, flowers, bushes and trees. The project is a great addition to the municipal parks. We continue to remove diseased or dead trees within the parks and plant new trees.

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Cozad, NE 69130  
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cozadcty@cozadtel.net, cozadnebraska.net

Mayor: Nancy Meyer  
Years: 18                      Population: 4,163                      2010 Expenditures: \$10,464  
Trees Planted: 43                      Trees Pruned: 100                      Trees Removed: 3

### **Community of Creighton**

In Bruce Park Arboretum several memorial trees were planted for loved ones, flower shrubs were added to the east side in a large planting for more color, several mulch islands were added and planning began for future efforts to enhance a large wetland area that handles big amounts of stormwater runoff.

Forestry Contact: Jan Jorgensen, Tree Board Chair  
1306 Central St.  
Creighton, NE 68729  
(402) 358-3229  
creighton.org

Mayor: Janet Booth  
Years: 20                      Population: 1,233                      2010 Expenditures: \$7,416  
Trees Planted: 35                      Trees Pruned: 27                      Trees Removed: 7

### **Community of Crete**

Over the years we've tried to maintain and expand the Crete community forest. We have a challenge coming up in that we have two street projects that total almost a mile. Since the streets are going to be widened, we are going to lose quite a number of mature trees. We intend on utilizing any program that's available to help us respond to that challenge. I'm confident that with the city's resources and some of the programs at the state level that our right-of-way trees will be better than they were before.

Another challenge in this is the large number of pin oak trees that are right-of-way trees. We suspect they are nearing the end of their useful life and as a result we've had to deal with more and more pin oak tree removals as time

passes. We are expanding our right-of-way tree program to place better-suited trees in the right-of-ways. We encourage people to use smart tree practices and refer them to state programs as well. Although we promote responsible care throughout the community all year long we always take the opportunity to celebrate Arbor Day. We are looking forward to this coming spring when we plan to donate 100 trees to Crete community members.



Forestry Contact: Tom Ourada, Public Works Director  
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Crete, NE 68333  
(402) 826-4312, (fax) (402) 826-4334  
tourada@crete-ne.gov, crete-ne.com

Mayor: Roger Foster

Years: 20      Population: 6,400      2010 Expenditures: \$40,558

Trees Planted: 9      Trees Pruned: 225      Trees Removed: 125

### Community of Crofton

- Arbor Day posters from St. Rose School and Crofton Elementary.
- Modern Woodmen representative Joe Janssen of Crofton speaks to Arbor Day assembly about their tree planting program.
- Students from St. Rose and Crofton Elementary plant trees in Crofton's Northside Park on Arbor Day.

Forestry Contact: Curt Arens, Tree Board Advisor  
88664 550 Avenue  
Crofton, NE 68730  
(402) 388-4798  
bowview@gpcom.net, crofton-nebraska.com

Mayor: Wendell Strom

Years: 19      Population: 754      2010 Expenditures: \$5,500

Trees Planted: 5      Trees Pruned: 50      Trees Removed: 3

### Community of Curtis

Curtis held another Arbor Day Tree Planting Celebration in conjunction with our elementary school as is tradition. We have worked on planting trees at our new community center and have acquired right-of-way from the state that we plan on planting trees on.

Forestry Contact: Doug Schultz, Administrator  
Box 6  
Curtis, NE 69025  
(308) 367-4122  
curtis@curtis-ne.com, curtis-ne.com

Mayor: Kevin Brown

Years: 23                      Population: 712                      2010 Expenditures: \$4,750  
Trees Planted: 8                      Trees Pruned: 200                      Trees Removed: 50

### **Community of David City**

Forestry Contact:     James McDonald, Street Superintendent  
                                 P.O. Box 191  
                                 David City, NE 68632  
                                 (402) 367-3109, (fax) (402) 367-3126  
                                 jmcDonald@davidcityne.com, davidcityne.com

Mayor:                      Alan Zavodny

Years: 26                      Population: 2,522                      2010 Expenditures: \$17,461  
Trees Planted: 17                      Trees Pruned: 49                      Trees Removed: 52

### **Community of Dodge**

- Planted a new windbreak for the football field and for the pool.
- Planted memorial trees.
- Upkeep and maintenance on past projects.

Forestry Contact:     Tom Grovijohn, Tree Board Member  
                                 226 N. Elm Street  
                                 Dodge, NE 68633  
                                 (402) 693-2239, (fax) (402) 693-2975  
                                 villageofdodge@yahoo.com, ci.dodge.ne.us

Mayor:                      Leo E. Blaha

Years: 8                      Population: 687                      2010 Expenditures: \$11,610  
Trees Planted: 40                      Trees Pruned: 40                      Trees Removed: 16

### **Community of Doniphan**

The landscaping project around the Doniphan sign was completed by a member of Doniphan Boy Scout Troop #251 with help from the Tree Board and the Village of Doniphan. Money that was donated to the Tree Board by former residents in memory of their mother was also used toward the project.

A tree-planting ceremony was held at the school with the kindergarten students as part of the Arbor Day celebration. A green mountain maple tree was planted on the school playground in honor of the students.

Tree Memorials are advertised each year for those who want to recognize someone who has been important to them in the community or for a deceased individual. Donations were received for 3 tree memorials that were dedicated this year (2 were existing trees and 1 was a new tree that was planted).

The Tree Board sponsored a Doniphan Clean Up Day again this year with approximately 9.29 tons of debris collected. This is a huge event each year.

The whiskey barrels on main street that were purchased by the Tree Board are adopted each year by local businesses who plant and care for the barrels each summer—a beautiful addition to downtown!

An inventory of the tree memorials was completed. There are some trees that are dead or dying that need to be replaced. The Tree Board will replace 2 trees each year as needed. One tree near the entrance to town and 1 tree behind the school have been replaced.

The Tree Board continues to sponsor the Yard of the Month contest each year. Gift certificates from a local greenhouse are given as prizes and the winners are recognized in the paper.

Doniphan is very fortunate to have a great Tree Board and residents who support our tree program.

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Doniphan, NE 68832  
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doniphan@hamilton.net, ci.doniphan.ne.us

Mayor: Dan Treat

Years: 15      Population: 763      2010 Expenditures: \$3,389

Trees Planted: 6      Trees Pruned: 21      Trees Removed: 31

### Community of Fairbury

The Fairbury Tree Board has been proactive in maintaining and inventorying its park and street trees. The last two years they have worked with the Nebraska Forest Service to complete a citywide inventory of all the trees broken down by street and park. The inventory determined that our overall tree health and diversity are excellent. Due to the age of some of our park trees and in an effort to maintain the quality of our parks we are pursuing a ReTree project in the City Park that involves planting a number of diverse trees and replacing lower quality trees and/or trees in poor health. As always the Tree Board oversees the city's efforts in maintaining (removing, planting and pruning) the street trees.

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Fairbury, NE 68352  
(402) 729-5261, (fax) (402) 729-3906  
lbedlan@diodecom.net, fairburyne.org

Mayor: Homer Ward

Years: 24      Population: 3,755      2010 Expenditures: \$15,001

Trees Planted: 5      Trees Pruned: 108      Trees Removed: 34

### Community of Falls City

Planted 6 trees—maple sugar and elm valley at 17th & Chase Street; yellow poplar and 2 buckeye and blue spruce at Stanton Lake Park. In October, 24 white pine trees were donated and planted at Steele Cemetery.

Forestry Contact: Bruce Walker, City Forester  
1820 Towle Street  
Falls City, NE 68355  
(402) 245-2707, (fax) (402) 245-2741



clerktreasurer@sentco.net, fallscitynebraska.org

Mayor: Tim Hersh  
Years: 19 Population: 4,671 2010 Expenditures: \$14,334  
Trees Planted: 6 Trees Pruned: Trees Removed: 2

### **Community of Farnam**

### **2010 Growth Award**

Forestry Contact: Charley Johnson, Village Board Member/Tree Board Member  
P.O. Box 226  
Farnam, NE 69029  
(308) 569-2425

Mayor: Kent Larsen  
Years: 4 Population: 227 2010 Expenditures: \$3,484  
Trees Planted: 22 Trees Pruned: 10 Trees Removed: 16

### **Community of Fremont**

In 2010 the City of Fremont received a Trees for Nebraska Towns grant from the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum, Inc. in the amount of \$7,500. This grant was matched by another \$7,500 grant from the Fremont Area Community Foundation to provide more than 80 new plantings in the Ridge Cemetery Arboretum.

These trees replaced ones that have been lost due to disease and age over the past 10 years. It also allowed for plantings in a new section of the cemetery. An Arbor Day event was held at the cemetery for 60 1st graders. The final 2 trees were planted and recognition was given to both the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum, Inc. and the Community Foundation.

The City of Fremont was also awarded a Shade Our Streets grant in the amount of \$18,100. This grant was utilized to re-plant street trees that have been lost in the past 5 years. Only \$13,000 of this grant was utilized, but more than 60 trees were planted in key areas of Fremont. In total, more than 150 trees were planted utilizing funds from the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum, Inc. or Nebraska Forest Service.

In the fall of 2010, the City of Fremont applied for and received a Trees for Nebraska Towns grant to continue its street tree program. This program will be open to all residents who are interested in beautifying their neighborhood with a street tree. It will also provide 45 trees to be planted on a major entrance corridor into Fremont. Planting for this grant will be the spring of 2011.

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Fremont, NE 68025  
(402) 727-2819, (fax) (402) 727-2834  
mark.luther@fremontne.gov, fremontne.gov

Mayor: Scott Getzschman  
Years: 33 Population: 25,000 2010 Expenditures: \$124,942  
Trees Planted: 169 Trees Pruned: unknown Trees Removed: 79

## Community of Friend

The City of Friend continually strives to be officially recognized as a Tree City USA. Along with achieving the standards set forth by the National Arbor Day Foundation, the city has accomplished projects to enhance these achievements. One of these projects has been a recreational trail and pond restoration/rennovation. A considerable amount of landscaping has been necessary for this project, which has included removal of a few trees and the planting of several new trees. The City of Friend also continues their ongoing effort of removing and replacing damaged and/or diseased trees at the local cemetery.

Forestry Contact: Patrick Gates, Utility Superintendent  
235 Maple Street  
Friend, NE 68359  
(402) 947-2711, (fax) (402) 947-9041  
cityoffriend@windstream.net, ci.friend.ne.us

Mayor: James Vossler

Years: 28      Population: 1,174      2010 Expenditures: \$12,264

Trees Planted: 8      Trees Pruned: 150      Trees Removed: 2

## Community of Fullerton

This year we chose to focus on maintenance and pruning of the grant trees planted in the past 8 years. We are continuing to label the trees to further educate the community about tree diversity. Future projects will include planting more trees and developing the fairgrounds area with assistance from the Fair Board.

Forestry Contact: Terri Bowman, Tree Board  
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Fullerton, NE 68638  
(308) 536-2182  
terri\_bowman@q.com, fullerton-ne.com

Mayor: Dan Willets

Years: 10      Population: 1,378      2010 Expenditures: \$4,945

Trees Planted: 10      Trees Pruned: 15      Trees Removed: 8

## Community of Gering

The Gering Parks Department administered the City Tree Rebate and Removal Program for 2010. Ten Residents were reimbursed \$621.50 for planting new trees in their front yards. The Park & Tree Board conducted the annual spring and fall tree evaluation at the Northfield Park and Arboretum. Park & Tree Board Members also assisted Park Employees with the annual update of the city(dead)street tree survey. The Arbor Day Celebration was held at the Northfield Arboretum with Park Employees, Park & Tree Board Members, Gering Mayor and Students from the Northfield Elementary School. Park Employees and Park & Tree Board Members attended a Tree Pest Detector Workshop in May of 2010.

## 2010 Growth Award



Forestry Contact: Ron Ernst, Director of Parks & Recreation  
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Gering, NE 69341  
(308) 436-5096, (fax) (308) 436-6899  
rernst@gering.org, gering.org

Mayor: Edwin Mayo

Years: 22      Population: 7,946      2010 Expenditures: \$67,140

Trees Planted: 150      Trees Pruned: 60      Trees Removed: 70

## **Community of Gothenburg**

Gothenburg has had another successful year. The city planted 9 trees in the parks and on the street right-of-ways. In the parks, 9 trees were planted with city funds and another 6 were planted through our very successful Commemorative Tree program. In addition, another 5 trees were planted through the city's funding of a street tree program along with funding from residents of the community. On April 30, the city planted 4 trees in honor of Arbor Day. The trees were planted as part of a project that included the addition of a new entrance sign into our community. One of the biggest projects this year was the city working with the street crews to prune 359 trees and remove 5 trees in the parks and along the streets.

In September the Board applied for and has subsequently received a Trees for Nebraska Towns tree grant through the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum, Inc.

Forestry Contact: Bruce Clymer, City Administrator  
409 9th Street  
Gothenburg, NE 69138  
(308) 537-3677, (fax) (308) 537-3609  
bclymer@cityofgothenburg.org, ci.gothenburg.ne.us

Mayor: Joyce Hudson

Years: 23      Population: 3,619      2010 Expenditures: \$31,745

Trees Planted: 20      Trees Pruned: 359      Trees Removed: 5

## **Community of Grand Island**

This is Tree City USA year 24 for the City of Grand Island. Nebraska Certified Arborist Barry Burrows is still a part of the Parks and Recreation Department, providing valuable guidance in tree maintenance. City staff monitor and address tree needs at the city-owned Cemetery, Heartland Shooting Park and at 16 community parks and detention cells.

In 2010, Knickrehm Elementary student, Evan Ludwig, was recognized for submitting the winning poster in the annual Nebraska Arbor Day Poster Contest. The Nebraska Power Association awarded a cash donation to the school to enable them to purchase a tree to plant on the school lawn. This was the eighth tree planted at Knickrehm Elementary as a result of winning Arbor Day posters.

Forestry Contact: Steve Paustian, Parks & Recreation Director  
P.O. Box 1968  
Grand Island, NE 68802  
(308) 385-5444 x 290

spaustian@grand-island.com, grand-island.com

Mayor: Jay Vavricek

Years: 25      Population: 48,000      2010 Expenditures: \$106,080

Trees Planted: 34      Trees Pruned: 412      Trees Removed: 27

### **Community of Grant**

During September 2010, the tree board planted 5 lindens and 4 Kentucky coffeetrees at Fairview Cemetery. At a later date we also planted 5 seedless cottonwoods at the same site. In addition, we planted new trees on the street in the downtown as well as a replacement tree at the Grant Museum.

Forestry Contact: Jon Forney, Tree Board Chairman  
834 Central Avenue  
Grant, NE 69140  
(308) 352-4285  
jforney@gpcom.net, grantnebraska.com

Mayor: Tyson McGreer

Years: 15      Population: 1,225      2010 Expenditures: \$2,836

Trees Planted: 24      Trees Pruned: 23      Trees Removed: 8

### **Community of Gretna**

### **2010 Growth Award**

Forestry Contact: Jim Keepers, Chairperson of Gretna Arbor Society  
103275 232nd. St.  
Gretna, NE 68028  
(402) 332-0715 or (402) 618-8837  
jkeepers@msn.com, gretnane.org

Mayor: Sally McGuire

Years: 24      Population: 4,012      2010 Expenditures: \$19,626

Trees Planted: 9      Trees Pruned: 5      Trees Removed: 3

### **Community of Hartington**

Forestry Contact: Tom Moser, Tree Board Member  
501 South Cedar  
Hartington, NE 68739  
(402) 254-3368  
moser@hartel.net, ci.hartington.ne.us

Mayor: Bill Yates

Years: 20      Population: 1,640      2010 Expenditures: \$9,675

Trees Planted: 31      Trees Pruned:      Trees Removed: 10



## Community of Hastings

## 2010 Growth Award

- Tree Harvest Project
- Highland Park Arboretum Tour the Trees
- 1883 Community Tree Planting Re-Enactment

Forestry Contact: Terry Brown, Parks Superintendent  
220 N. Hastings Avenue  
Hastings, NE 68901  
(402) 461-2356, (fax) (402) 461-2323  
tbrown@cityofhastings.org, cityofhastings.org

Mayor: Vern Powers

Years: 21      Population: 25,103      2010 Expenditures: \$134,282

Trees Planted: 555      Trees Pruned: 212      Trees Removed: 61

## Community of Hickman

Last year we planted 59 trees.

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115 Locust Street  
Hickman, NE 68372  
(402) 792-2212  
blovorn@hickman.ne.gov, hickman.ne.gov/

Mayor: Jim Hrouda

Years: 19      Population: 1,657      2010 Expenditures: \$15,750

Trees Planted: 59      Trees Pruned:      Trees Removed: 32

## Community of Holdrege

- Updated strategic plan and presented to city council.
- Purchased four Granite markers for Arboretum.
- Sponsored Great American Clean Up Day at North Park on May 15th.
- Promoted “ReTree Nebraska.”
- Held Arbor Day program on April, 30th. First National Bank donated items for a drawing and Tri Basin NRD provided trees.
- Planted 13 trees and 7 memorial trees. NRD planted 27 Colorado blue spruce and 37 eastern redcedar. At Lake Seldom, NRD planted 111 pines and 234 shrubs.

Forestry Contact: Kim Parsons, Municiple Services Director  
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Holdrege, NE 68949  
(308) 995-8681  
kparsons@cityofholdrege.org, cityofholdrege.org



## Community of Julian

Forestry Contact: Beth Kernes Krause, City Forestry Contact  
503 ThiRoad Street  
Julian, NE 68379  
(402) 242-2521  
krausehome@windstream.net

Mayor: Pat Hodges

Years: 4      Population: 71      2010 Expenditures: \$592

Trees Planted: 2      Trees Pruned: 10      Trees Removed: 2

## Community of Kearney

Forestry Contact: Alan Roesler, Park Supervisor  
P.O. Box 1180  
Kearney, NE 68848  
(308) 233-3562, (fax) (308) 233-3562  
aroesler@kearneygov.org, cityofkearney.org

Mayor: Stanley Clouse

Years: 25      Population: 31,000      2010 Expenditures: \$148,742

Trees Planted: 870      Trees Pruned: 725      Trees Removed: 87

## Community of Kimball

The City of Kimball is proud of its 17+ years as a Tree City USA city. We continue to work at educating the public on proper tree planting, pruning and removal of dead or diseased trees.

The City of Kimball held our Arbor Day celebration on Friday, May 7, after being “snowed out” of our original scheduled celebration on Friday, April 30. With the help of 35 Mary Lynch School 3rd graders, 3 teachers and the City of Kimball Tree Board, we planted a giant, 12-foot-tall and 4.5-inch-caliper horse chestnut tree in front of the school. We also erected a marker including the species and “Planted by the 2010 Third Grade Class.” Following the planting and mulching, the Tree Board answered questions from the students. Each student went home with a booklet including games, crafts, history and ways to get involved in Arbor Day.

With concerns of the pine beetle infestation, Tree Board and Arboretum members attended informational meetings regarding pine beetles and shared that information with the community.

For the second year, the City of Kimball has participated in a Tree Removal/Replacement grant program with the help of the South Platte Natural Resources District Community Forestry Program. Participants received grant funds for half of the price of removal and replacement for diseased or dying trees. Twenty diseased or dying trees were removed and replaced with this program. We hope to continue this program far into the future.

We continue to strive to exceed the standards to keep our Tree City USA designation by keeping our parks, downtown and cemetery trees in top shape. Between the parks, downtown and cemetery, 8 new trees were planted to replace trees removed, and over 100 trees were pruned.

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223 S. Chestnut Street  
Kimball, NE 69145

(308) 235-3639, (fax) (308) 235-2971  
ckimball@megavision.com, ci.kimball.ne.us/city

Mayor: James Shcnell  
Years: 20 Population: 2,665 2010 Expenditures: \$12,640  
Trees Planted: 34 Trees Pruned: 108 Trees Removed: 32

## **Community of Laurel**

Plan of Work for the Laurel Tree Board 2009-2010.

Our goals for 2010 are:

I. Promote the tree rebate program available from the city for planting of “public trees.”

Objectives:

1. To deliver promotional flyers to key households in Laurel.
2. To help the tree owner with tree planting if needed.
3. To promote the importance of planting a more diverse species of trees in Laurel.
4. To plant \$2,000 worth of trees through the tree rebate program and non-rebate trees.

II. Work with the city for removal of key, least desirable, and trees in poor health.

Objectives:

1. To help determine which trees are in need of immediate removal.
2. To help the city with local tree service bids and solicitations.

III. Work with the city for planting of trees to replace those removed and to increase diversity within the community forest.

Objectives:

1. To advise the city about tree species for planting.
2. Plant street trees to replace those removed in 2009 plus where trees are needed in new residential areas.

IV. Become approved as Tree City USA for 2010.

Objectives:

1. To meet all the standards required by the Tree City USA program.
2. To meet requirements for the Growth Award.

V. Help coordinate an Arbor Day celebration.

Objectives:

1. Coordinate with the city to assure a proclamation is made by the mayor indicating observance of Arbor Day.
2. Coordinate with the Laurel grade school for Arbor Day activities.
3. Plant a tree with a grade school class on city property to proclaim the importance of Arbor Day.

VI. Monitor and assure that trees are planted on city property to enhance the community forest in Laurel.

1. Keep an inventory of trees planted in Laurel through the rebate program.
2. Keep an inventory of trees planted in Laurel outside of the rebate program.

VII. Continue to promote the Memorial Tree program for local citizens to donate a tree as a memorial for a family member.

Objectives:

1. Promote the Memorial tree program through the local newspaper.
2. Plan on a diverse tree population through education of the donors.

Forestry Contact: Annette Junck, Tree Board Chair  
 P.O. Box 248  
 Laurel, NE 68745  
 (402) 256-9614  
 laureled@huntel.net, laurelne.com

Mayor: Scott Rath

Years: 8                      Population: 986                      2010 Expenditures: \$110,720

Trees Planted: 0                      Trees Pruned: 0                      Trees Removed: 0

### **Community of La Vista**

We started early in the year with a grant obtainment from the Statewide Arboretum with our “Fifty Trees for Fifty Years,” celebrating La Vista’s 50th anniversary. Fifty deciduous and coniferous trees were planted, mulched and staked at our La Vista Falls Golf Course, City Park and Sports Complex areas. For Arbor Day, we dedicated a new park master plan for our Champion Park, which had an unveiling ceremony and reception complete with dignitaries and guest speakers. A large swamp white oak was spaded in place for the celebration. This event was well publicized and well attended.

We also received a grant through OPPD for tree replacement and landscape material for our Mayor’s Park location. This project greatly improved the park entrance between G. Stanley Hall Elementary School and the OPPD sub-station area. We obtained another grant from Papio-Missouri NRD, which allowed us to spruce up two bare entrances with trees and landscape material at City Park.

We had a lot of new trees and shrubs to keep watered and mulched, which did demand quite a bit of time as the summer heated up. We pruned and trimmed many of our right-of-way trees and park’s trees again this year, maintaining our city’s treescape. Our tree work this fall consisted of leasing a stump grinder, and by grinding 150 stumps of various sizes we filled in the holes and reseeded for spring. We also hauled several large cottonwood logs to a local sawmill in exchange for “waferchips” which will be used in several of our playground areas in the spring. We chipped 1,500 Christmas trees from two drop-off sites to provide needed mulch for us and for the public.

Our staff, myself included, continue to attend classes and seminars including tree care workshops, to gain important additional tree care knowledge.

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 La Vista, NE 68128  
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 blukasiewicz@cityoflavista.com, cityoflavista.org

Mayor: Douglas Kindig

Years: 20                      Population: 16,887                      2010 Expenditures: \$4,762

Trees Planted: 75                      Trees Pruned: 200                      Trees Removed: 10

## Community of Lexington

The City of Lexington continues to work to improve the city's community forest by planting and maintaining trees. In 2010 we did not have to remove as many trees as in recent years, due to severe damage by ice storms in late 2006. Lexington's Tree Board continued its Arbor Day visibility by sponsoring a poster contest for 3rd grade pupils. The posters (109 were submitted) were judged by the Tree Board, and the winning pupil's school received good-sized Valley Forge Elm planted on their property on Arbor Day. The entire school came outside to witness the ceremony, and the winning pupil was presented with her poster framed for posterity. Tree



Board Members, city workers and Daisy Girl Scout Troop 10 planted a flowering crab tree in Lexington's Pioneer Park. As always, the Mayor signed an Arbor Day proclamation. The week of Arbor Day also marked the fruition of Lexington's 2009 Shade Our Street grant, as a variety of large shade trees – 14 in all – were planted around the perimeter of Kirkpatrick Memorial Park. Lexington also continued a recent tradition of planting 300 seedlings in a secluded area where they are nurtured until mature enough to plan in parks and green spaces.

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801 W. Vine Street  
Lexington, NE 68850  
(308) 324-5995  
ghawks@cityoflex.com, cityoflex.com

Mayor: John Fagot

Years: 14      Population: 10,011      2010 Expenditures: \$24,320

Trees Planted: 400      Trees Pruned: 300      Trees Removed: 35

## Community of Lincoln

Forestry removed 1,582 and trimmed 12,842 trees. We removed 700 hanging limbs or limbs down on the ground. We serviced 3,253 calls from Lincoln citizens. We also released \$2,109,025 in surety bonds that were posted by developers for street trees and landscape screening.

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2740 A Street  
Lincoln, NE 68502  
(402) 441-7847, (fax) (402) 416-5540  
ljohnson@lincoln.ne.gov, lincoln.ne.gov/

Mayor: Chris Beutler

Years: 34      Population: 250,000      2010 Expenditures: \$1,036,402

Trees Planted: 316      Trees Pruned: 12,842      Trees Removed: 1,582

## Community of McCook

The City of McCook continues the Tree Rebate Program which was developed by the Tree Advisory Board. The City of McCook continues to diligently work to take down hazardous trees and replant new ones. Also, the City of McCook continues to plant trees along the walking trail, city parks and cemeteries.

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McCook, NE 69001  
(308) 345-2022, (fax) (308) 345-1461  
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Mayor: Kurt Fritsch

Years: 26      Population: 7,994      2010 Expenditures: \$25,000

Trees Planted: 100      Trees Pruned: 55      Trees Removed: 20

### **Community of Milford**

Forestry Contact: Mark Frey, Tree Commissioner  
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Milford, NE 68405  
(402) 761-2332  
milford-ne.com

Mayor: Dean A. Bruha

Years: 1      Population: 2,105      2010 Expenditures: \$9,325

Trees Planted: 2      Trees Pruned: 75      Trees Removed: 5

### **Community of Minden**

- Combined efforts with the City Rec Board to address needs in Chautauqua Park (i.e., tree placement and replacement to benefit current playground equipment.)
- Reviewed and began process of developing new park at Minden West Estates.
- Held Annual Arbor Day Celebration.
- Finalized application to Nebraska Statewide Arboretum, Inc.
- Created Tree Nursery at Minden West Estates.
- Assisted new residences in Minden West Estates in having 3 free trees from the Minden Community Redevelopment Authority planted.

Forestry Contact: Ted Griess  
620 N. Kearney  
Minden, NE 68959  
(308) 832-0593  
tjgriess@hotmail.com, mindennebraska.org

Mayor: Roger Jones

Years: 21      Population: 2,996      2010 Expenditures: \$9,700

Trees Planted: 45      Trees Pruned: 40      Trees Removed: 74

## Community of Mitchell

Our memorial tree program has worked very well since it was started in 2005. Our Tree Board is active in promoting the planting of new trees.

Forestry Contact: Ty Abernethy, City Administrator  
1280 Center Avenue  
Mitchell, NE 69357  
(308) 623-1616  
cityadmin@mitchellcity.net, mitchellcity.net

Mayor: Brian Taylor

Years: 8      Population: 1,831      2010 Expenditures: \$4,366

Trees Planted: 5      Trees Pruned: 20      Trees Removed: 2

## Community of Morrill

Forestry Contact: Tammy Cooley  
P.O. Box 305  
Morrill, NE 69358  
(308) 247-2312, (fax) (308) 247-2061  
morrill@prairieweb.com, villageofmorrill.com

Mayor: Dennis Ostendorf

Years: 12      Population: 954      2010 Expenditures: \$8,664

Trees Planted: 4      Trees Pruned: 200+      Trees Removed: 2

## Community of Nebraska City

Forestry Contact: Dan Gittinger, Public Properties Director  
1409 Central Avenue  
Nebraska City, NE 68410  
(402) 873-3936  
bidan@windstream.net, nebraskacity.com

Mayor: Jack Hobbie

Years: 34      Population: 8,459      2010 Expenditures: \$55,684

Trees Planted: 43      Trees Pruned: 130      Trees Removed: 25

## Community of Neligh

Forestry Contact: Sheila Parks, Tree Board Chairman  
710 E 2nd Street  
Neligh, NE 68756  
(402) 887-4001  
nelighpub.info



Mayor: Jeri Anderson  
 Years: 24 Population: 1,651 2010 Expenditures: \$5,551  
 Trees Planted: 0 Trees Pruned: 0 Trees Removed: 0

### Community of Nelson

The Nelson Tree Board observed Arbor Day on Friday, April 29, with representatives from the Nebraska Forest Service, Nebraska Statewide Arboretum, Inc., Little Blue NRD, Trailblazer RC&D, local volunteers and 4th graders from Lawrence/Nelson Public School. The group came together to plant 17 trees throughout Nelson.

Justin Evertson presented a very informative program of the many do's and don'ts of planting and caring for trees while he and the youngsters demonstrated how trees should be planted. The demonstration took place in the city park.

A wonderful variety of spruce, fir, oak, maple, coffeetree and flowering pear were planted throughout the community.

Forestry Contact: Roger Biltoft, Tree Board Chairman  
 3627 Road P  
 Nelson, NE 68961  
 (402) 225-2037  
 rogueroget@yahoo.com, nelsonnebraska.org

Mayor: Arlan Drudik  
 Years: 16 Population: 587 2010 Expenditures: \$4,489  
 Trees Planted: 17 Trees Pruned: 12 Trees Removed: 9

### Community of Nemaha

The tree chosen to celebrate Arbor Day in 2010 was a centennial magnolia. It was chosen because it blooms later in the spring giving it a better chance of escaping frost damage. Its blooms are bright white with a hint of pink. The program consisted of songs, poems and the children circled the tree and sang "Hokey Pokey." A cupcake tree was a big hit at the refreshment table.

Forestry Contact: Kellie Kennedy, Master Gardener  
 P.O. Box 3  
 Nemaha, NE 68414  
 (402) 824-5010  
 nemahacounty.ne.gov/

Mayor: Janice Boden  
 Years: 8 Population: 178 2010 Expenditures: \$765  
 Trees Planted: 1 Trees Pruned: 10 Trees Removed: 2

## Community of Norfolk

Forestry Contact: Pat Mrsny, Park Superintendent  
127 N. 1st St.  
Norfolk, NE 68701  
(402) 844-2180  
pMrsny@ci.norfolk.ne.us, ci.norfolk.ne.us

Mayor: Sue Fuchtman

Years: 1      Population: 23,516      2010 Expenditures: \$69,279

Trees Planted: 0      Trees Pruned: 38      Trees Removed: 76

## Community of North Platte

North Platte Tree Board in 2010 successfully made recommendations to the Lincoln County Commissioners on landscaping plans toward the new correctional complex. The Board recommended a proper species of trees for this area and made recommendations toward location and planting of the trees.

North Platte constructed their first downtown parking lot with bio-retention, which included proper planting of trees.

The Tree Board was successful with an invitation to the city development director to take a seat on the Tree Board in an advisory position.

The North Platte Tree Board is also pleased to announce a unique partnership that has developed with the Union Pacific Railroad.

The railroad has donated trees for the city parks and planted on Earth Day by children participating in a community mentorship program called Community Connections.

Forestry Contact: Lyle Minshull, Park/Cemetery Supervisor  
1402 North Jeffers  
North Platte, NE 69101  
(308) 535-6700 ext 415, (fax) (308) 535-6713  
MinshullLB@ci.north-platte.ne.us, wci.north-platte.ne.us

Mayor: Marc Kaschke

Years: 28      Population: 23,878      2010 Expenditures: \$155,907

Trees Planted: 61      Trees Pruned: 100      Trees Removed: 14

## 2010 Growth Award



## Community of Odell

Planted trees in Odell Park, removed trees from cemetery, replaced trees at Diller Odell Public School and other general upkeep of the trees.

Forestry Contact: Charles Heidbrink, Co-Chair Odell Tree Board

P.O. Box 168

Odell, NE 68415

(402) 766-4111

heidbrinks@diodecom.net, odell-nebraska.us



Mayor: Perry Gydesen

Years: 17      Population: 345      2010 Expenditures: \$1,374

Trees Planted: 5      Trees Pruned: 5      Trees Removed: 4

## Community of Offutt Air Force Base

## 2010 Growth Award

- Continued with 5-year landscape improvement plan at the Base Lake Rec. area.
- Landscaped and planted trees along Nelson Boulevard and the playground area and ballfields.
- Replaced several trees at 97th Intelligence Squadron Facility.
- Conducted annual Arbor Day tree planting.

Forestry Contact: Mark E. Jacobsen, Base Civil Engineer

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Offutt AFB, NE 68133-4019

(402) 294-5501

offutt.af.mil/main/contactus.asp, offutt.af.mil/

Mayor: Michael J. Allshouse

Years: 24      Population: 26,563      2010 Expenditures: \$180,623

Trees Planted: 77      Trees Pruned: 5      Trees Removed: 37

## Community of Ogallala

Forestry Contact: Jarrod Curtis, Parks Manager

411 East 2nd

Ogallala, NE 69153

(308) 289-2767

jarrod.curtis@ogallala-ne.gov, ogallala-ne.gov

Mayor: Darrell Bassett

Years: 27      Population: 5,107      2010 Expenditures: \$31,000

Trees Planted: 40      Trees Pruned: 50      Trees Removed: 20

## Community of Omaha

This year we planted over 70 trees and 37 different variety of trees in Elmwood Park. Elmwood Park is located just north of 67th and Pacific. Founded in 1889 it is one of the city's oldest and most recognized parks in Omaha. Its 208 acres are one of the most used parks in the city and is home to Shakespeare on the Green, as well as many other events throughout the year. With its beautiful flower gardens and large mature trees I felt it was a good time to send in an application and try to get the park recognized as an arboretum.

I am pleased to say that after meeting with Robert Henrickson and Justin Evertson in the park they accepted my application, and the park will soon be recognized as an arboretum. I am looking forward to planting many more unusual trees in the park in the coming years and keeping the existing trees healthy.

Forestry Contact: John Wynn, Forester  
1523 South 24  
Omaha, NE 68108  
(402) 444-5956, (fax) (402) 444-6838  
jjwynn@ci.omaha.ne.us, Omaha.com

Mayor: Jim Suttle

Years: 33      Population: 44,0691      2010 Expenditures: \$1,109,043

Trees Planted: 474      Trees Pruned: 3369      Trees Removed: 1768

## Community of O'Neill

The O'Neill Forestry Board project for 2010 was the undertaking of a piece of property deeded to the city for park use only, consisting of approximately 2 blocks. The property had a shelterbelt that ran down the center of it. The opinion of the Board was to take out all the dead and unwanted trees and start over, which will lead to upcoming projects.

Trees planted:

- Accolade elm – 7-foot park tree – 3 planted
- Triumph elm – 6-foot park tree – 2 planted
- Sunburst locust – 6-foot park tree – 4 planted
- Flame maple – 6-foot park tree – 1 planted

Forestry Contact: Jeff Schmeichel, Park Supervisor  
401 E. Fremont Street  
O'Neill, NE 68763  
(402) 340-3630, (fax) (402) 336-2538  
njohnston@cityofoneill.com, cityofoneill.com

Mayor: William Price

Years: 26      Population: 3,733      2010 Expenditures: \$8,300

Trees Planted: 10      Trees Pruned: 50      Trees Removed: shelterbelt

## Community of Ord

- Tree Board worked with city employees on tree planting, removal and pruning.
- Arbor Day celebration where 4th grade students planted 2 trees purchased by the city.
- Tree Board met several times to help create new policies and procedures related to tree removal and replacement.

Forestry Contact: Paul Markowski, Utility Superintendent  
P.O. Box 96  
Ord, NE 68862  
(308) 728-3130  
ordpaul@nctc.net, ordnebraska.com

Mayor: Randy O'Brien

Years: 14      Population: 2,269      2010 Expenditures: \$8,800

Trees Planted: 13      Trees Pruned: 80      Trees Removed: 9

## Community of Palisade

Forestry Contact: Richard Miner, Tree Board Chairman  
P.O. Box 35  
Palisade, NE 69040  
(308) 285-3508  
lonewolf69040@yahoo.com,

Mayor: Bart Monnahan

Years: 17      Population: 386      2010 Expenditures: \$5,836

Trees Planted: 0      Trees Pruned: 0      Trees Removed: 0

## Community of Papillion

The Papillion Tree Board, once again this year, was awarded a grant from Trees for Nebraska Towns to plant trees along the 96th Street corridor in Papillion. The Tree Board also had the distinction of accepting an Affiliate Site designation to the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum, Inc. for the Halleck Park site.

Forestry Contact: Anthony Gowan, Parks Director  
122 E. 3Road St.  
Papillion, NE 68046  
(402) 597-2049, (fax) (402) 827-3280  
tgowan@papillion.org, papillion.org

Mayor: David Black

Years: 22      Population: 23,470      2010 Expenditures: \$97,093

Trees Planted: 70      Trees Pruned: 82      Trees Removed: 15

## 2010 Growth Award



## Community of Paxton

The Village of Paxton celebrated Arbor Day on May 19. Paper grocery bags were decorated by 3rd graders for distribution at the grocery store. The village chairperson read the proclamation at the program at the school.

Tree trimming was done at the park; 1 hackberry was removed.

The village had scheduled a citywide clean-up and workday at the park with the assistance of the 7th–12th grade kids. Due to an all-day rain, the event was cancelled and could not be rescheduled before school was out for the summer.

Forestry Contact: Laura Cartwright  
P.O. Box 236  
Paxton, NE 69155  
(308) 650-0728, (fax)

Mayor: Richard A. Colson

Years: 16      Population: 614      2010 Expenditures: \$1,650

Trees Planted: 1      Trees Pruned: 6      Trees Removed: 1

## Community of Pender

With Pender celebrating its Q125 last summer all efforts were focused on maintenance of our community's public greenspaces and arboretum sites. Our celebration, which coincided with our annual Alumni banquet, brought hundreds of visitors into Pender. Our public parks were the site of several of the week-long list of events. Once again our volunteers were called upon to mulch the city park. All damaged/declining trees were removed and replaced. Many large existing trees that had not been pruned for many years were trimmed up. A few more trees were marked with plant ID labels, a project that was started in 2008.

Memorial Park arboretum was the site of the 2010 Junior Legion state tournament. Again, our efforts were focused on care and maintenance of that greenspace to have it looking its best for the many out-of-towners that came into Pender for that event.

Forestry Contact: Wanda Kelley  
868 Highway. 9  
Thurston, NE 68062  
(402) 385-2120  
jappleseed@abbnebraskacom, penderthurston.com

Mayor: Arden Shadbolt

Years: 17      Population: 1,182      2010 Expenditures: \$16,038

Trees Planted: 8      Trees Pruned: 40      Trees Removed: 4

## Community of Pierce

Unfortunately, much of our community effort in 2010 involved tree removal—the result of a flood in Gilman Park in June and a major windstorm a month later. A total of 27 trees were removed from city property as a result.

A positive accomplishment was the use of 14 high school volunteers for the annual PHS Community Service Day. The students mulched trees in the park and continued with removal of volunteer trees and shrubs from the shore of Bill Cox Lake in the park. This material was chipped into mulch for future use.

Forestry Contact: Gary Zimmer

106 S. 1st St.  
Pierce, NE 68767  
(402) 329-4873  
gilman@ptcnet.net, piercenebraska.info/piercenebraska.html

Mayor: Shannon Stuchlik  
Years: 19      Population: 1,774      2010 Expenditures: \$11,141  
Trees Planted: 14      Trees Pruned: 181      Trees Removed: 27

### **Community of Pilger**

The Tree Board developed an application to the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resource District Community Forestry Grant. We were awarded a \$1,657.79 grant which helped us to remove diseased and dying trees in the Pilger Park, chip out the stumps and to plant replacement trees. A lot of the fallen tree cleanup work was completed by volunteers, along with the planting of “replacement” and additional trees.

Our Arbor Day celebration had to be moved indoors due to the weather for the third year in a row.

Other activities accomplished included pruning of several park, cemetery and nursery trees; removing additional diseased and dying trees; and relocating of nursery trees.

Forestry Contact: Kenneth Wiechman, Utilities Superintendent  
P.O. Box 306  
Pilger, NE 68768  
(402) 396-3009, (fax) (402) 396-3563  
pilger@cableone.net, pilgernebraska.net

Mayor: James Duncan  
Years: 11      Population: 378      2010 Expenditures: \$6,184  
Trees Planted: 27      Trees Pruned: 43      Trees Removed: 10

### **Community of Plainview**

- Attended Tree Care Workshop.
- Held 4 meetings with two of them working meetings.
- Watered and pruned young trees in Chilvers Park.
- Planned the removal of dead trees in Band Shell Park.
- Held Arbor Day celebration for the K-6 elementary students and for the public on April 30.

Forestry Contact: Donna Christiansen, Tree Board Chair  
408 N. Plum St.  
Plainview, NE 68769  
(402) 582-4682  
rdchristi@plvwtelco.net, plainview-ne.com

Mayor: Gale Retzlaff  
Years: 20      Population: 1,353      2010 Expenditures: \$3,300  
Trees Planted: 2      Trees Pruned: 125      Trees Removed: 2

## Community of Potter

- Potter continues to cost share yard tree with homeowners and the South Platte NRD.
- Trees are being cared for at the cemetery project.
- Sprayed around trees for grasshoppers.
- Older trees also need trimming and mulch.
- Continue to monitor trees for pine beetle.
- A wildfire on August 18th destroyed 21 evergreen trees in the well field. These trees will be replanted in the spring.

Forestry Contact: Jay Rundell, Maintenance Supervisor  
P.O. Box 255  
Potter, NE 69156  
(308) 250-0106  
potterne.com

Mayor: Casey Smith

Years: 18      Population: 388      2010 Expenditures: \$3,422

Trees Planted: 18      Trees Pruned: 48      Trees Removed: 0

## Community of Ralston

Forestry Contact: Jon Speichinger, Parks Department Head  
5500S 77th St.  
Ralston, NE 68127  
(402) 331-6677  
jspeichinger@cityofralston.com, cityofralston.com

Mayor: Donald A. Groesser

Years: 25      Population: 6,314      2010 Expenditures: \$46,869

Trees Planted: 13      Trees Pruned: 167      Trees Removed: 122

## Community of Red Cloud

In 2010 we participated in the Trailblazer RC&D tree project. We recieved \$198.41 from LRNRD, and then we also recieved a generous donation to pay for this project. This project was for trees to be planted on terraces only. Twenty six trees were planted. Then the city funded 50 small cedar trees to be planted on the north edge of our cemetery. Of course our linemen are continually trimming trees back out of our power lines.

Forestry Contact: Albert A. Wood, Forestry Contact  
504 N. Webster  
Red Cloud, NE 68970  
(402) 746-2214, (fax) (402) 746-2393  
cityalbert@gpcom.net, redcloudnebraska.com

Mayor: Gary Ratzlaff

Years: 16      Population: 1,011      2010 Expenditures: \$4,215



Trees Planted: 76      Trees Pruned: 0      Trees Removed: several

### **Community of Rushville**

Forestry Contact:      Cliff Rininger  
P.O. Box 365  
Rushville, NE 69365  
(308) 327-2525, (fax)  
ci.rushville.ne.us

Mayor:      Chis Heiser

Years: 16      Population: 900      2010 Expenditures: \$2,000

Trees Planted: 0      Trees Pruned: 0      Trees Removed: 0

### **Community of Schuyler**

Forestry Contact:      Ray Ladwig, Volunteer-Retired Street Foreman  
412 Elk Street  
Schuyler, NE 6861  
(402) 352-3525  
mkpschuyler@hotmail.com, ci.schuyler.ne.us/

Mayor:      David Reinecke

Years: 23      Population: 5,371      2010 Expenditures: \$14,075

Trees Planted: 0      Trees Pruned: 225      Trees Removed: 10

### **Community of Scottsbluff**

Forestry Contact:      Perry Mader, Park Director  
2525 Circle Dr.  
Scottsbluff, NE 69361  
(308) 630-6235  
pmader@scottsbluff.org, scottsbluff.org

Mayor:      Randy Meininger

Years: 23      Population: 14,733      2010 Expenditures: \$44,651

Trees Planted: 134      Trees Pruned: 200      Trees Removed: 100

### **Community of Scribner**

We planted 22 new trees at the softball field this year. They will provide shade for the spectators as well as the players. There weren't many trees in that area, and it will be a great benefit to everyone in the years ahead.

Forestry Contact:      Shelly Stockamp, Tree Board Chairman  
512 6th St  
Scribner, NE 68057

(402) 664-2276

stockamp@gpcom.net, scribnernebraska.com

Mayor: Steven Swanson

Years: 5                      Population: 968                      2010 Expenditures: \$2,550

Trees Planted: 22              Trees Pruned: 30              Trees Removed: 0

### **Community of Seward**

In 2010 we participated in the Trailblazer RC&D Tree Project. We received \$1,825.35 from the Trailblazer RC&D. We received \$198.41 from LRNRD, and then we also received a generous donation to pay for this project. This project was for trees to be planted on terraces only. Twenty-six trees were planted. Then the city funded 50 small cedar trees to be planted on the north end of our cemetery. Of course, our linemen are continually trimming trees back out of our power lines.

Forestry Contact: Melvin L. Aldrich, Public Works Superintendent

P.O. Box 38

Seward, NE 68434

(402) 643-2000

Melvin.Aldrich@cityofsewardne.com, cityofsewardne.com

Mayor: Roger E. Glawatz

Years: 29                      Population: 6,427                      2010 Expenditures: \$75,082

Trees Planted: 60              Trees Pruned: 160              Trees Removed: 55

### **Community of Shelton**

Forestry Contact: Darwin Wicht, Tree Board

805 Lincoln Avenue

Shelton, NE 68876

(308)216-1323

darandedith@charter.net

Mayor: Lynn McBride

Years: 2                      Population: 1,140                      2010 Expenditures: \$2,640

Trees Planted: 0              Trees Pruned: 0              Trees Removed: 0

### **Community of Sidney**

- Chipped Christmas trees for mulch.
- Attended a Tree Risk Assessment seminar on January 20 in North Platte.
- Received SPNRD Community Forestry grant to remove and replace a dying elm street tree: \$212.50.
- Landfill tree plantings.
- Mulched park street trees.
- Pruned pine and spruce trees at cemetery driveways.

- Monitored trees affected by mountain pine beetle.
- Mulched and pruned highway beautification trees and shrubs.
- Leadership Cheyenne County volunteers landscape for Office of Human Development (OHD).
- Planned Arbor Day celebration with annual “Sidney Tree Give-away.”
- Handed out 87 tree planting instruction packets to families at 2010 tree giveaway.
- Wrote a four-part series in December for radio and newspaper on precautions of dangerous, diseased, dead and dying trees.
- Cleared dead wood from creek drainage ditch; logs used for public firewood.

Forestry Contact: Thomas Von Seggern, Tree Board Chairperson  
 1115 13th Avenue  
 Sidney, NE 69162  
 (308) 254-3307, (fax) (308) 254-3164  
 park@cityofsidney.org, cityofsidney.org

Mayor: Wendall Gaston

Years: 25      Population: 6,282      2010 Expenditures: \$22,020

Trees Planted: 140      Trees Pruned: 80      Trees Removed: 60

### Community of Snyder

Forestry Contact: Jeff Mortensen, Utilities Superintendent  
 125 Ash Street.; P.O. Box 247  
 Snyder, NE 68664  
 (402) 568-2306  
 snyder@skyww.net

Mayor: Joel D. Hunke

Years: 19      Population: 318      2010 Expenditures: \$1,421

Trees Planted: 1      Trees Pruned: 7      Trees Removed: 4

### Community of South Sioux City

- Two citywide clean-up days.
- Planted 30 trees @ YMCA soccer complex (partnership w/YMCA).
- Planted trees throughout SSC streets with help from NRD.

Forestry Contact: Jim Steele, Tree Board Coordinator  
 1615 1st Avenue  
 South Sioux City, NE 68776  
 (402) 494-7577

### 2010 Growth Award



jsteele@southsiouxcity.org, southsiouxcity.org

Mayor: Sandra Ehrich  
Years: 19      Population: 12,100      2010 Expenditures: \$195,496  
Trees Planted: 204      Trees Pruned: 480      Trees Removed: 25

### **Community of Stella**

We replaced a tree in our park. We trimmed trees and had to remove trees damaged by a wind storm in September.

Forestry Contact: Jan McMullen, Chairman of Tree City Committee  
P.O. Box 82  
Stella, NE 68442  
(402) 883-2690  
janmc@sentco.net

Mayor: Jerry Joy  
Years: 18      Population: 220      2010 Expenditures: \$802  
Trees Planted: 1      Trees Pruned: 6      Trees Removed: 2

### **Community of Stromsburg**

### **30 Year Award**

Volunteers helped prune bushes and maintain flower beds around the city parks. City maintenance crews pruned trees near electric lines and hanging over streets. Also, diseased and dead trees were removed from the city cemetery.

Forestry Contact: Nancy Bryan, City Clerk/Treasurer  
P.O. Box 407  
Stromsburg, NE 68666-0407  
(402) 764-2561, (fax) (402) 764-2143  
cityofstromsburg@windstream.net, stromsburgnebraska.com

Mayor: Kenneth Everingham  
Years: 30      Population: 1,232      2010 Expenditures: \$15,690  
Trees Planted: 1      Trees Pruned: 300      Trees Removed: 200

### **Community of Sutherland**

- Planted 24 NRD seedling spruce trees by 4th grade class.
- Business district ornamental trees were pruned, fertilized, watered and preemergent applied.
- 10 trees in business district were removed because they out-grew the sidewalk area.
- Garden Club and Tree Board maintained flower/tree berm at FICE.
- Arbor Day tree planting and care instruction to 4th grade class, poster contest and Arbor Day recognition gifts given to children.
- Care given for pool park and railroad park trees.
- Tree Board worked with village employees to care for all trees on village properties.
- Personal residences planted and removed trees.

Forestry Contact: Linda Tacey, Tree Board Secretary  
P.O. Box 485  
Sutherland, NE 69165  
(308) 386-2489  
taceys@gpcom.net, ci.sutherland.ne.us

Mayor: Larry Meyer

Years: 15      Population: 1,240      2010 Expenditures: \$12,335

Trees Planted: 30      Trees Pruned: 25      Trees Removed: 21

**Community of Sutton**

**2010 Growth Award**

Forestry Contact: Cory Ebert  
107 W. Grove  
Sutton, NE 68979  
402-773-4403  
backs4docs@yahoo.com, cityofsutton.org

Mayor: Bob Hale

Years: 22      Population: 1,502      2010 Expenditures: \$3,690

Trees Planted: 400      Trees Pruned: 50      Trees Removed: 1

**Community of Tekamah**

Forestry Contact: Don L. Thomas, Tekamah Tree Board President  
202 S 21st Street  
Tekamah, NE 68061  
(402) 374-2703  
tekamah.net

Mayor: Leanne Dorathy

Years: 24      Population: 1,892      2010 Expenditures: \$8,310

Trees Planted: 6      Trees Pruned: Several      Trees Removed: 11

**Community of Trenton**

Our Tree Board planted several trees along the fence line of our ball field at the Pow Wow grounds. They also planted trees in remembrance of an employee who worked at our mulch pile located within the Pow Wow grounds. We also planted trees for shade around the arena area, which is also located within the Pow Wow grounds. The Pow Wow grounds are used quite a lot by the residents of the village as well as many visitors. It is like our second park as the school football field is also within the area. There are several acres in the area, and our hope is to someday include a walking trail.



Forestry Contact: Victoria "Angie" Bowman, Village Clerk/Treasurer  
P.O. Box 68  
Trenton, NE 69044  
(308) 334-5488, (fax) (308) 334-5678  
vtrenton@gpcom.net, villageoftrenton.net

Mayor: John Rundel  
Years: 26      Population: 507      2010 Expenditures: \$4,100  
Trees Planted: 25      Trees Pruned: 6      Trees Removed: 1

### **Community of Valley**

### **2010 Growth Award**

Forestry Contact: Shawn Smith, Deputy Clerk  
P.O. Box 682  
Valley, NE 68064-0682  
(402) 359-2251 ext. 305, (fax) (402) 359-2610  
ssmith@valley.omhcoxmail.com, valleyne.org

Mayor: Mary Caffey  
Years: 17      Population: 1,876      2010 Expenditures: \$5,588  
Trees Planted: 7      Trees Pruned: 126      Trees Removed: 5

### **Community of Waco**

Forestry Contact: Ken Feather, Tree Board Chairperson  
P.O. Box 103  
Waco, NE 68460  
(402) 728-5512  
villageofwaco@windstream.net

Mayor: Janelle Schachenmeyer  
Years: 18      Population: 227      2010 Expenditures: \$3,484  
Trees Planted: 22      Trees Pruned: 10      Trees Removed: 16

### **Community of Wahoo**

The Street Tree Rebate program was continued throughout the year as an incentive for property owners to plant trees on the street right-of-way. Property owners could receive a rebate of up to \$100 as a way to encourage planting.

The City of Wahoo continues to plant, prune, and maintain trees on all public property including the parks and cemeteries. The City also manages the tree planting permit process for any trees planted in the street right-of-way.

Forestry Contact: Kevin Stuhr, Director of Parks and Recreation  
310 N. Linden St.  
Wahoo, NE 68066

(402) 443-4174  
kevin@wahoo civiccenter.com, wahoo.ne.us

Mayor: Jerry Johnson  
Years: 3      Population: 4,217      2010 Expenditures: \$22,750  
Trees Planted: 15      Trees Pruned: 45      Trees Removed: 10

### **Community of Wakefield**

- Pruning, mulching and watering trees.
- Arbor Day celebration and contest.
- Planting terrace trees.

Forestry Contact: Kathy Skinner, City Clerk/Treasurer  
P.O. Box 178  
Wakefield, NE 68784  
(402) 287-2080, (fax) (402) 287-2045  
wakeclerk@huntel.net, ci.wakefield.ne.us

Mayor: Jim Clark  
Years: 21      Population: 1,411      2010 Expenditures: \$11,954  
Trees Planted: 10      Trees Pruned: 30      Trees Removed: 42

### **Community of Wallace**

Forestry Contact: Charlie Andrews, Head Maintenance  
P.O. Box 40  
Wallace, NE 69169  
(308) 387-4522, (fax) (308) 387-4571  
wallacevill@nebnet.net

Mayor: Linda Lehmkuhl  
Years: 11      Population: 329      2010 Expenditures: \$1,000  
Trees Planted: 1      Trees Pruned: 0      Trees Removed: 0

### **Community of Wauneta**

We planted 5 trees this year. One of the trees was donated as a memorial. We had a good turnout for our annual park clean-up. Our Utility Line Clearance program continues to be working well, as we have reduced the likelihood of power outages due to broken branches during the heavy snows and high winds.

Forestry Contact: Edward Grimm, Board Member, Park Committee Chair  
P.O. Box 495  
Wauneta, NE 69045  
(308) 394-5729  
egrimm@bwtelcom.net, wauneta.com

Mayor: Lloyd Sinner  
Years: 19 Population: 600 2010 Expenditures: \$7,695  
Trees Planted: 5 Trees Pruned: 24 Trees Removed: 4

### Community of Wausa

- Planting trees.
- Watered trees.
- Pruned trees.

Forestry Contact: Fred M. Frank, Chairperson  
704 E. Grant  
Wausa, NE 68786  
(402) 586-2564  
villageofwausa@gpcom.net, ci.wausa.ne.us

Mayor: William J. Schumacher  
Years: 15 Population: 636 2010 Expenditures: \$1,634  
Trees Planted: 7 Trees Pruned: 15 Trees Removed: 5

### Community of Waverly

Fifty individuals worked spreading 50 yards of mulch to over 150 trees. We also planted 10 more trees and shrubs. I.D. labels were placed in front of 50 trees so the public can identify the type of tree.

Forestry Contact: Noah Dea, Parks and Recreation Director  
P.O. Box 427 14130 Lancashire Street  
Waverly, NE 68482  
(402) 786-2312, (fax) (402) 786-2490  
noahd@citywaverly.com, citywaverly.com

Mayor: Mike Werner  
Years: 11 Population: 2,448 2010 Expenditures: \$32,283  
Trees Planted: 190 Trees Pruned: 210 Trees Removed: 25

### Community of Wayne

The City of Wayne completed our 17th annual Releaf Program for residents of the community. There were 46 trees planted along the streets and in other public areas. Many of these trees were planted in a brand new subdivision, which the city is developing with affordable housing. Each lot must have 2 shade trees planted at the time the house is built per the subdivision agreement. Our Retree program also assisted 4 property owners plant 8 shade trees on their own property through cost share up to \$50 per tree.





Forestry Contact: Joel Hansen, Inspector/Planner/Street Superintendent  
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Wayne, NE 68787  
(402) 375-1733  
jhansen@cityofwayne.org, cityofwayne.org

Mayor: Ken Chamberlain

Years: 20      Population: 5,583      2010 Expenditures: \$12,186

Trees Planted: 46      Trees Pruned: 750      Trees Removed: 5

### **Community of Wisner**

Wisner continues to be active as a Tree City USA and is proud of its efforts. We have an active and interested Tree Board, which is led by the chairman, who is also the elected mayor. We feel that trees beautify our community and will continue to replace trees that need to be removed on a one-on-one basis. We are proud of our continued efforts to achieve Tree City USA status and hope to continue this program far into the future.

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Wisner, NE 68791  
(402) 529-6616  
rwoldt@cableone.net, ci.wisner.ne.us

Mayor: Larry Bockelman

Years: 16      Population: 1,270      2010 Expenditures: \$9,900

Trees Planted: 15      Trees Pruned: 45      Trees Removed: 0

### **Community of York**

The City of York continues its efforts to be a quality Tree City USA. The landscaping of the parks continues to be a priority. Our new goals include developing a citywide master plan for tree planting, including a plan of action to prepare for the damaging results of emerald ash borers on the city's ash trees, and establishing a small nursery for starting young trees in order to add diversity to our city's tree population.

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P.O. Box 507  
York, NE 68467  
(402) 363-2600  
mchristiansen@cityofyork.net, ci.york.ne.us

Mayor: Chuck Harris

Years: 21      Population: 8,081      2010 Expenditures: \$30,056

Trees Planted: 0      Trees Pruned: 0      Trees Removed: 150

# NEBRASKA FOREST SERVICE

# Community Forestry & Sustainable Landscapes Program

## KEY SERVICES PROVIDED:

- Cost-share assistance for community forest and landscape design, installation and management.
- Network development for statewide arboretums and Tree City USA communities.
- Training and professional development for landscape managers and green industry professionals.
- Disaster “releaf” assistance for impacted communities.
- Pest identification, monitoring and control recommendations.
- Development and support for statewide initiatives such as ReTree Nebraska, GreatPlants Program, conservation education and Nebraska Community Forestry Council.

## HOW NEBRASKANS BENEFIT:

- Extensive network of certified professional arborists, arboretums and public gardens and ReTree Ambassadors.
- Cleaner, healthier and more attractive communities.
- Hundreds of rural communities dedicating scarce resources to community tree management.
- Significantly reduced costs and management input through use of green infrastructure and development of sustainable landscapes.
- Annual grant availability of approximately \$450,000 for public landscaping initiatives and projects.



For more information about the Nebraska Forest Service's  
Community Forestry & Sustainable Landscapes Program,  
contact Eric Berg ([eberg2@unl.edu](mailto:eberg2@unl.edu)/402.472.6511)

# ReTree Nebraska

## One Town, One Tree, One Shovel at a Time



ReTree Nebraska is a cooperative initiative that challenges Nebraskans to draw upon our state's rich tree-planting heritage and plant 1 million trees in Nebraska communities by 2017.

But ReTree Nebraska goes beyond just planting trees to improve the overall health, sustainability and livability of our communities by:

- increasing Nebraskans' knowledge and understanding of the value and importance of trees;
- improving the overall health and species diversity of our state's community forests; and
- helping communities build sustainable, lasting community forestry programs.

Today we face complex problems—rising energy costs and environmental changes to name just a few. But sometimes complex problems can be solved using simple solutions, and planting a tree—or trees—is one of the most cost-effective solutions available.

ReTree Nebraska is based on the strong belief that we can make things better through the simple acts of planting and caring for trees. ReTree Nebraska is also based on the belief that everyone can play a part, no matter how big or small. From planting trees in your home landscape to organizing tree plantings in your community to spreading the word about ReTree Nebraska to family and friends, every contribution counts.

**Together we can—and will—make a difference!**

## ReTree Nebraska Needs You!

ReTree Nebraska is a grassroots effort of people across Nebraska working hard in their own communities and neighborhoods to plant trees and improve their community's tree resources. There are many ways to get involved, but two of the most prominent ways are to become either a ReTree Ambassador or ReTree Supporter.

ReTree Ambassadors are actively engaged in coordinating tree planting, care and educational activities at the local level and are the cornerstones of this grassroots effort. ReTree supporters are less involved than Ambassadors but support local tree activities through donations of time, resources and/or money to local tree planting efforts.

### Role of ReTree Ambassadors

ReTree Ambassadors serve as enthusiastic cheerleaders for trees and tree-related activities and are visible sources of timely and reliable information about trees, tree care and ReTree Nebraska.

Ambassadors also assemble a cadre of local members and resources to assist in ReTree efforts. The challenge to Ambassadors is to marshal the resources of their communities in their unique way to improve their community's tree resources.

#### Ambassador Benefits

The most immediate—although intangible—benefit of being a ReTree Ambassador is the satisfaction of participating in an historic and important initiative that will positively impact people in their communities for generations to come. Other benefits of being a ReTree Ambassador include:

- statewide recognition for you and your community as a ReTree Nebraska community;
- ReTree Nebraska electronic newsletter and updates about funding opportunities and educational events;
- ambassador-only online resources, including:
  - online discussion boards;
  - promotional ideas;
  - educational opportunities;
  - ReTree calendar of events;
  - ambassador contact information;
  - information about selecting, planting and caring for trees;
  - list of grants and funding opportunities; and
  - pictures, articles and other promotional materials.
- invitations to ReTree Nebraska celebrations;
- an ambassador t-shirt; and
- potential registration discounts for “green” workshops.

#### Ambassador Opportunities

ReTree Ambassadors should have the time and ability to be actively involved in the initiative. ReTree Ambassadors will be required to select and perform at least four of the following yearly:



- organize and/or implement at least one tree planting event per year;
- educate others about the importance of trees and tree care, as well as proper tree selection, planting and care;
- manage newly planted trees until they are established;
- work with government officials to increase awareness of trees and update local tree ordinances;
- organize youth-related activities;
- assist with a community tree inventory and evaluation;
- serve on or help develop a local tree board;
- organize local volunteers;
- help raise funds and resources for local tree planting and care; and
- develop a local tree-related awards/recognition program.

ReTree Ambassadors will also be expected to maintain a working e-mail address (and add [retreeambassador@unl.edu](mailto:retreeambassador@unl.edu) to their address book), keep the ReTree coordinator informed of changes to personal contact information and complete and submit an annual activity update to the ReTree coordinator.

Ambassadors will also have the opportunity to:

- commit to the mission and goals of ReTree Nebraska and long-term environmental stewardship;
- promote ReTree Nebraska;
- recruit and educate others about ReTree Nebraska;
- keep the ReTree Nebraska coordinator informed about ReTree activities in their area;
- be a contact for ReTree Nebraska activities in their area; and
- share information and ideas with and learn from other ambassadors.

### ReTree Nebraska Supporters

An official ReTree Nebraska Supporter is anyone who agrees to support ReTree Nebraska by promoting proper tree planting and care in their community and spreading the word about ReTree Nebraska. While ReTree Supporters do not have the same responsibilities as ambassadors, they work closely with local ambassadors to help implement local ReTree projects, secure resources for local tree planting and care and promote awareness of the value of trees and tree planting.

The benefits of becoming a ReTree Supporter include:

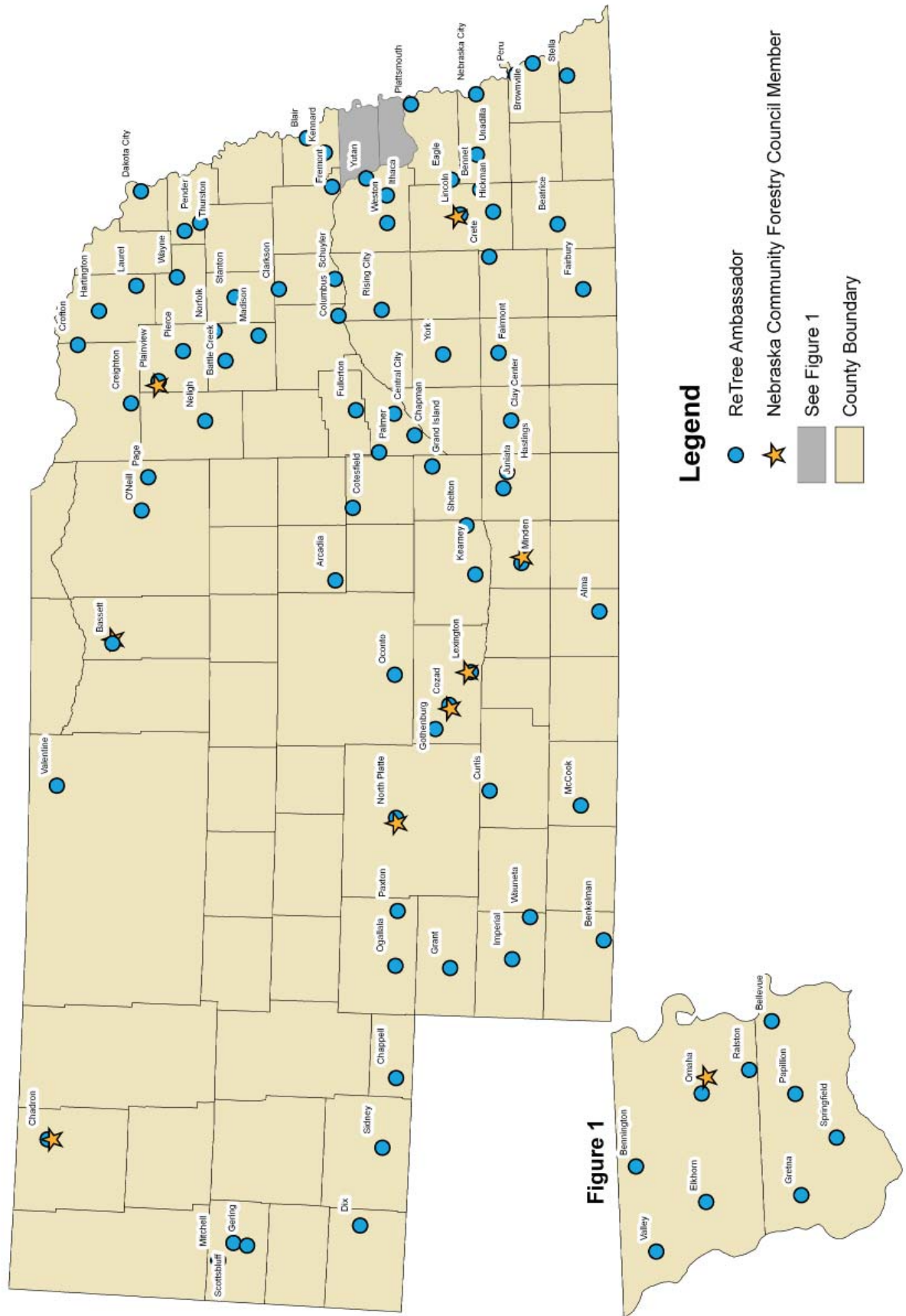
- being part of an exciting statewide effort to improve Nebraska's tree resources;
- receiving ReTree Nebraska's electronic newsletter and email updates;
- having access to a wide variety of tree-related educational materials;
- being invited to attend ReTree Nebraska events; and
- receiving discounts on ReTree Nebraska merchandise.

Anyone who is committed improving their local tree resources can become a ReTree Nebraska ambassador or ReTree supporter.

For more information, visit [www.retreenebraska.unl.edu](http://www.retreenebraska.unl.edu) or email ReTree Nebraska at [retreenebraska@unl.edu](mailto:retreenebraska@unl.edu).



# ReTree Nebraska Network



# Nebraska Community Forestry Council: Peoples' Advocacy for Trees

The mission of the Nebraska Community Forestry Council is to promote sound stewardship of community forest resources through tree advocacy and educational programs. The Council partners with the Nebraska Forest Service; University of Nebraska–Lincoln Extension; Nebraska Statewide Arboretum, Inc.; and Nebraska's green industry, utilities, communities, businesses and citizens.

## Council Activities

- Promote a greater understanding of and respect for Nebraska's community forests.
- Identify educational opportunities related to trees and the environment.
- Provide assistance and guidance to ReTree Nebraska Ambassadors.
- Develop public interest in proper planting and care of shade and ornamental trees.
- Promote grant and partnership programs in local communities.
- Promote Arbor Day and other tree-related projects and programs.
- Represent the goals of the Council statewide at events and workshops.
- Advocate against tree topping, a practice detrimental to trees.
- Identify trees with historical and cultural significance across the state through the Heritage Tree Program.

For more information about the Council, visit [www.nfs.unl.edu/CommunityForestry/CFCouncil.asp](http://www.nfs.unl.edu/CommunityForestry/CFCouncil.asp).

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# ReTree Nebraska's 11 for 2011

## THE TREES AROUND US

Our community forests are the trees in our parks and surrounding our homes, businesses and buildings. Both individually and as a whole, these trees make our communities more livable.

Community forests provide clean air and water, reduce noise, reduce crime and increase consumer spending in business districts. In landscape settings, trees can increase property values by 5-25%, and properly placed trees can reduce heating and cooling costs by as much as 30%!

Planting a tree or trees is a choice, not something we have to do—that's the beauty of it! Planting trees where they have never been planted before or replanting beneath mature trees that someday will be gone is an important part of keeping a healthy community forest.

To learn more about selecting, planting and caring for trees, as well as the benefits of community forests, visit [www.retreenebraska.unl.edu](http://www.retreenebraska.unl.edu).

## IMPORTANCE OF SPECIES DIVERSITY

Good species diversity is a common measure of community forest health. In fact, forestry experts recommend that no single tree species make up more than 10% of a community's entire forest resource. The importance of planting diversely has been reinforced with the loss of elms due to Dutch elm disease, the ongoing loss of Scotch pine due to pine wilt and other current and emerging threats such as emerald ash borer, thousand cankers disease and mountain pine beetle.

Selecting the right tree for your landscape will leave a lasting legacy in your community forest.

## RETREE NEBRASKA'S 11 FOR 2011

To promote species diversity, ReTree Nebraska has chosen a select group of preferred species that perform well in Nebraska but aren't widely planted. ReTree Nebraska's 11 for 2011 helps individuals choose the right tree for their landscape while improving the species diversity and vitality of Nebraska's community forests.

These "best-in-show" species are available at ReTree-participating nurseries. To find a ReTree-participating nursery near you, visit [www.retreenebraska.unl.edu](http://www.retreenebraska.unl.edu).

## REPORT YOUR TREE PLANTING!

After you plant, be sure to let us know! Report any tree(s) planted from April 2007 to April 2017 to be counted toward ReTree Nebraska's goal of planting 1 million trees by 2017.

To report your planting, visit [www.retreenebraska.unl.edu](http://www.retreenebraska.unl.edu) and follow the directions for tree reporting. Trees that can be reported include trees planted within city limits on public or private land; trees planted on acreages; trees planted on farmsteads near and/or for the protection of a home; and trees planted near and/or for the protection of rural community buildings, such as schools and churches.





# ReTree Nebraska's 11 for 2011

MATURE HEIGHT (ft.)

MATURE SPREAD (ft.)

FLOWERS

FRUIT

FALL COLOR

ORNAMENTAL BARK

## LARGE DECIDUOUS TREES (typically more than 40 feet tall at maturity)

<b>Baldcypress</b> , ( <i>Taxodium distictum</i> ) A graceful, deciduous conifer. Great for wet areas or in compacted soils; drought tolerant.	50-70+	20-30	F	G	G	F
<b>Catalpa, Northern</b> ( <i>Catalpa speciosa</i> ) Large tropical leaves; attractive, fragrant flowers in spring. Easy to grow.	40-60	30-40	G	F	P	F
<b>Coffeetree, Kentucky</b> ( <i>Gymnocladus dioicus</i> ) Great for clay soils; highly ornamental in winter. Seedless cultivars available.	50-60+	30-45	P	F	F	F
<b>Elm, misc. hybrids</b> ( <i>Ulmus x spp.</i> ) Many disease-resistant hybrid elms are available including proven cultivars such as 'Accolade,' 'Discovery,' 'New Horizon,' 'Pioneer,' 'Triumph' and 'Vanguard'. Easy to grow; good street trees.	40-60+	40-60+	N/A	P	F	F
<b>Oak, Chinkapin</b> ( <i>Quercus muehlenbergii</i> ) Distinctive serrated leaves; thinner canopy than most oaks. Good on high-pH soils.	40-50+	30-40	F	F	F	F
<b>Oak, Bur</b> ( <i>Quercus macrocarpa</i> ) One of the best trees for Nebraska. Easy to grow and long-lived.	50-60	50-70	F	F	P	F
<b>Oak, English</b> ( <i>Quercus robur</i> ) Good across Nebraska; matures into a massive, round-topped tree with handsome leaves. (2011 addition for eastern Nebraska.)	50-60	40-50	N/A	G	F	G

## SMALL TO MEDIUM DECIDUOUS TREES

<b>Maple, Shantung</b> ( <i>Acer truncatum</i> ) Glossy, distinctive leaves; rounded form. Proving to be tough and reliable.	15	15	G	F	G	F
<b>Maple, Miyabe</b> ( <i>Acer miyabei</i> ) Dark green summer foliage. Commonly available cultivar State Street™ Miyabe maple.	30-50	34-45	F	F	G	G
<b>Oak, Gambel</b> ( <i>Quercus gambelii</i> ) Shrubby growth habit with glossy green foliage turning golden yellow in fall; tolerates dry conditions and alkaline soil. (2011 addition for western Nebraska.)	25-35	25	N/A	G	F	G

## EVERGREEN TREES

<b>Concolor fir</b> ( <i>Abies concolor</i> ) Attractive blue-green, long, upswept needles. Most reliable fir for Nebraska.	30-50+	15-30	N/A	G	N/A	F
<b>Black Hills spruce</b> ( <i>Picea glauca</i> 'Densata,' aka <i>Picea glauca</i> var. <i>densata</i> ) Superior landscape tree species to <i>Picea glauca</i> . Dark needles, pyramidal in form with a conical top and straight leader; denser when young than most spruce but becomes more sweeping with age.	20-40	20	N/A	G	N/A	F

G=Good

F=Fair

P=Poor

N/A=Not Significant



**BALDCYPRESS**



**KENTUCKY COFFEETREE**



**MIYABE MAPLE**



**ELM HYBRIDS**



**NORTHERN CATALPA**



**CHINKAPIN OAK**



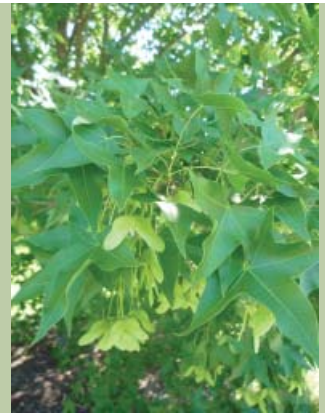
**ENGLISH OAK**



**BUR OAK**



**SHANTUNG MAPLE**



**GAMBEL OAK**



**CONCOLOR FIR**



Photo courtesy of Todd Faller



**BLACK HILLS SPRUCE**

# Avoiding the Top 10 Mistakes of Tree Planting

## 1. Poor Selection

Poor-quality trees do not grow to be strong, healthy trees, so successful tree plantings must begin with healthy stock.

Selecting the right tree for the right place is also essential. Go to the planting site and look up and around. Remember to consider both the mature height and width of any trees you plant. Take a look at what is already growing well in your yard or in your neighborhood. Choose varieties suited to your area and those that are the most resistant to common insect and disease pests.

## 2. Inadequate Root System

A healthy root system means a healthy tree. To give your tree the best possible chance in our often harsh Great Plains environment, make sure it has an appropriate-sized root ball. A general requirement is that for every inch of tree diameter there should be 10"-12" of root ball. Anything less and the tree will suffer transplant shock and take much longer to establish.

## 3. Poor Planting Site

Before you plant, have a soil test done to determine soil pH and fertilizer requirements for the planting site.

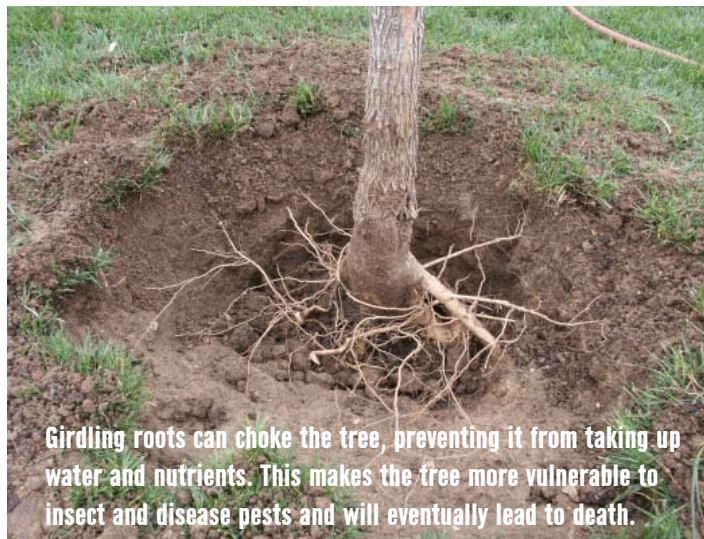
Pay attention to the soil type at the planting site, as this will impact species selection. Sandy soils may require drought-tolerant species, and heavy clay soils may require moisture-tolerant trees.

Finally, check the drainage pattern of the planting site. If there are low areas, either raise them or correct the drainage. If either of these is not an option, plant a moisture-tolerant species.

## 4. Pot Bound/Girdling Roots

If the plant is in a container, remove it and examine the root system. Is it root bound? Is there an excessive number of spiraling roots? Both will cause major tree health issues.

If the tree contains just a few spiraling roots, score the bottom and sides of the root ball to prevent them from damaging the tree's long-term health.



Always look for girdling roots that are wrapped around the trunk. Even if they are on just one side of the plant, they must be removed. Girdling roots will eventually choke off the tissue responsible for the uptake of water and nutrients, and the tree will not survive.

In many instances, excess soil needs to be removed from the top of the root ball. It is important to locate these because the tree should be planted at a depth where the primary lateral roots are at or near the soil surface.

## 5. Planting Hole is Too Small

Ever hear the saying "Dig a million dollar hole for a \$5 plant"? You only have one chance to plant your tree correctly. Dig a hole that is twice the width of the root ball. By digging a planting hole that is wider than the root ball, you are creating soil conditions that allow newly developing roots to establish and grow a healthier root system.

## 6. Planted Too Deep

The planting hole should be no deeper than the root ball. If the planting site consists of heavy clay soil or you are planting a tree that does not tolerate wet feet, it should be planted shallower.

Before placing the tree in the planting hole, locate the first level of primary lateral roots while the tree is still in the container or balled and burlapped.

## 7. Improperly or Not Mulched

Mulch promotes the healthy establishment of newly planted trees. Proper mulching protects tree roots from extreme weather conditions, eliminates weed and grass competition and preserves soil moisture.

However, excessive mulching can be a problem. Too much mulch can trap moisture at the base of the trunk and negatively impact the tree's health.

The mulch should be shaped like a crater, not a volcano. Keep mulch next to the trunk no more than 1 inch thick. Outward, toward the edge of the root ball, the mulch can be up to 4 inches thick.

## 8. Not Staked

Some current research says staking can be detrimental. However, if done properly, the benefits of staking far outweigh any disadvantages.

Staking is not always required. It may not be necessary for small trees or trees planted in protected areas. Trees that are tall and leggy or are in high wind areas need to be staked.

Keep in mind that trees are staked to anchor the root ball, not to eliminate movement of the stem or canopy. The goal is to prevent the root ball from rocking and breaking newly developed root hairs.



When done properly, staking helps a newly planted tree develop a healthy root system.

## 9. Improper Watering

More newly planted trees die from too much water than not enough. This is particularly common in heavy clay soils or in over-irrigated fescue lawns. Too much water will suffocate the roots, so be careful not to overwater your new tree.

The amount of water required will depend on the type of nursery stock selected, soil type and species planted. A



Mulch protects a newly planted tree's root system from weather extremes and minimize injury from lawnmowers and weed trimmers.

burlapped (B&B) tree, a river birch requires more water than a red oak and a sandy soil requires more frequent watering than a clay soil.

Trees should be watered at planting and again the next day. Water three days later and again three days after that. During summer's dry spells, B&B trees should be watered once every seven to ten days if planted in clay soils and once a week if planted in sandy soils.

Sprinkler systems may provide sufficient water until the hottest part of the summer. However, during the hottest, driest parts of summer you may need to give the tree additional water.

Container-grown trees will dry out faster than B&B trees. Under some conditions, a container-grown tree can dry out during one 100-degree day. Monitor these types of trees closely.

## 10. Failure to Monitor

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is the practice of using multiple methods of evaluation and control to combat current and emerging insect and disease pests.

One of the primary functions of IPM is "scouting." The idea is to correct a problem as it arises and before it gets out of control.

Pay attention to your landscape and seasonal changes. Get into the habit of walking your landscape on a routine basis. This allows you to identify potential issues before they become a problem, it's great exercise and stress relief and it's an opportunity to enjoy a landscape that you have probably worked very hard to achieve.

Reprinted from "Avoiding the Top 10 Mistakes of Tree Planting" by Eric Berg, NFS CFSL program leader, and Tim McDonnell, Kansas Forest Service community forestry program leader.

# Online Learning Opportunity for Tree Board Members Now Available

Tree Board University, a new online training program, was designed specifically for members of local planning commissions, parks boards, beautification committees, urban forestry commissions or other local advisory committees that deal with tree issues.

“Tree Board University is a great place for new tree board members to get oriented to serving on a tree board, or for existing tree board members to gain new insights into how to be more organized, efficient, and effective”, said Paul D. Ries, state Urban and Community Forestry Program Manager for the Oregon Department of Forestry and one of the Tree Board University Curriculum Development Team members. While Tree Board University is designed specifically for the more than 21,000 citizens currently serving on a tree advisory committee somewhere in the US, it is open to anyone.

There are eight courses in the Tree Board University curriculum, which covers partnerships, collaboration, marketing and communications, urban forestry planning, tree board effectiveness, how to manage tree board projects and much, much more. The course material includes videos, archived webcasts, intensive reading materials and self-assessment activities. Throughout the curriculum, participants take quizzes and complete assignments prior to moving on to the next course, working at their own pace. Upon “graduation,” Tree Board University participants can print off a completion certificate and are invited to join an online community of fellow Tree Board University graduates. This community of like-minded tree enthusiasts is a place where sharing, networking and additional learning can take place.

Tree Board University is a free training program, primarily thanks to funding provided through the USDA Forest Service upon the recommendation of the National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council (NUCFAC). USDA is an equal opportunity employer and provider. The Tree Board University website is hosted by the Arbor Day Foundation.

To sign up for the Tree Board University courses, visit [www.treeboardu.org](http://www.treeboardu.org)

# 2011 is International Year of Forests

Happy International Year of Forests!

The United Nations General Assembly has declared 2011 as International Year of Forests (IYOF) to promote broader understanding of the importance of forests and to bolster global efforts to promote sustainable forest management and conservation.

The goal of IYOF is to raise awareness of the value and public benefits of America's forests and woodlands, as well as environmental education and outdoor learning. From a national day of celebration to community-level actions, ideas and tools are being developed to highlight current forestry issues and the good work being done in the broad forestry community nationwide.

In Nebraska, the Nebraska Forest Service, in conjunction with Project Learning Tree, has created a Forest Exchange Box to help celebrate IYOF.

Nebraska's Forest Exchange Box is filled with items and information that highlight our state's forest resources. Included in Nebraska's Forest Exchange Box are:

- Nebraska Forest Service mission and information on the tree planters state
- Osage-orange twig and bark from Arbor State Park (tree present in year 1855)
- Walnuts from tree planted by Morton family at Arbor State Park in 1870's
- Photo, leaf and acorns of Bur Oak Tree (Nebraska Heritage Tree) planted by J. Sterling Morton in 1881
- Photos and information on local forest wildlife species
- Student drawings from Pioneers Park Preschool class about their favorite things to do in a forest or near trees
- Samples of regional foods and forest products (Products from Heartland Nuts 'N' More and Horning Demonstration Farm)
- Descriptions and pictures of regional cultural events, such as historic Arbor Day celebrations and ReTree Nebraska events
- Profile of Nebraska's Forests, including forest ownership information
- Wood chips and information on biomass fuels in Nebraska
- Information on Nebraska's one-of-a-kind Statewide Arboretum and map of arboretum sites
- Nebraska Wildflowers/Trees Pocket Guide and Trees of Nebraska booklet

The "Environmental Exchange Box" is just one of many PLT activities that give youth a chance to learn more about their own region and the things that are special about it. By developing an Environmental Exchange Box for your community and sharing it with other communities, you can learn about other community forest resources.

For a copy of the Environmental Exchange Box activity, pictures of Nebraska's Forest Exchange Box and more information about IYOF, please visit the American Forest Foundation's website [affoundation.org/](http://affoundation.org/) or contact Jennifer Swerczek, NFS Conservation Education Coordinator (402.472.7765/[jswerczek2@unl.edu](mailto:jswerczek2@unl.edu)).

# CTAP Fosters Community Preparedness

A new NFS program is helping communities plan for looming insect and disease pests such as emerald ash borer, thousand cankers disease of black walnut, mountain pine beetle and pine wilt as well as address the threat of wildland fire.

The goal of the Community Threat Assessment Protocol (CTAP) program is to establish and implement a replicable assessment method that leads to the development of plans for protecting community forest resources. Work will begin in communities this summer.

As part of the process, NFS will work closely with community leaders and natural resources professionals, as well as community volunteers, to inventory community resources. Part of this information will be analyzed by NFS, while the other part will be sent to the U.S. Forest Service for analysis.

Once completed, NFS will use the inventory information to develop a written assessment containing a community forest overview (including forest statistics such as stocking rate, species distribution, tree condition and planting vacancies), threat assessments and an analysis of public benefits provided by the community's forest resource.

“This written assessment will provide community leaders with information about the potential impact these threats pose for the local resource, as well as potential proactive management strategies to minimize known and predicted threats,” said Adam Smith, NFS CTAP coordinator. “Proactive management steps will allow communities to strategically manage limited resources while maximizing the viability and benefits provided by the community forest resource.”

Once assessments are completed, NFS will begin public education and outreach programs within the communities as a way of advocating for and enhancing public benefits from the community's tree resources. Community leaders will also be engaged to formulate response plans that can be linked with existing community-based programs, such as Tree City USA, ReTree Nebraska and the Greener Communities Initiative.

For more information about CTAP, contact Adam Smith (402.472.1276/[asmith12@unl.edu](mailto:asmith12@unl.edu)).





# Greener Nebraska Towns

Do you want your community or neighborhood to be greener and more environmentally sustainable? Would you like to better conserve water and other natural resources? Develop more eco-friendly green spaces? Diversify public landscapes to better sustain, and also reflect, the natural environment? Improve your community's tree canopy to add beauty and reduce energy consumption? Attract more birds and other beneficial wildlife? Would you like your community to serve as a model for other communities to follow?

If so, your community or neighborhood is like others that applied to become a partner in the Greener Nebraska Towns Initiative (GNT). Through this program, up to 10 communities will be selected from across the state to receive grant funding, planning and technical assistance, educational materials and other opportunities for a greener, more sustainable community. Partner communities will implement tree planting and landscaping projects that greatly improve their green infrastructure.

GNT is a response to some of the important environmental challenges facing Nebraska's communities:

- Increasing demands on water supplies, excessive use of water for landscape maintenance and threats from a changing climate.
- Polluted/degraded waterways, flooding and stormwater mandates.
- Declining community forests.
- Impending diseases and insects such as emerald ash borer and mountain pine beetle.
- Lack of biological diversity, lost wildlife habitat and excessive use of pesticides.
- Our general disconnect from nature.

GNT's goals are:

- greener, cleaner, more sheltered communities;
- more attractive, livable and viable communities;
- cleaner, healthier and more secure waterways and water supplies;
- reduced energy consumption;
- more abundant and diverse wildlife; and
- a more aware and better educated public.

E-mail or call Justin Evertson ([jeverson1@unl.edu](mailto:jeverson1@unl.edu)/402.472.5045) for more information.

GNT is coordinated by NFS in partnership with the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum, Inc. and the University of Nebraska Rural Initiative. GNT supports ReTree Nebraska and is funded by the Nebraska Environmental Trust and U.S. Forest Service.





# Waterwise Landscape Initiative

Landscape sustainability, especially as it relates to water, is a looming environmental issue with potentially overwhelming financial implications for communities. The Waterwise Landscapes Initiative (WLI) is a multi-partner, statewide initiative that will help make Nebraska's community green spaces more sustainable by incorporating waterwise stewardship practices.

Examples of waterwise practices include: rain gardens, rain-chain systems, bioretention gardens, bioswales, green roofs, xeric gardens or a combination of these.

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Up to 20 waterwise demonstration projects will be implemented. The goal of this program is to create a new landscape ideal that is not only aesthetically acceptable but is environmentally beneficial and sustainable. These projects will demonstrate horticulture practices that conserve water, reduce stormwater runoff and help keep lawn and landscape pollutants out of local water supplies. These projects will also expand the use of native and ecologically appropriate plantings that provide food and shelter for community wildlife.

For more information about this initiative, please contact Christina Hoyt ([choyt2@unl.edu](mailto:choyt2@unl.edu)/402.472.5049).

The Waterwise Landscape Initiative (WLI) is coordinated by NFS in partnership with the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum, Inc. WLI is funded by the Nebraska Environmental Trust.



# Trees for Nebraska Towns

Trees for Nebraska Towns (TNT) is a statewide initiative aimed at reversing the decline of Nebraska's community forests by promoting and investing in intensive tree planting, sound resource management, community capacity building and public education. To date more than 6,000 trees have been planted through this program.

Up to \$600,000 will be allocated over the next three years via a competitive grant program that underscores planting a diversity of canopy-forming tree species within communities. Regionally native species will be emphasized, and all trees must be well-adapted, disease and insect-resistant and have no threat of invading surrounding natural areas. Nursery stock will be obtained from private providers and must meet high quality standards that emphasize superior root health. Projects must demonstrate clear public benefit and should be located along streets; in parks, or schoolyards; or on the grounds of college campuses, cemeteries, libraries, courthouses, hospitals, fairgrounds or other public buildings.

Any entity responsible for the care of public green space in Nebraska is eligible to apply for grant funds, up to \$20,000. To bring local initiative and buy-in into the program, all grant recipients are required to provide at least 50% cost match, including in-kind goods and services.

TNT applications will be made available in early summer.

Please contact Christina Hoyt ([choyt2@unl.edu](mailto:choyt2@unl.edu)/402.472.5049) if you would like to be added to our grant mailing list.

TNT is coordinated by NFS in partnership with the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum, Inc. and is funded by the Nebraska Environmental Trust.



# Becoming Affiliated with the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum, Inc.

The Nebraska Statewide Arboretum, Inc. (NSA, Inc.) is a private, nonprofit organization working to enhance the culture and beauty of Nebraska. Rather than operating from a single location, NSA, Inc. is a unique statewide network of arboretums, botanical gardens, historic places and high-quality landscapes linked together to foster knowledge and appreciation of plants and excellence in landscape practice throughout Nebraska. NSA, Inc. supports the efforts of these local sites by providing technical and financial assistance along with offerings of unique plant material.

Organizations, institutions and Nebraska communities can become part of this statewide network through one of the two affiliation programs described below.

## I. Landscape Steward and Historic Landmark Site

### Purpose

To enhance the appearance, function and landscape value of parks, schoolyards, campuses and other important landscapes and to preserve and interpret landscapes of historic or cultural significance.

### Categories, Key Attributes and Expectations

- *Landscape Steward Site:* A managed landscape (public or private) exhibiting excellence in design, plant diversity and maintenance.
- *Historic Landmark Site:* Stewardship of a significant historic or cultural landscape.

### Process of Affiliation

- Submittal of application
- Visit and evaluation by NSA, Inc. staff and board
- Approval by NSA, Inc. staff and board

### Benefits of Affiliation

- Frameable certificate of affiliation.
- Opportunity to purchase official NSA, Inc. on-site recognition signage.
- Authorization to use official NSA, Inc. plant labels (purchased through NSA, Inc.).
- Professional development opportunities through annual curator meetings.
- Access to new plant material distributed by NSA, Inc. (15% discount to affiliate sites).



Chadron State College Arboretum, Chadron



- Access to NSA, Inc. affiliate site grant programs.
- Ability to receive tax-deductible contributions through 501(c)(3) status of NSA, Inc.
- Statewide exposure through NSA, Inc. publications, web site and outreach efforts.
- Opportunity to recognize local supporters and volunteers through NSA, Inc. awards program.
- Full benefits of NSA, Inc. Associate Membership including:
  - NSA publications
  - Discount on NSA, Inc. horticulture and landscape consulting services.
  - Reduced admission to NSA, Inc. sponsored workshops and events.
  - Free admission to more than 200 public gardens in North America.
  - Monthly E-news

## **II. Accredited Arboretum/Public Garden**

### **Purpose**

To develop a statewide network of horticultural plant collections for display, education and research.

### **Key Attributes and Expectations**

- Planned collection of plants assembled to carry out an identified mission.
- Public access.
- Ongoing curation (record-keeping).
- Oversight by an organized support association (committee) comprised of at least five members representing a broad spectrum of the community.
- Education program (entry signage, labeling, orientation brochure and public events).

### **Process of Affiliation**

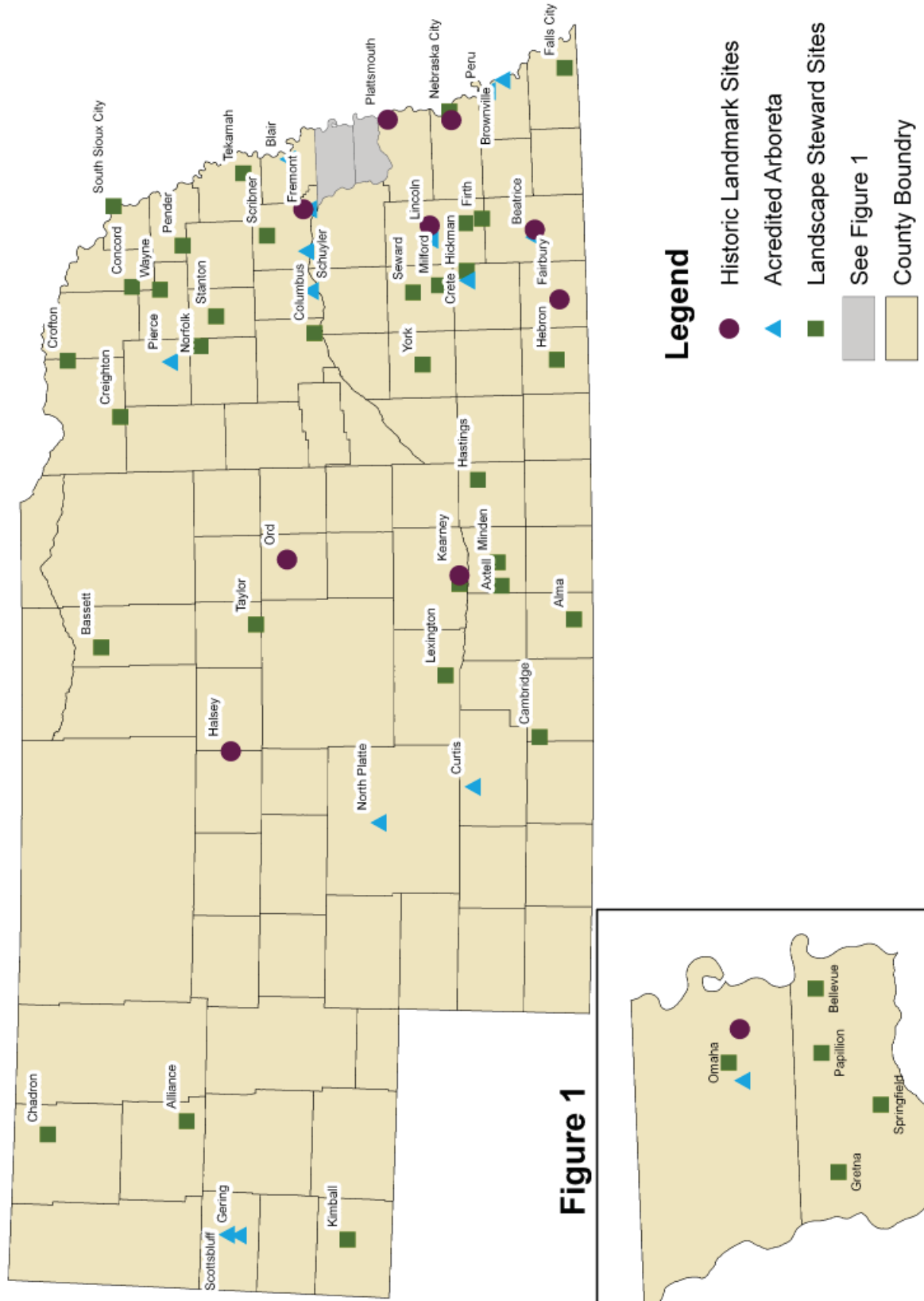
- Official designation and authorization of local support association and curator.
- Written master plan (identifying mission and guiding design, development and maintenance).
- Inspection by NSA, Inc. Site Selection Committee.
- Presentation to NSA, Inc. Executive Board and approval by staff and board.

### **Benefits of Affiliation**

All benefits of Landscape Steward affiliation plus:

- Authorization to use NSA, Inc. logo on signage and publications.
- Authorization to use official NSA, Inc. community entrance signs (purchased through NSA, Inc.).
- Free annual visit/consultation by NSA, Inc. staff.
- Discount on NSA, Inc. horticulture or landscape consulting fees.

# Nebraska Statewide Arboretum Sites



# Nebraska Statewide Arboretum, Inc. Horticulture Program

The Nebraska Statewide Arboretum, Inc. Horticulture Program manages horticultural evaluation efforts, the Great-Plains for the Great Plains plant promotion program and provides plant collection development assistance to NSA affiliate sites.

The Horticulture Program also assists with special events, outreach efforts and landscape information to promote underutilized trees and plants, as well as overlooked plants native to Nebraska and the Great Plains. The program's goal is to promote native plant communities and make available an increased number of low-water-use landscape plants and other low-input plants.

## **Mission**

The Horticulture Program acquires, propagates and distributes plant material “to enrich lives through the beauty and wonder of plants,” while offering plants that fulfill NSA, Inc.’s mission to foster “sustainable landscapes for healthy homes and communities.”

## **Plant Sales**

The Horticulture Program offers a unique selection of plants, including underused native and adapted perennials for the Great Plains and trees propagated from proven Nebraska seed sources. Plants are grown for sale to NSA, Inc. Affiliate sites throughout Nebraska, offering unique selections for planting trial. Additionally, the program works closely with several wholesale growers in Nebraska to acquire and propagate native or unique seed sources in Nebraska. Most recently, the program was involved with the formation of a “grower co-op” to promote Nebraska trees that are grown with the latest production methods.

For information about species availability and to discuss a tree species you would like to see propagated, contact Bob Henrickson ([rhenrickson2@unl.edu](mailto:rhenrickson2@unl.edu)/402.472.7855) either directly or through your local nursery.



# Upcoming NSA, Inc. Events

April 23	Spring Affair Plant Sale, Lancaster Event Center (Lincoln)
April 29	NSA, Inc. Greenhouse Friday Open House, noon-5 p.m.
May 6	Member's Only Preview Sale/Ice Cream Social, 4-7 p.m.
May 7	Spring Plant Sale at NSA, Inc. Greenhouse, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
May 13	NSA, Inc. Greenhouse Friday Open House, noon-5 p.m. (Display Garden Tour at 1:30 p.m.)
May 21	Plant Sale at Fontenelle Forest Nature Center (Omaha), 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
May 27	NSA, Inc. Greenhouse Friday Open House, noon-5 p.m. (Display Garden Tour at 1:30 p.m.)
June 4	NSA, Inc. Greenhouse Saturday Open House, noon-5 p.m. (Display Garden Tour at 11 a.m.)
June 10	NSA, Inc. Greenhouse Friday Open House, noon-5 p.m. (Display Garden Tour at 1:30 p.m.)

For more information about these events, call 402.472.2971.

The NSA, Inc. Greenhouse is located on UNL's east campus, south of 38th & Leighton.



## Forest Health Brochures Available

NFS offers a number of brochures that provide concise, easy-to-understand information about common tree problems in Nebraska, including a series of five brochures (FH03-2009 through FH 07-2009) that cover more than 50 common insects, diseases and abiotic problems of trees.

- FH01-2010 Emerald Ash Borer
- FH02-2006 Pine Wilt
- FH03-2009 Diseases of Evergreen Trees
- FH04-2009 Insect Pests of Evergreen Trees
- FH05-2009 Diseases of Broadleaf Trees
- FH06-2009 Insect Pests of Broadleaf Trees
- FH07-2009 Abiotic Problems of Trees
- FH08-2009 Bagworms, Webworms and Tent Caterpillars
- FH09-2009 Bark Beetles of Pine
- FH10-2010 Chlorosis of Trees in Central and Western Nebraska
- FH11-2010 Chlorosis of Trees in Eastern Nebraska
- FH12-2011 Restrictions on Moving Walnut Wood

**Contact NFS for free copies or visit [nfs.unl.edu](http://nfs.unl.edu) to download.**

# Appendix





# APPENDIX A Past Tree City USAs With Last Year as Tree City USA

Ainsworth	1994	NC	Sterling	2006	SE
Albion	1995	NC	Stratton	1998	SW
Anselmo	1990	NC	Stuart	1993	NE
Arlington	1993	SE	Tryon	2005	SW
Arnold	1998	NC	Valentine	2003	NW
Bancroft	2007	NE	Verdigre	2003	NE
Beaver Crossing	2009	SE	Waterloo	2006	SE
Bellwood	2002	SE	Weston	2005	SE
Bertrand	2000	SE	Wymore	2004	SE
Big Springs	1997	SW	Yutan	2008	SE
Bloomfield	1989	NE			
Brainard	2005	SE			
Brule	2007	SW			
Callaway	1993	NC			
Clay Center	2005	SC			
Culbertson	1995	NE			
Dwight	2006	SE			
Hayes Center	2005	SW			
Hebron	1998	SC			
Hershey	1997	SW			
Lyons	1994	NE			
Maywood	1993	SW			
Newman Grove	1999	NE			
North Bend	1992	SE			
Oakland	2006	NE			
Oshkosh	2006	SW			
Osmond	1994	NE			
Oxford	1987	SE			
Plattsmouth	1989	SE			
Stanton	1995	NE			
Stapleton	2007	SW			

# Past Community Forestry Award Recipients

## 2003 Awards

Mark Harkendorff - Business  
Nance County Journal - Media  
North Central Public Power District - Utility  
Atkinson West Holt FFA & Ag Class - Youth  
Joan Christensen - Educator  
Jeff Kennedy - Green Industry  
City of Wayne - Community Enhancement  
Eugene Swanson - Outstanding Tree Care  
Jon S. Wilson – Legacy

## 2004 Awards

Common Scents Nursery - Business  
Susan Risinger (radio) - Media  
Omaha Public Power District - Utility  
Justin Ramsay - Youth  
Dan Gillespie - Educator  
Midwest Tree Moving - Green Industry  
Village of Pilger - Community Enhancement  
Esther Moore - Outstanding Tree Care  
John G. Sanders - Legacy

## 2005 Awards

Pinnacle Bank - Business  
Citizens National Bank - Business  
Creighton News - Media  
City of Gothenburg Utilities - Utility  
West Point Central Catholic Freshman Class - Youth  
Kim Radenz - Educator  
Andrea Kirchhoff - Educator  
Kinghorn Nursery - Green Industry  
City of Gering - Community Enhancement  
Evelyn Effken - Outstanding Tree Care  
ViAnn Stange - Volunteer

## 2006 Awards

Nancy Gaarder (newspaper) - Media  
Ellen Imdieke - Educator  
Dublin Nursery - Green Industry  
Howard County Community Hospital -  
Community Enhancement  
Ron Sawyer - Outstanding Tree Care  
Terri Bowman – Volunteer  
Edgar C. Hartwig - Legacy

## 2007 Awards

HWS Consulting Group - Business  
Clara Osten (newspaper) - Media  
Delroy Hemsath - Educator  
Ken Minnig - Outstanding Tree Care  
Donna Christiansen - Volunteer  
Gregg Schmadeke - Legacy

## 2008 Awards

Curt Arens (freelance writer) - Media  
Mike Watson (radio) - Media  
NorthWestern Energy - Utility  
Diane Meyer - Educator  
Wendy Huff - Educator  
Connie Griess - Outstanding Tree Care  
Rachel Allison - Volunteer

## 2009 Awards

Jack Philips - Educator  
Todd Faller - Green Industry  
Alice Buffet Magnet Middle School -  
Community Enhancement  
Pierce Arboretum - Community Enhancement  
Pender Trio - Outstanding Tree Care

## 2010 Awards

Lucinda Mays - Educator  
Jeremy Koch - Green Industry  
NPPD - Utilities  
Denise Eggers - Volunteer  
Omaha Downtown Improvement District -  
Community Enhancement  
Lincoln Downtown Association -  
Community Enhancement

## Paul Bunyan Traveling Trophy

2003 North Platte  
2004 Falls City  
2005 Chadron  
2006 Trenton  
2007 Lincoln  
2008 Valley  
2009 Dodge  
2010 Pender

# Tree City USA Summary Report



Community	County	NFS District	Years	Population	Dollars Expended	Trees Planted	Trees Pruned	Trees Removed
Allen	Dixon	NE	18	410	\$927	3	15	2
Alliance	Box Butte	NW	19	8,000	\$30,228	35	240	25
Arapahoe	Furnas	SC	23	1,020	\$2,050	10	20	20
Ashland	Saunders	SE	11	2,262	\$4,548	3	61	0
Atkinson	Holt	NE	11	1,150	\$5,484	5	22	56
Auburn	Nemaha	SE	35	3,350	\$14,312	36	0	12
Bassett	Rock	NC	12	636	\$5,265	18	50	6
Battle Creek	Madison	NE	21	1,159	\$14,034	12	3	6
Bayard	Morrill	SW	18	1,247	\$2,577	10	20	10
Beatrice	Gage	SE	24	12,354	\$57,978	22	200	39
Beaver City	Furnas	SC	22	641	\$2,160	3	0	0
Bellevue	Sarpy	SE	1	50,000	\$101,635	200	98	28
Benkelman	Dundy	SW	15	1,006	\$2,694	2	50	1
Bennington	Douglas	SE	22	1,022	\$15,730	7	na	na
Blair	Washington	SE	28	7,512	\$53,204	6	800	80
Boys Town	Douglas	SE	25	562	\$15,937	147	100	35
Brady	Lincoln	SW	19	366	\$1,779	2	0	0
Broken Bow	Custer	NC	34	3,300	\$10,800	40	55	80
Cambridge	Furnas	SC	15	1,041	\$11,675	4	25	2
Central City	Merrick	SC	14	2,998	\$19,548	40	150	22
Chadron	Dawes	NW	21	5,634	\$22,822	11	75	8
Chappell	Deuel	SW	20	983	\$3,210	40	36	4
Columbus	Platte	NC	24	22,083	\$94,322	38	na	45
Cook	Johnson	SE	25	330	\$2,085	9	32	9
Cozad	Dawson	SC	18	4,163	\$10,464	43	100	3
Creighton	Knox	NE	20	1,233	\$7,416	35	27	7
Crete	Saline	SW	20	6,400	\$40,558	9	225	125
Crofton	Knox	NE	19	754	\$5,500	5	50	3
Curtis	Frontier	SW	23	712	\$4,750	8	200	50
David City	Butler	SE	26	2,522	\$17,461	17	49	52
Dodge	Dodge	NE	8	687	\$11,610	40	40	16

Community	County	NFS District	Years	Population	Dollars Expended	Trees Planted	Trees Pruned	Trees Removed
Doniphan	Hall	SC	15	763	\$3,389	6	21	31
Fairbury	Jefferson	SC	24	3,755	\$15,001	5	108	34
Falls City	Richardson	SE	19	4,671	\$14,334	6	na	2
Farnam	Dawson	SC	4	227	\$3,484	22	10	16
Fremont	Dodge	SE	33	25,000	\$124,942	169	na	79
Friend	Saline	SE	28	1,174	\$12,264	8	150	2
Fullerton	Nance	NC	10	1,378	\$4,945	10	15	8
Gering	Scotts Bluff	NW	22	7,946	\$67,140	150	60	70
Gothenburg	Dawson	SC	23	3,619	\$31,745	20	359	5
Grand Island	Hall	SC	25	48,000	\$106,080	34	412	27
Grant	Perkins	SW	15	1,225	\$2,836	24	23	8
Gretna	Sarpy	SE	24	4,012	\$19,626	9	5	3
Hartington	Cedar	NE	20	1,640	\$9,675	31	na	10
Hastings	Adams	SC	21	25,103	\$134,282	555	212	61
Hickman	Lancaster	SE	19	1,657	\$15,750	59	na	32
Holdrege	Phelps	SC	18	5,636	\$35,433	82	153	8
Humboldt	Richardson	SE	26	941	\$2,250	4	30	6
Imperial	Chase	SW	26	1,982	\$9,509	2	315	6
Julian	Nemaha	SE	4	71	\$592	2	10	2
Kearney	Buffalo	SC	25	31,000	\$148,742	870	725	87
Kimball	Kimball	SW	20	2,665	\$12,640	34	108	32
Laurel	Sarpy	SE	20	986	\$4,762	75	200	10
La Vista	Cedar	NE	8	16,887	\$110,720	75	200	10
Lexington	Dawson	SC	14	10,011	\$24,320	400	300	35
Lincoln	Lancaster	SE	34	250,000	\$1,036,402	316	12,842	1,582
McCook	Red Willow	SW	26	7,994	\$25,000	100	55	20
Milford	Seward	SE	1	2,105	\$9,325	2	75	5
Minden	Kearney	SC	21	2,996	\$9,700	45	40	74
Mitchell	Scotts Bluff	NW	8	1,831	\$4,366	5	20	2
Morrill	Scotts Bluff	NW	12	954	\$8,664	4	200	2
Nebraska City	Cass	SE	34	8,459	\$55,684	43	130	25

Community	County	NFS District	Years	Population	Dollars Expended	Trees Planted	Trees Pruned	Trees Removed
Neligh	Antelope	NE	24	1,651	\$5,551	0	0	0
Nelson	Nuckolls	SC	16	587	\$4,489	17	12	9
Nemaha	Nemaha	SE	8	178	\$765	1	10	2
Norfolk	Madison	NE	1	23,516	\$69,279	0	38	76
North Platte	Lincoln	SW	28	23,878	\$155,907	61	100	14
Odell	Gage	SE	17	345	\$1,374	5	5	4
Offutt Air Force Base	Sarpy	SE	24	26,563	\$180,623	77	5	37
Ogallala	Keith	SW	27	5,107	\$31,000	40	50	20
Omaha	Douglas	SE	33	440,691	\$1,109,043	474	3,369	1,768
O'Neill	Holt	NE	26	3,733	\$8,300	10	50	na
Ord	Valley	NC	14	2,269	\$8,800	13	80	9
Palisade	Hayes & Hitchcock	SW	17	386	\$5,836	0	0	0
Papillion	Sarpy	SE	22	23,470	\$97,093	70	82	15
Paxton	Keith	SW	16	614	\$1,650	1	6	1
Pender	Thurston	NE	17	1,182	\$16,038	8	40	4
Pierce	Pierce	NE	19	1,774	\$11,141	14	181	27
Pilger	Stanton	NE	11	378	\$6,184	27	43	10
Plainview	Pierce	NE	20	1,353	\$3,300	2	125	2
Potter	Cheyenne	SW	18	388	\$3,422	18	48	0
Ralston	Sarpy	SE	25	6,314	\$46,869	13	167	122
Red Cloud	Webster	SC	16	1,011	\$4,215	76	0	na
Rushville	Sheridan	NW	16	900	\$2,000	0	0	0
Schuyler	Colfax	SE	23	5,371	\$14,075	0	225	10
Scottsbluff	Scotts Bluff	NW	23	14,733	\$44,651	134	200	100
Scribner	Dodge	NE	5	968	\$2,550	22	30	0
Seward	Seward	SE	29	6,427	\$75,082	60	160	55
Shelton	Buffalo	SC	2	1,140	\$2,640	0	0	0
Sidney	Cheyenne	SW	25	6,282	\$22,020	140	80	60
Snyder	Dodge	NE	19	318	\$1,421	1	7	4
South Sioux City	Dakota	NE	19	12,100	\$195,496	204	480	25

Community	County	NFS District	Years	Population	Dollars Expended	Trees Planted	Trees Pruned	Trees Removed
Stella	Richardson	SE	18	220	\$802	1	6	2
Stromsburg	Polk	SE	30	1,232	\$15,690	1	300	2,000
Sutherland	Lincoln	SW	15	1,240	\$12,335	30	25	21
Sutton	Clay	SC	22	1447	\$3,690	400	50	1
Tekamah	Burt	NE	24	1,892	\$8,310	6	na	11
Trenton	Hitchcock	SW	26	507	\$4,100	25	6	1
Valley	Douglas	SE	17	1,876	\$5,588	7	126	5
Waco	York	SC	18	227	\$3,484	22	10	16
Wahoo	Saunders	SE	3	4,217	\$22,750	15	45	10
Wakefield	Dixon	NE	21	1,411	\$11,954	10	30	42
Wallace	Lincoln	SW	11	329	\$1,000	1	0	0
Wauneta	Chase	SW	19	600	\$7,695	5	24	4
Wausa	Knox	NE	15	636	\$1,634	7	15	5
Waverly	Lancaster	SE	11	2,448	\$32,283	190	210	25
Wayne	Wayne	NE	20	5,583	\$12,186	46	750	5
Wisner	Cuming	NE	16	1,270	\$9,900	15	45	0
York	York	SC	21	8,081	\$30,056	0	0	150
<b>TOTAL</b>						<b>6,296</b>	<b>26,756</b>	<b>7,712</b>

# Tree City USA Certification Standards

The Tree City USA® program, sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters, provides direction, technical assistance, public attention and national recognition for urban and community forestry programs in thousands of towns and cities that more than 135 million Americans call home.

The many benefits of being a Tree City include creating a framework for action, education, a positive public image and citizen pride. Read more about the benefits of becoming a Tree City.

## **The Four Standards for Tree City USA Recognition**

To qualify as a Tree City USA community, a town or city must meet four standards established by The Arbor Day Foundation and the National Association of State Foresters. These standards were established to ensure that every qualifying community would have a viable tree management plan and program. It is important to note that they were also designed so that no community would be excluded because of size.

### **1) A Tree Board or Department**

Someone must be legally responsible for the care and management of the community's trees. This may be a professional forester or arborist, an entire forestry department, or a volunteer tree board. Often, both a professional staff and advisory tree board are present, which is a good goal for most communities.

A tree board, or commission, is a group of concerned volunteer citizens charged by ordinance with developing and administering a comprehensive tree management program. Balanced, broad-based community involvement is encouraged. Boards function best if not composed entirely of tree-related professionals such as forestry professors, nursery operators, arborists, etc. Fresh ideas and different perspectives are added by citizens with an interest in trees that is entirely avocational. Limited, staggered terms of service will prevent stagnation or burnout, while at the same time assuring continuity.

### **2) A Tree Care Ordinance**

The tree ordinance must designate the establishment of a tree board or forestry department and give this body the responsibility for writing and implementing an annual community forestry work plan. Beyond that, the ordinance should be flexible enough to fit the needs and circumstances of the particular community.

A tree ordinance provides an opportunity to set good policy and back it with the force of law when necessary. Ideally, it will provide clear guidance for planting, maintaining and removing trees from streets, parks and other public places. For tips and a checklist of important items to consider in writing or improving a tree ordinance, see Bulletin No. 9.



You can find a sample tree care ordinance at the International Society of Arboriculture's website ([isa-arbor.com](http://isa-arbor.com)).

### **3) A Community Forestry Program With an Annual 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. At first, this may seem like an impossible barrier to some communities. However, a little investigation usually reveals that more than this amount is already being spent by the municipality on its trees. If not, this may signal serious neglect that will cost far more in the long run. In such a case, working toward Tree City USA recognition can be used to re-examine the community's budget priorities and re-direct funds to properly care for its tree resource before it is too late.

Ideally, this standard will be met by focusing funding on an annual work plan developed after an inventory is completed and a report is approved by the city council. Such a plan will address species diversity, planting needs, hazardous trees, insect and disease problems and a pattern of regular care such as pruning and watering.

### **4) An Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation**

This is the least challenging and probably the most enjoyable standard to accomplish. An Arbor Day celebration can be simple and brief or an all-day or all-week observation. It can be a simple tree planting event or an award ceremony that honors leading tree planters. For children, Arbor Day may be their only exposure to the green world or a springboard to discussions about the complex issue of environmental quality.

The benefits of Arbor Day go far beyond the shade and beauty of new trees for the next generation. Arbor Day is a golden opportunity for publicity and to educate homeowners about proper tree care. Utility companies can join in to promote planting small trees beneath power lines or being careful when digging. Smokey Bear's fire prevention messages can be worked into the event, as can conservation education about soil erosion or the need to protect wildlife habitat.

Still another way to develop Arbor Day is to link it with a tree-related festival. Some that are currently celebrated include dogwood festivals, locust blossom festivals and Macon, Georgia's Cherry Blossom Festival that annually brings more than \$4.25 million into the local economy. In meeting the four standards, help is available! The urban and community forestry coordinator in your state forester's office will be happy to work with communities in taking these first steps toward better community forestry.

## **Tree City Growth Awards**

### **About the Award**

The Tree City USA Growth Award is provided by The Arbor Day Foundation, in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service, to recognize environmental improvement and encourage higher levels of tree care throughout America. This award is designed not only to recognize achievement, but also to communicate new ideas and help the leaders of all Tree City USAs plan for improving community tree care.

## Eligibility

Your community may be eligible for the Tree City USA Growth Award if it is a Tree City USA for at least the second consecutive year and has spent at least as much on its community forestry program this year as it did last year.

If your community qualifies, you will receive Tree City USA Growth Award banner stickers for your community entrance signs, a plaque and appropriate local and national recognition. In subsequent qualifying years the community receives additions to the award plaque and signs denoting the year.

## Application Procedures

Review the Eligible Activities listed under Categories A, B, C and D. If your community has completed activities during the year which total 10 or more points, you may apply for a Growth Award. *Note: Your program may already have accomplished many of these activities; however, only those completed in the past year are eligible.*

Call (402) 474-5655 to request application materials. Provide the requested information and mail to your state forester with the appropriate documentation attached to the form with a single staple in the upper left-hand corner. Include a cover sheet for the documentation for each Eligible Activity indicating the activity name and number. *The completed application with required documentation must be submitted to your state forester by December 31.*

Your Growth Award application must be sent to your state forester with your Tree City USA Application for Recertification. Your community is eligible to apply for this award each year it completes eligible activities totaling 10 or more points from the four categories listed below.

1. Category A: Education and Public Relations
2. Category B: Partnerships
3. Category C: Planning and Management
4. Category D: Tree Planting and Maintenance

### Category A: Education and Public Relations

#### A1. Publications (2 points)

Materials for the public about tree planting and care, such as a listing of recommended street trees, were first published or significantly improved. (Please enclose a copy of the publication as documentation.)

#### A2. Literature Distribution (2 points)

A new method of public literature distribution (with utility bills, at garden centers, at public events, etc.) was developed and implemented successfully.

#### A3. Interpretive Program (3 points)

An interpretive program, such as a walking tour of outstanding trees for community planting, an arboretum, a heritage tree program (largest, historic, etc.) or similar project, was first made available to the public or was significantly improved.

#### A4. Local Awards Program (3 points)

A recognition program with awards to citizens, commercial enterprises, neighborhood associations, other citizen groups, etc. for such things as best landscaping, tree planting/care projects, etc. was initiated or significantly improved.

A5. Community-Wide Tree Event (4 points)

A special, community-wide tree event, such as an Arborfest, Dogwood Festival, Oak Festival, etc., was initiated or significantly improved. (An Arbor Day celebration is a standard requirement to qualify for Tree City USA. Therefore, please report here only a community-wide, highly publicized Arbor Day celebration or festival in addition to Arbor Day.) Tree-related activities and/or exhibits must be part of the event. (Please include event name(s) and date(s) with documentation.)

A6. Publicity (5 points)

An ongoing publicity campaign for tree care and community forestry was initiated or significantly improved, for example a weekly newspaper column by the city forester or tree board or a community-wide newsletter about trees.

A7. Youth Education (4 points)

The city initiated or significantly improved a formal, community-wide tree-education program for youth, such as the creation of a Nature Explore™ Classroom, "Project Learning Tree," "Arbor Day National Poster Contest," etc.

A8. Continuing Education for Tree Workers (6 points)

A training/continuing education program for the city's tree workers, both employees and contractors, was initiated or significantly improved. The training must be provided at least annually - either by the city or by other qualified organizations. (Please indicate who provided training, the type of training and approximate percentage of tree workers who received 8 hours or more of formal training and percentage who received 40 hours or more of formal training.)

A9. Tree-Worker Safety Program (5 points)

A comprehensive safety program for city tree workers was initiated or significantly improved that goes beyond formal training to include such methods as daily warm-up exercises, wellness programs, safety newsletter, etc.

A10. Continuing Education for Forestry Managers and Tree Board Members (6 points)

A continuing education program for forestry managers and tree board members was initiated or significantly improved. Examples include participation in tree-related workshops, conferences, correspondence courses, or other structured educational programs for those involved with managing community forests. (Please include approximate percentage who attended conferences, workshops or other such events and approximate percentage who earned credit or continuing education units (CEUs), with documentation.)

A11. Tree-Care Workshops (4 points)

A workshop on some aspect of tree care was provided for the first time for homeowners, businesses and other members of the public. Or ongoing workshops were significantly improved or the public participation was significantly increased. (Please include date(s) and number attending with documentation.)

A12. Arborist Workshops (5 points)

Tree-care workshops were provided for the first time for private commercial arborists. Or ongoing workshops were significantly improved or participation was significantly increased. (Please include date(s) and number attending with documentation.)

A13. Publicity Event (3 points)

An activity specifically designed to gain publicity for the community forestry program was initiated or significantly improved.

Category B: Partnerships

B1. New Project or Organization (4 points)

A new, significant tree project was accomplished by the city in partnership with a civic organization, youth group or other corporate or volunteer entity. Or assistance was given in creating a new volunteer organization that contributes to the community forestry program.

B2. Utility Partnership (5 points)

A cooperative program between the city and a utility was initiated or significantly improved, resulting in additional tree planting, planting appropriate species, improved pruning and other tree care or utility designation as a Tree Line USA. (Please enclose documentation of significant community involvement.)

B3. Green Industry Partnership (5 points)

A cooperative project between the city and businesses, such as private nurseries or tree services, resulting in improved planting stock, better tree care, improved landscaping methods, the recycling of wood materials, etc. was initiated or significantly improved.

B4. Cooperative Purchasing/Contracting (6 points)

A program was initiated or significantly improved for the community to cooperatively work with another community. (For example, to share a forester; to jointly contract for tree-care, computer or other professional services; to purchase expensive equipment such as a tree spade; or to pool tree orders.)

B5. External Funding (6 points)

The city applied for and received significant, nongovernmental funding (corporations, foundations, civic organizations, individual contributions, etc.) for community forestry. (Please indicate amount, source and use of funds with documentation.)

B6. Tree Planting on Private Property (4 points)

The city initiated or significantly improved a cost-sharing or other incentive program, an unusual publicity campaign, etc. to bring about more tree planting on private property. There should be attention given to planting the right tree in the right place and encouraging long-term care.

B7. Engineering/Forestry Coordination (6 points)

Formalized coordination with city engineering was initiated or significantly improved to insure proper urban forestry review of street and utility plans, sidewalk construction, and similar practices that impact the health of the city's trees.

B8. Land-Use Planning Coordination (5 points)

Procedures for including tree professionals in land-use planning decisions were put into place or significantly improved. Examples might include the appointment of a planning and zoning official to the tree board or vice versa, or routing all development site plans and applications through the city forester for input and approval.

B9. Wildland Fire Prevention Coordination (5 points)

The community has initiated or significantly improved a wildland fire prevention program, such as involvement with Firewise Communities/USA. Go to [firewise.org/usa](http://firewise.org/usa) for details.

B10. Citizen Training Program (6 points)

A program to train and schedule citizen volunteers to provide basic maintenance suited to volunteers was initiated or significantly improved.

Category C: Planning and Management

C1. Tree-Maintenance Budget (9 points)

A budget line in the city budget specifically for tree maintenance (as opposed to planting or removals) was initiated or significantly increased. (Please indicate budget allocation for the current and previous year with documentation.)

C2. Municipal Funding (8 points)

Expanded or innovative municipal funding was developed to be used specifically to increase the planting and care of community trees. Examples include special tax districts, curb tax, bond issues, license fees, gas tax, utility surcharge, etc.

C3. Sidewalk/Curb Policy (5 points)

Policies were adopted or significantly improved which call for placement, construction, replacement and repair of sidewalks and curbs in a manner that will minimize tree damage. (Please enclose a copy of the policies as documentation.)

C4. Tree Inventory and Analysis (7 points)

A basic inventory of street and/or park trees was conducted for the first time or updated, and an analysis was performed indicating what conclusions are to be drawn from the inventory: species mix, planting and care needs, etc. (Please enclose copy of the inventory, or a sample from one neighborhood, and the analysis as documentation.)

C5. Computerized Tree-Management System (9 points)

The tree management system was first computerized and is site specific (i.e. individual trees identified with specific locations) and includes a work-reporting method with the work data on individual trees updated on a regular basis, preferably at least weekly.

C6. Management Plan (7 points)

A long-range, community-wide tree planting and management master plan using inventory data and covering at least the next 3–5 year period was first adopted or significantly improved. (Please enclose copy of plan as documentation.)

C7. Licensing (5 points)

A licensing program was initiated or significantly improved for all tree-care companies or individuals operating in the community. (Please enclose explanatory literature as documentation.)

C8. Improved Ordinance (6 points)

A new or revised and significantly improved ordinance related to trees was adopted. The ordinance(s) must lead to the improved management and/or protection of trees and tree habitat and might include such measures as protecting historic or specimen trees, protecting trees and tree habitat during construction,

conserving woodlands, ending tree topping, requiring new developments to preserve green spaces or plant trees, requiring parking lot landscaping, etc. (Please enclose copy of ordinance as documentation.)

C9. Standards and Specifications (6 points)

A standards and specifications document was adopted, or updated and significantly improved, as a separate document which complements the community's tree ordinance. Provisions might include such things as acceptable street trees to plant, standards for planting in downtown areas and along residential streets and tree-maintenance guidelines. The standards would be updated and kept current by the city forester, tree board or equivalent authority. (Please enclose copy with documentation.)

C10. Wildlife Habitat (3 points)

Wildlife habitat was developed or protected, including such practices as setting aside "no mowing" zones, planting trees and shrubs for wildlife purposes, protecting riparian zones, adding water impoundments for wildlife, providing nest boxes, etc.

C11. Park, Open Space (5 points)

Forested open space was acquired or a park developed with major tree planting. To use this criterion, it is necessary to demonstrate that the forestry staff or tree board was instrumental in the project. The land in question must be available for public use. Land covered by a scenic or other easement may also be included here.

C12. Emergency Plan (4 points)

A tree-care emergency plan was developed or significantly improved. The plan could outline who will provide what services after a severe storm, mutual aid available between communities or jurisdictions and how to work effectively with the news media.

C13. Professional Tree Manager (10 points)

A full-time city forester or equivalent was hired for the first time. (Please indicate name, title, education/degree and starting date.)

C14. Accreditation for Forestry Department (10 points)

Seek and receive accreditation for the municipal forestry department, such as that provided by the Society of Municipal Arborists.

Category D: Tree Planting and Maintenance

D1. Special Tree Planting Project (4 points)

A tree-planting project for a special purpose, such as energy conservation, or requiring special circumstances, such as pit construction or vandalism protection, was successfully implemented. Such a project would require a special appropriation, or special cooperation with the neighborhood or business district.

D2. Public Utility Tree Care (5 points)

The maintenance of publicly owned utility lines was significantly improved to reduce adverse impacts on trees. An example would be training in the use of state-of-the-art techniques that avoid topping trees or qualifying as a Tree Line USA Utility.

#### D3. Recycling (6 points)

A biomass recycling program was successfully implemented or significantly improved. This may include street tree leaves, lawn wastes, tree removals, Christmas trees, etc.

#### D4. Street Tree Planting (7 points)

The city formally established or significantly improved its street-tree-planting program.

#### D5. Street Tree Pruning (8 points)

A formal pruning system was established or improved for the city's street trees. This criterion requires significant improvement through the initiation of regularly scheduled visits to all street trees depending on the requirements of the species or the reduction of time between visits if needed.

#### D6. Hazard Tree Program (5 points)

A hazard tree assessment and action program was established or significantly improved, including employee training and a systematic method that includes periodic tree inspections and prompt follow-up when needed.

#### D7. Special Program to Eliminate Destructive Practices (6 points)

A program, such as an educational or ordinance enforcement campaign to eliminate tree topping community-wide or a training program that eliminates tree damage caused by employees misusing herbicides, weed cutters and lawnmowers, was successfully implemented.

#### D8. Integrated Pest Management (5 points)

Systems and methods for insect and disease control that are environmentally sensitive were put into place or significantly improved.

#### D9. Plans for Donations (3 points)

Plans were developed or significantly improved for projects such as vest-pocket parks, arboretum improvements, memorial tree groves, woodland acquisitions, etc. to be available in case of unexpected cash donations or similar opportunities.

#### D10. Contract Growing (5 points)

A contract with a nursery was initiated or significantly improved to provide specific varieties or species of street and park trees for future years (to enable planning and to assure having the right trees for the right sites).

#### D11. Tree Preservation (6 points)

A special project or program was initiated to preserve or relocate trees on development or construction sites.

### **Tree City USA—Sterling Communities**

The Tree City USA Growth Award is given to communities that go beyond the four standards of Tree City USA and accumulate points from a list of projects that demonstrate improvement and growth of local tree care.

As Tree City USA begins its second quarter-century of serving America, The Arbor Day Foundation is pleased to announce the Sterling award. A community wins this award after participating in the Growth Award program for 10 years.

# Tree Campus USA Certification Standards

## What is the Tree Campus USA Program?

Tree Campus USA program recognizes college and university campuses that:

- Effectively manage their campus trees.
- Develop connectivity with the community beyond campus borders to foster healthy, urban forests.
- Strive to engage their student population utilizing service learning opportunities centered on campus, and community, forestry efforts.

Colleges and universities across the United States can be recognized as a Tree Campus USA college by meeting five standards developed to promote healthy trees and student involvement.

## Tree Campus USA Standards

### Standard 1—Campus Tree Advisory Committee

A Campus Tree Advisory Committee comprised of members representing the diverse audience of those with a stake in campus trees is established and meets regularly.

This committee must include a representative from each of the following audiences:

- Student (undergraduate or graduate)
- Faculty
- Facility Management
- Community (city forester, municipal arborist, community tree board member)

Each individual campus may also have other interested student organizations, alumni, faculty or staff that could be represented, such as administration, sustainability coordinator, professor emeritus, etc.

While responsibility of the campus trees often ultimately lies with the campus forester, arborist, landscape architect or designated facilities department, the Campus Tree Advisory Committee can assist in providing guidance for future planning, approval of a comprehensive campus tree plan, education of the campus population as to the benefits of the campus trees and development of connectivity to the community.

### Standard 2—Campus Tree Care Plan

A Campus Tree Care Plan should be flexible enough to fit the needs and circumstances of the particular campus. The Tree Care Plan should be goal oriented and provide the opportunity to set good policy and clear guidance for planting, maintaining and removing trees. It should also provide education to the campus



community, citizens, contractors and consultants about the importance of the campus forest and the protection and maintenance of trees as part of the growth and land development process.

A Campus Tree Care Plan must include:

1. Clearly stated purpose.
2. Responsible authority/department—who enforces the Campus Tree Care Plan.
3. Establishment of a Campus Tree Advisory Committee, terms of the representatives and role committee plays.
4. Campus tree care policies for planting, landscaping, maintenance and removal, including establishing and updating a list of recommended and prohibited species and managing for catastrophic events.
5. Protection and Preservation policies and procedures—include process for implementing tree protection plan, including step-by-step process that every project must follow including construction and trenching.
6. Goals and Targets—develop at least one goal and target for your Campus Tree Plan. These could include (but are not limited to) tree canopy target, development of a link between the Campus Tree Plan and other green initiatives on campus or in the community, completion of a campus-wide tree inventory, etc. Include how the goal will be measured.
7. Tree damage assessment—enforcement, penalties and appeals.
8. Prohibited practices.
9. Definitions of terminology related to campus trees.
10. Communication strategy—how the campus tree care plan will be communicated to the college community and contractors to heighten awareness about policies and procedures, as well as the goals of the institution.

### **Standard 3—Campus Tree Program with Dedicated Annual Expenditures**

A college campus, to be designated a Tree Campus USA, must allocate finances for its annual campus tree program. Evidence should be shown that an annual work plan has been established and expenditures dedicated toward that work plan.

It is suggested, but not mandatory, that campuses work toward an annual expenditure of \$3 per full-time enrolled student.

Expenditures could include, but are not limited to:

- Cost of trees purchased.
- Labor, equipment and supplies for tree planting, maintenance (pruning, watering, fertilization, mulching, competition control, etc.) and removal, if needed.
- Value of volunteer labor (# of hours × \$18) and other contributions from student or civic organizations.
- Staff time dedicated to campus forest planning, tree care contractors.
- All associated costs of the campus tree management including:
  - o public education related to the campus forest;

- o professional training;
- o related association memberships (International Society of Arboriculture, local chapter of the Society of Municipal Arborists, state urban forest council, etc.); and
- o campus tree inventory.

#### **Standard 4—Arbor Day Observance**

An Arbor Day observance provides a golden opportunity to educate the campus community to the benefits of the trees on their campus property and in the community. The Arbor Day observance can be on the campus or held in conjunction with the community where the campus is located. Your event may be held at an appropriate time for your campus.

Evidence—recording of date observance was held with attachment that includes program of activities, news coverage, and/or pictures.

#### **Standard 5—Service Learning Project**

The Service Learning Project should be an outreach of the spirit of the Tree Campus USA initiative. This project should provide an opportunity to engage the student population with projects related to trees and can be part of a campus or community initiative. The project must be done within the course of the year application is submitted.

Project ideas include, but are not limited to:

- Volunteer tree plantings or tree maintenance.
- Tree inventory (campus or community).
- Establish a Nature Explore Classroom for young children at an early childhood development center on your campus or in your community.
- Establishment of campus arboreta.
- Student-led effort to have community designated a Tree City USA.
- Coordinate internships with the urban forestry or parks department in your community.
- Assist Project Learning Tree or other programs centered around trees in training teachers at schools near your campus or organize training for your school's College of Education.
- Other tree-related service learning or educational programs for students.
- Partnership with state forestry departments on regional projects.

# Tree Line USA Certification Standards

The Arbor Day Foundation, in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters, recognizes public and private utilities that demonstrate practices that protect and enhance America's urban forests. The Tree Line USA program promotes the dual goals of safe, reliable electric service and abundant, healthy trees across utility service areas.

The Tree Line USA® program seeks to promote best practices in utility arboriculture and public education through five core standards:

- **Quality Tree Care**— The utility follows industry standards for pruning, planting, removals and trenching and tunneling near trees.
- **Annual Worker training**— The utility ensures that its employees and contract workers are trained in best practices.
- **Tree Planting and Public Education**— The utility sponsors and participates in a tree planting and public education program designed to expand canopy and educate customers about proper tree planting, placement and pruning.
- **Tree-based Energy Conservation Program**— The utility has a formal tree-based energy conservation program which makes special consideration of the value of trees in conserving energy.
- **Arbor Day Celebration** — The utility sponsors and/or participates in annual Arbor Day events and collaborates with community groups, where possible.

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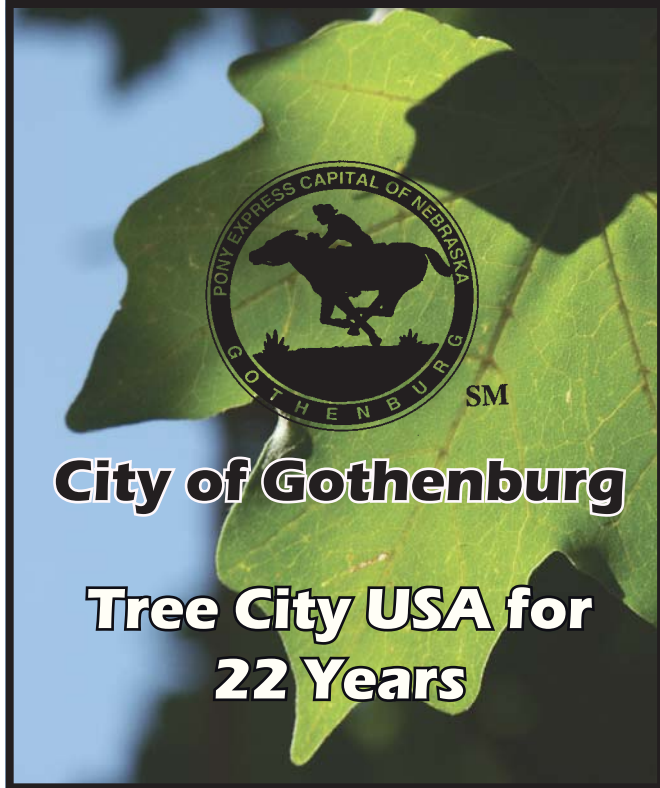
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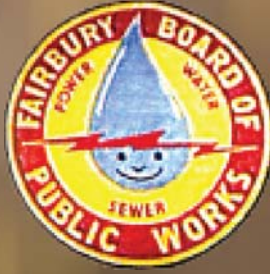


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Over the years, numerous individuals, academic departments, and civic organizations have worked to ensure that Maxwell Arboretum provides the university community and visitors with an educational as well as an aesthetic experience.

Help ensure Maxwell Arboretum's continued growth in the 21st century by joining the Friends of Maxwell Arboretum (FOMA) in our mission to serve in an advocacy role providing input and financial support for the management and development of Maxwell Arboretum as an education, research, and outreach resource.

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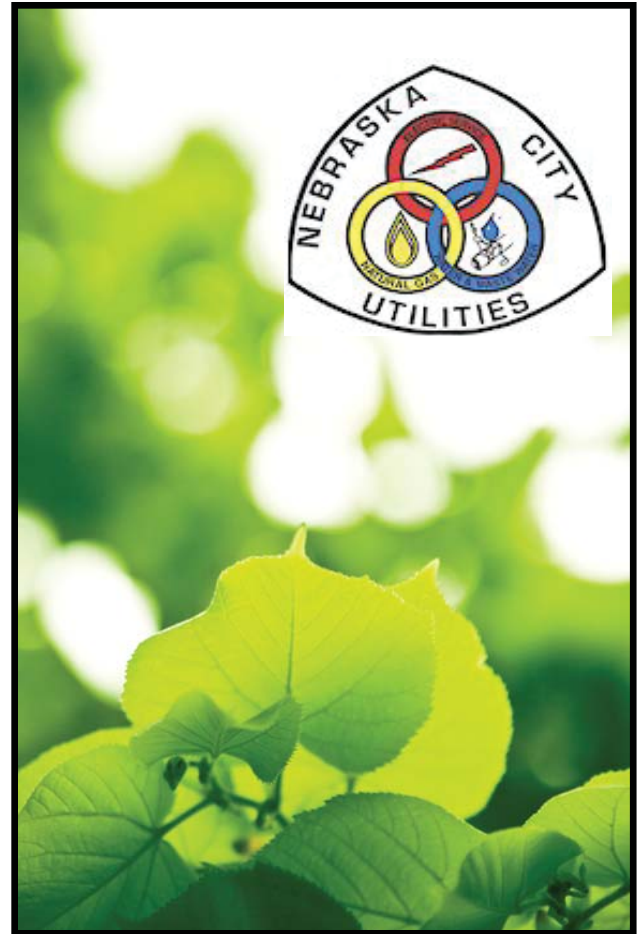
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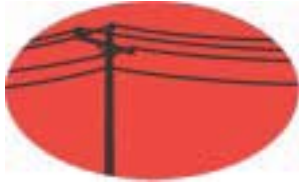
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