



St. Clair, MO – Tree City USA since 2008

The great City of St. Clair earned national recognition as a Tree City USA on April 24th, 2009 for their urban forestry efforts in 2008. St. Clair is one of 79 Missouri Cities that recognize the importance of trees within the City and the great economic and community development impact trees have upon communities in addition to simply improving the quality of life for all of our residents and visitors.

What is Tree City USA?

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 120 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.

Did you know?

- There are 3,310 communities that are currently a Tree City USA.
- There are 534 communities that received a Growth Award.
- Over 120 million people live in a Tree City USA.

The Four Standards of a Tree City USA

To qualify for Tree City USA, 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](#)
2. [A Tree Care Ordinance](#)
3. [A Community Forestry Program With an Annual Budget of at Least \\$2 Per Capita](#)
4. [An Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation](#)