

Trees Forever Supports Community Forestry in Illinois!

We can help your community with street tree inventories, help implement and update forestry programs and ordinances, create volunteer tree committees, help your community reach Tree City USA status, educate citizens on healthy tree canopy, and much more!

Trees Forever staff provide classes in-person or virtually to volunteer groups, clubs, city staff, and more. All free of charge! Some topics include:

-  Tree species selection
-  How to plant a tree
-  Proper pruning techniques
-  Benefits of Tree City USA certification
-  Trees Forever funding and assistance opportunities
-  Benefits of urban trees
-  Planning for a healthy and resilient community forest

Get your community involved!

For information on how your community can participate in Trees Forever's *Recover, Replant, Restore!* program contact Emily Ehley at: eehley@treesforever.org or 618-570-5921.

Thank you to our partners

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HEALTHY COMMUNITY TREES

Trees Forever's Recover, Replant, Restore! program assists communities in central and southern Illinois to build healthy and diverse community forests. This program is supported by the U.S. Forest Service & the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.



Recover

Recover from and prepare for natural disasters (wind, ice, floods, drought), man-made disasters (emerald ash borer and other devastating pests or years of neglect) that endanger your community forest.



Replant

Replant with a diverse, disease and storm-resistant selection of tree species.



Restore

Restore a healthy and beneficial community forest.



Looking for grant funding to plant trees in your community? Learn more and apply at: TreesForever.org/Recover-Replant-Restore

LEVEL UP YOUR URBAN FOREST WITH TREE CITY USA!

Tree City USA is a nationwide program of the Arbor Day Foundation, administered by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and supported by Trees Forever staff.

Tree City USA communities must commit to four standards:

- ✓ Form a tree board OR department
- ✓ Establish a tree care ordinance
- ✓ Maintain a community forestry program with an annual budget of at least 2\$ per capita
- ✓ Proclaim and observe Arbor Day

Benefits of Tree City USA Include:

- ✓ Flags, signs, and other materials to proudly display your award
- ✓ National recognition for your commitment to environmental stewardship
- ✓ A cleaner, healthier, and more beautiful urban landscape
- ✓ Access to additional funding and resources reserved for Tree City USA communities