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Tree City USA Communities Recognized

186 Illinois Communities Receive Tree City USA Designation

SPRINGFIELD, IL – The Tree City USA program is recognizing 186 Illinois communities with the Tree City USA designation for managing their local community forest resources for enhanced citizen safety and welfare.

“Tree City USA is an important and highly sought after designation,” said Illinois Department of Natural Resources Director Marc Miller. “To be a Tree City USA community means wide local forest management that knows how to properly place trees in a community so they can provide the greatest benefits for erosion control, pollution reduction, storm water management, air quality, energy savings, and beauty. We applaud these communities and their dedication to maintaining a healthy community forest.”

According to Dan Lambe of the National Arbor Day Foundation, Illinois communities continue to go above and beyond Tree City USA recognition.

“The Arbor Day Foundation recognizes that Illinois has led the nation in the overall number of Tree City USA communities receiving Growth Awards, which represent a higher level of sustainable commitment to community trees,” Lambe said. “Those cities, towns, and villages are viewed as leaders and should be proud that their programs and innovations serve as models for high-impact urban forest management.”

The Tree City USA program promotes tree planting and care programs in urban areas and calls public attention to the economic, health and aesthetic benefits trees offer. Citizen participation in community reforestation and beautification efforts is encouraged through the program. The IDNR Urban and Community Forestry Program provides support to communities to assist in the battle against exotic invasive species such as emerald ash borer.

To be eligible to participate in the Tree City USA program, a community must designate a city official or volunteer tree advocate as having authority over the management and care of its urban forest; a community tree ordinance that specifically recognizes the designated tree authority and identifies urban forest management and tree care standards

that the community will abide by; must expend \$2 per resident for its urban forestry program (Illinois communities have exceeded that national standard by expending an average of \$11.50 per capita); and, must conduct an annual Arbor Day tree planting ceremony.

Illinois Tree City USA communities spend more than \$83 million collectively on tree planting and tree care. Management of local urban forests helps to diversify the forest species within the canopy while maintaining a safe environment for the community. Local Tree City USA forestry programs help reduce storm damage and potential outages through cooperation with utilities to reduce the branch interference with power lines. Through local community forestry programs citizens are encouraged to plant the right tree in the right location.

In addition to the Tree City USA designation, 48 Illinois communities are also being recognized with the Growth Award for sustained and additional efforts to improve urban forests.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation and the IDNR Urban and Community Forestry Program, in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service. The annual application deadline for the Tree City USA program is December 31. This year's awards will be presented at ceremonies on Tuesday, March 23 at the Starved Rock Lodge and Conference Center in Utica and on Thursday, April 1 at the IDNR Headquarters in Springfield. This year, the program is also sponsored by the Illinois Public Health Association.

In association with the Tree City USA program and administered in cooperation with the National Arbor Day Foundation, Illinois recognizes college campuses and universities for managing the trees on their campuses. In Illinois, Tree Campus USA honors are being presented to Illinois State University, Illinois College, Chicago State University, Moraine Valley Community College, and Lewis University.

Lists of Illinois Tree City USA cities and Growth Award recipients are below.

TREE CITY USA RECIPIENT LIST

	<u>TREE CITY</u>	<u># of Years</u>
1.	ADDISON*	22
2.	ALGONQUIN	14
3.	ALTAMONT	24
4.	ALTON	16
5.	ANTIOCH	18
6.	ARLINGTON HEIGHTS	25
7.	AURORA*	13
8.	BANNOCKBURN	19
9.	BARRINGTON	24
10.	BARRY	12

	<u>TREE CITY</u>	<u># of Years</u>
11.	BATAVIA	13
12.	BELLEVILLE	17
13.	BERWYN	23
14.	BLOOMINGDALE	15
15.	BLOOMINGTON	23
16.	BOLINGBROOK*	20
17.	BROOKFIELD*	29
18.	BUFFALO	24
19.	BUFFALO GROVE	22
20.	BURBANK	2
21.	BURR RIDGE	16
22.	CARBONDALE	29
23.	CARROLLTON	20
24.	CARY	3
25.	CENTRALIA	21
26.	CHAMPAIGN	25
27.	CHANNAHON	13
28.	CHARLESTON	8
29.	CHERRY VALLEY (NEW)	1
30.	CHICAGO*	28
31.	CLARENDON HILLS	20
32.	CLINTON*	9
33.	COLLINSVILLE	27
34.	COUNTRY CLUB HILLS*	20
35.	DAKOTA	12
36.	DECATUR	29
37.	DEKALB*	12
38.	DES PLAINES	23
39.	DIXON	4
40.	DOWNERS GROVE	26
41.	DUQUION*	6
42.	EDWARDSVILLE*	8
43.	ELBURN	11
44.	ELGIN	20
45.	ELK GROVE VILLAGE	25
46.	ELMHURST	30
47.	EVANSTON*	26
48.	FORREST	9
49.	FORRESTON	10
50.	FORSYTH	14
51.	FRANKFORT	14
52.	GALESBURG	10
53.	GALVA	25
54.	GENEVA	8
55.	GENOA*	16

	<u>TREE CITY</u>	<u># of Years</u>
56.	GLEN ELLYN	26
57.	GLENCOE*	26
58.	GLENDALE HEIGHTS	13
59.	GLENVIEW	25
60.	GRAYSLAKE	16
61.	GREENVILLE	15
62.	GRIDLEY	12
63.	GURNEE*	13
64.	HAMPSHIRE	6
65.	HANOVER PARK	25
66.	HAZEL CREST*	25
67.	HENRY	13
68.	HICKORY HILLS	14
69.	HIGHLAND*	21
70.	HIGHLAND PARK	30
71.	HINSDALE	18
72.	HOFFMAN ESTATES	19
73.	HOMER GLEN (NEW)	1
74.	HOMEWOOD*	12
75.	INDIAN HEAD PARK	20
76.	INVERNESS	19
77.	IRVING	16
78.	ITASCA	25
79.	JOLIET	19
80.	KANKAKEE	14
81.	LAGRANGE	27
82.	LAGRANGE PARK	23
83.	LAKE BARRINGTON*	8
84.	LAKE BLUFF	14
85.	LAKE FOREST	30
86.	LAKE IN THE HILLS*	6
87.	LAKE ZURICH	15
88.	LAKESWOOD	9
89.	LANARK*	17
90.	LIBERTYVILLE	17
91.	LINCOLN*	9
92.	LINCOLNSHIRE*	21
93.	LINCOLNWOOD*	12
94.	LINDENHURST	13
95.	LISLE	18
96.	LOMBARD*	20
97.	MACKINAW	9
98.	MACOMB	18
99.	MARQUETTE HEIGHTS	19
100.	MARSHALL*	18

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101.	MARTINSVILLE	16
102.	MASCOUTAH	6
103.	MATTESON	19
104.	MCHENRY	16
105.	MOKENA*	5
106.	MOLINE*	19
107.	MOMENCE	6
108.	MORTON GROVE	9
109.	MOUNT CARROLL	22
110.	MOUNT PROSPECT	25
111.	MOUNT VERNON*	16
112.	MOWEAQUA	22
113.	NAPERVILLE*	20
114.	NEW LENOX	10
115.	NORMAL*	11
116.	NORTH AURORA*	2
117.	NORTH BARRINGTON*	10
118.	NORTHBROOK*	16
119.	NORTHFIELD	25
120.	O'FALLON	12
121.	OAK LAWN	14
122.	OAK PARK	26
123.	OAK BROOK TERRACE	1
124.	OLYMPIA FIELDS*	2
125.	ORLAND HILLS	21
126.	ORLAND PARK	23
127.	OSWEGO*	16
128.	OTTAWA	12
129.	PALATINE	25
130.	PALOS HEIGHTS	20
131.	PALOS HILLS*	22
132.	PALOS PARK	17
133.	PARK RIDGE*	26
134.	PAXTON	21
135.	PECATONICA	2
136.	PEKIN	20
137.	PEORIA	25
138.	PETERSBURG*	17
139.	PLAINFIELD	19
140.	PRINCETON	21
141.	PROSPECT HEIGHTS*	12
142.	QUINCY*	24
143.	RANTOUL	24
144.	RIVER FOREST	12
145.	RIVER GROVE	15

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146. RIVERDALE*	8
147. RIVERSIDE	5
148. RIVER WOODS	7
149. ROCK ISLAND	20
150. ROCKFORD	21
151. ROLLING MEADOWS	21
152. ROSELLE	24
153. ROUND LAKE	4
154. ST. CHARLES*	12
155. ST. ELMO	18
156. SALEM	20
157. SAVOY	8
158. SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE*	17
159. SHOREWOOD	2
160. SKOKIE*	24
161. SLEEPY HOLLOW*	3
162. SOUTH ELGIN	6
163. SOUTH HOLLAND	9
164. SPRINGFIELD	22
165. STEWARD	6
166. STOCKTON	7
167. STREAMWOOD	18
168. SUGAR GROVE	16
169. SYCAMORE	4
170. TAYLORVILLE	22
171. TOWER LAKES	16
172. TROUT VALLEY	3
173. URBANA*	34
174. VERNON HILLS	18
175. VILLA PARK	25
176. WARRENVILLE	24
177. WAUCONDA	4
178. WAYNE	13
179. WESTERN SPRINGS	26
180. WESTMONT*	14
181. WHEATON	24
182. WHEELING*	20
183. WILMETTE	26
184. WINNETKA	17
185. WOODRIDGE	19
186. ZION	13

Applications in progress at the time of printing: Carlinville, Golf, Hennepin, and Park Forest. (TREE CITY USA LISTING as of 3/16/10)

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<u>CITY</u>	<u># of Years</u>
1. ADDISON	14
2. AURORA	2
3. BOLINGBROOK	17
4. BROOKFIELD	17
5. CHICAGO	19
6. CLINTON	1 <u>FIRST GROWTH</u>
7. COUNTRY CLUB HILLS	8
8. DEKALB	2
9. DUQUION	5
10. EDWARDSVILLE	7
11. EVANSTON	11
12. GENOA	13
13. GLENCOE	3
14. GURNEE	8
15. HAZEL CREST*	14
16. HIGHLAND	9
17. HOMEWOOD*	11
18. LAKE BARRINGTON	7
19. LAKE IN THE HILLS	4
20. LANARK	1
21. LINCOLN	4
22. LINCOLNSHIRE	18
23. LINCOLNWOOD	3
24. LOMBARD	16
25. MARSHALL	2
26. MOKENA	1 <u>FIRST GROWTH</u>
27. MOLINE	16
28. MOUNT VERNON	12
29. NAPERVILLE	17
30. NORMAL	7
31. NORTH AURORA	1 <u>FIRST GROWTH</u>
32. NORTH BARRINGTON	1 <u>FIRST GROWTH</u>
33. NORTHBROOK	11
34. OLYMPIA FIELDS	2
35. OSWEGO	8
36. PALOS HILLS	9
37. PARK RIDGE	14
38. PETERSBURG	8
39. PROSPECT HEIGHTS	8
40. QUINCY	6
41. RIVERDALE	4
42. SAINT CHARLES	10

43. SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE	3
44. SKOKIE	15
45. SLEEPY HOLLOW	2
46. URBANA	18
47. WESTMONT	8
48. WHEELING	8