



Town of Bladensburg, Maryland

RESOLUTION NO. 10 - 2025

Date Introduced: December 9, 2024

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A Resolution to Adopt the Tree City USA Principles and Tree Care Standards in the Town of Bladensburg

WHEREAS, the Town of Bladensburg recognizes the essential role that trees play in enhancing the quality of life for its residents, including providing environmental, economic, and social benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City USA program offers a framework for communities to manage and expand their public trees and demonstrates the commitment to community forestry; and

WHEREAS, participation in the Tree City USA program requires the Town of Bladensburg to meet the core standards of maintaining a tree board (The Green Team), adopting a tree care ordinance, ensuring an annual community forestry budget, and observing Arbor Day with an official proclamation; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bladensburg is committed to sustaining and improving its urban forest, thereby contributing to the health and well-being of its residents, enhancing property values, and promoting environmental stewardship; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the Tree City USA principles aligns with the Town's ongoing sustainability initiatives and the long-term vision of creating a greener, healthier, and more vibrant community;

TREE CARE IN BLADENSBURG

WHEREAS, the Town is committed to the preservation and care of mature trees, which offer the greatest environmental benefits, as well as the planting and nurturing of new trees to ensure the long-term sustainability of the urban forest; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bladensburg has established guidelines and practices for tree care that include regular pruning, disease prevention, and the responsible removal of hazardous trees to ensure the safety and well-being of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Town encourages community involvement in tree care efforts, including education on the benefits of trees, volunteer tree-planting events, and partnerships with local organizations and schools to foster environmental stewardship among residents;

WHEREAS, the Town of Bladensburg will work with state, local, and other community partners in the stewardship of local trees; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bladensburg Administration and Public Works will provide support for this organization; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bladensburg will budget funding for this membership and dedicate 1% of its budget towards trees as per the organizational guidelines; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Town Council of Bladensburg, that the Town hereby adopts the principles and standards of the Tree City USA program and commits to fulfilling the requirements to achieve and maintain the Tree City USA designation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Town Council encourage all residents, businesses, and organizations within the Town of Bladensburg to actively participate in and support the Town's urban forestry initiatives.

SIGNED this 9th day of December 2024.

Attest:

Regine Watson
Town Clerk

Takisha D. James, Mayor