

2023 Tree City USA Application for Certification

The Tree City USA award is in recognition of work completed by the community during the 2023 calendar year.

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OREGON CITY COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Select which best describes your community:

Community has both a Tree Board and a Department Chair/City Manager

Ordinance Date:

05/03/2023

Ordinance Uploaded

Per-capita Expenditure

\$12.71

Arbor Day Date

04/01/2023

Arbor Day Proclamation Uploaded

As Mayor or Equivalent of the Community of OREGON CITY

 Mayor 12/14/2023

Mayor or Equivalent Signature

Title

Date

Application Certification (to be Completed by the State Forester)

The above-named community has made formal application to this office. I am pleased to advise you that we reviewed the application and have concluded that, based on the information contained herein, said community is eligible to be certified as a Tree City USA community, for the 2023 calendar year, having in my opinion met the standards required for recognition.

State Forester Signature

Title Date

Application Information

Application ID: 331682
 Partner: OREGON CITY
 Program: Tree City USA
 Application Type: Tree City USA
 Start Date: 11/09/2023
 Status: Application Approved

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City	State	Zip Code	
Oregon City	Oregon	97045	
Country			
United States			

Details

Mayor or Equivalent Contact Information

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City: OREGON CITY
Country: United States
State: Oregon
County: Clackamas County
ZipCode: 97045

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Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/cityoforegoncity/?hl=en>
Twitter: <http://twitter.com/orcity>
PartnerGroup: OREGON CITY
PartnerSubCategory: City
Population: 37786
WorksWithSchools: 1

AdditionalStickers: 0

Shipping address for recognition materials

ShippingAddress1: PO BOX 3040
City: OREGON CITY
County: Clackamas County
State: Oregon
Country: United States
ZipCode: 97045

Standard 1 - A Tree Board or Department

Select which best describes your community

Community has both a Tree Board and a Department Chair/City Manager

Tree Board Chairperson Contact Information

FirstName: Samantha
LastName: Wolf
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City: Oregon City
Country: United States
State: Oregon
County: Clackamas County
ZipCode: 97045

Additional Board Member Contact Information

FirstName: Nancy
LastName: Broshot
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Country: United States
ZipCode: 97045

Tree Board Meeting Frequency

Monthly

Please Explain:

Department Chair or City Manager Contact Information

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StreetAddress1: 625 CENTER ST
StreetAddress2: PO BOX 3040
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Country: United States
State: Oregon
County: Clackamas County
ZipCode: 97045

Standard 2 - A Community Tree Ordinance

Our Attached Ordinance

Is in effect 24/7/365
Addresses, at the very least, all public trees in our community
Delegates authority over all public trees in our community
Has clear guidance on the protecting, planting, maintaining, and/or removing of public trees

Copy and paste relevant language from your community's uploaded ordinance addressing delegation of authority over public trees in the box below.

12.08.030 - Public property tree maintenance. The city shall have the right to plant, prune, maintain and remove trees, plants and shrubs in all public rights-of-way and public grounds, as may be necessary to ensure public safety or to preserve and enhance the symmetry or other desirable characteristics of such public areas. The public works department and parks and recreation department may recommend to the community development director the removal of any tree or part thereof which is in an unsafe condition or may be injurious to above or below-ground public utilities, structures or other public improvements. Removed trees shall be replaced in accordance with this chapter or the mitigation requirements of the OCMC 17.49, Natural Resources Overlay District (NROD), if the tree to be removed is within the NROD.

Copy and paste relevant language from your community's uploaded ordinance addressing clear guidance over public trees in the box below.

12.08.015 Street tree selection, planting and maintenance requirements. All development shall provide

street trees adjacent to all street frontages. Species and locations of trees shall be selected based upon vision clearance requirements, but shall in all cases be selected from the Oregon City Street Tree List, an approved street tree list for a jurisdiction in the Metropolitan region, or be approved by a certified arborist unless otherwise approved pursuant to this section. If a setback sidewalk has already been constructed or the public works department determines that the forthcoming street design shall include a setback sidewalk, then all street trees shall be installed with a planting strip or within tree wells. If existing street design includes a curb-tight sidewalk, then all street trees shall be placed according to OCMC 12.08.035.C. A. One street tree shall be planted for every thirty-five feet of property frontage. The tree spacing shall be evenly distributed throughout the total development frontage to meet the clearance distances required in subsection B below. The community development director may approve an alternative street tree plan, or accept fee-in-lieu of planting pursuant to OCMC 12.08.035, if site or other constraints prevent meeting the required total number of tree plantings. B. The following clearance distances shall be maintained when planting trees: 1. Fifteen feet from streetlights; 2. Five feet from fire hydrants; 3. Twenty feet from intersections; 4. Five feet from all public utilities (i.e. sewer, storm and water lines, utility meters, etc.). C. All street trees planted in conjunction with development shall be a minimum of two inches in caliper at six inches above the root crown and installed to city specifications. Larger caliper size trees may be approved if recommended by a certified arborist or registered landscape architect. D. All established trees shall be pruned tight to the trunk to a height that provides adequate clearance for street cleaning equipment and ensures ADA complaint clearance for pedestrians. E. All trees planted within the right-of-way shall be planted with root barriers at least eighteen inches in depth adjacent to the sidewalk and curb to ensure proper root growth and reduce potential damage to sidewalks, curbs and gutters. F. All trees planted beneath powerlines shall be selected based on what is appropriate for the location. In addition, the tree species shall be approved by the associated franchise powerline utility company. G. Tree species, spacing and selection for stormwater facilities in the public right-of-way and in storm water facilities shall conform to requirements of OCMC 13.12 and the adopted stormwater and grading design standards and be approved by the city engineer. H. Any public or street trees planted within the natural resource overlay district shall conform to the applicable requirements of OCMC 17.49, Natural Resources Overlay District (NROD). (Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019) 12.08.025 General tree maintenance. Abutting property owners shall be responsible for the maintenance and replacement of street trees and planting strips. Topping of trees is prohibited, unless under recommendation of a certified arborist, or other qualified professional. Trees shall be trimmed appropriately. Maintenance shall include watering during dry periods, trimming of established trees to remove dead branches and dangerous limbs and to maintain a minimum seven-foot clearance above all sidewalks, eight-foot clearance in clear vision areas pursuant to OCMC 10.32, and ten-foot clearance above the street. Planter strips shall be kept clear of weeds, obstructing vegetation and trash. (Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019) 12.08.035 Tree removal and replacement.
https://library.municode.com/or/oregon_city/codes/municipal_code?nodeId=TIT12STSIPUPL_CH12.08PUSTR_12.08.035TRRERE

Date current tree ordinance was established
05/03/2023

Attach your community's current public tree care ordinance
completed

Ordinance Changes
My community ordinance has changed this past year and is attached above

Standard 3 - A Community Forestry Program with an Annual Budget of at Least \$2 per Capita

Community Population
37786

Tree Planting and Initial Care
103326

Tree Maintenance
0

Tree Removal
62743

Management
304712

Utility Line Clearance

Volunteer Time (Hours)
300

Are there other costs to report?

Other Costs

Other Costs Description

Total Expenditures:
480321

Total Expenditures per capita:

12.71

Community Tree Management Statistics

Number of Trees Planted

311

Number of Trees Pruned

964

Number of Trees Removed

282

Optional Attachments

Annual work plan (if required by your state)

completed

Supporting Budget Documents

completed

Standard 4 - An Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation

When did your community celebrate Arbor Day?

EventType: Arbor Day Observance

EventDate: 2023-04-01

EventFiles: Group.jpg, Mayor and Parks Staff.jpg, tree lineup reduced.jpg, url_b9bbb2.png

ApplicationId: 331682

Attach your signed Arbor Day proclamation

completed

Signature

Mayor Signature

Mayor or Equivalent Signature Method

Signed Document

Download the PDF summary application, sign it, and upload it below.

Upload Signed Document

completed

First Name

Last Name

Professional Title

Date

As Mayor or Equivalent of the Community I certify that the information in this application is accurate by signing my name below.

By submitting your application, you are granting the Arbor Day Foundation and its assigns, licensees, successors, representatives, employees, program partners, and agents (collectively, the "Arbor Day Foundation"), the irrevocable and unrestricted right to use uploaded images from this application. You grant the Arbor Day Foundation the irrevocable right to use, copy, prepare derivative works from, distribute, and publish the provided photographs in any medium or means of distribution, including print, social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter and Arbor Day Foundation publications or on its website, for any lawful commercial or other purpose, and to register the copyright of such photographs throughout the world. By granting rights to the photos, you are representing that you own the rights to the uploaded pictures in this application and that Arbor Day Foundation has permission to use said photos.

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By submitting your application, you agree to the Tree City USA terms and conditions.

Application Information

Application ID: 358353
 Partner: OREGON CITY
 Program: Tree City USA
 Application Type: Growth Award
 Start Date: 12/15/2023
 Status: Application Approved

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Growth Award

Total Points: 20

C1. Ordinance Clauses: 5 pts

Describe or quote new ordinance clause(s), provide online link

The City amended subsection 12.08.035 Tree Removal and Replacement. The amended code further clarifies the tree replacement requirements for abutting homeowners. Specifically, the amendment require replanting within the planter strip as a priority unless the applicant can show clearly that there is insufficient space to replant a tree. Paying a fee-in-lieu of planting is now a last resort, with the alternatives being: a. Within the right-of-way abutting another property, with abutting property owner approval, or b. On public property, with City Manager or designee approval, or c. Within 10 feet of the right of way in the abutting private yard. Exceptions are granted for planter strips that are 3' feet or less in width. We anticipate that this amendment will help assure that "the right tree is planted in the right place."

Upload PDF of revised ordinance
completed

D1. Tree Planting Program: 8 pts

Describe program, name, and link to information

Oregon City continues it's partnership with Friends of Trees to assist homeowners in planting and maintaining high quality trees throughout Oregon City. The program is supported through the City's Tree Mitigation fund and has resulted in approximately 800 new street and yard trees being planted throughout the City since 2013. 2023 saw another good year of replanting, expanding into northern and southern parts of the city and helping mitigate for the extensive tree canopy damage following the damaging ice storm and heat dome weather events in 2020-2022.

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E16. Tree Festival: 4 pts

Describe festival and how trees were a central theme

Oregon City held a dedication ceremony to honor it's newly planted Hiroshima Peace Tree featured a reading from Oregon's Poet Laureate and the mayor announcing her support for creating an official city forester position. The original ceremony had been planned for 2020 but was postponed due to COVID-109 restrictions. To mark the 75th anniversary of the close of World War II, people in 30 communities around Oregon committed to plant about 45 special peace trees in 2019 and 2020. The young trees were grown from seeds of trees that miraculously survived the atom bombing of Hiroshima on Aug. 6, 1945. Today, Oregon has one of the largest collections of Hiroshima peace trees of any state or nation outside Japan.

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E21. Tree Care Workshops: 3 pts

Describe workshops, intended audience, content, attendance

A community tree care workshop was held at Chapin Park on January 28, 2023 with approximately 37 volunteers attending to learn proper pruning techniques.

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TREE CITY USA STANDARD #3 WORKSHEET - CITY OF OREGON CITY - 2023 Reporting Period						
PLANTING / REMOVAL / PRUNING						
Reporting Period		Public Works	Planning	Parks Dept.		
		Jan 1 - Dec 31 2023			Total	
Number of Trees Planted		14		49		63
Street Trees			21			21
Type I (incl. NROD)			23			23
Type II (incl. NROD)			9			9
Friends of Trees 2023 Plantings			180			180
Total			53			296
Number of Trees Pruned		623		341		964
Number of Trees Removed		13		22		35
Street Trees			82			82
Type I (incl. NROD)			43			43
Type II (incl. NROD)			122			122
		13	247	22		282
COSTS BY DEPARTMENT						
		Public Works	Planning	Parks Dept.		
Amount Spent on Tree Planting and Initial Care				\$ 18,112.67	\$ 18,112.67	\$ 103,326
FOT Contract for 2023			\$ 56,178.50		\$ 56,178.50	
FOT Market Value (Vol. + Homeowner \$)			\$ 29,035.20		\$ 29,035.20	
Amount Spent on Tree Removal and Replacement		\$ 7,287.00		\$ 51,380.62	\$ 58,667.62	\$ 62,743
Street Tree Permit Review Time			\$ 1,440.00		\$ 1,440.00	
Type 1 Reviews			\$ 1,235.00		\$ 1,235.00	
Type 2 Reviews			\$ 1,400.00		\$ 1,400.00	
Amount Spent on Community Forest Management		\$ 257,943.07		\$ 46,769.21	\$ 304,712.28	\$ 304,712
Estimated Value of Volunteer Time				\$ 9,500.00	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 9,500.00
Other						
TOTAL		\$ 265,230.07	\$ 89,288.70	\$ 125,762.50	\$ 480,281.27	\$ 480,281
POPULATION	37,471	(PSU Certified Population Estimate for 2023)				
Per Capita Expenditure		(\$2 min. required for TCUSA standard)			\$ 12.82	

Oregon Tree City USA

Standard 3

Annual Urban Forestry Plan

City: Oregon City Parks To be accomplished in Year:2024

Month	<i>City Tree-Related Activities (tree maintenance and tree promotion efforts)</i>
<i>Jan</i>	<i>Dead tree removal- Permits, Arborist Reports Snow/Ice damage inspection. Tree Pruning throughout Parks and Cemetery. Tree orders for Spring Planting.</i>
<i>Feb</i>	<i>Lift Rental or Bucket truck for Aerial pruning, Work with Planning to prepare for Arbor Day.</i>
<i>Mar</i>	<i>Prep planting areas, sod cut, locates. New plantings.</i>
<i>Apr</i>	<i>Participate in Arbor Day and Earth Day events when Possible. Monitor native tree plantings. Replant where necessary.</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>Staking and mulching areas of newly planted trees. Remove last year's stakes to prevent girdling.</i>
<i>Jun</i>	<i>Begin Watering program for newly planted trees. Irrigation or water bags. Additional tree diapers.</i>
<i>Jul</i>	<i>Watering of new trees. Invasive removals</i>
<i>Aug</i>	<i>Monitor for stressed trees needing supplemental watering.</i>
<i>Sep</i>	<i>Order Trees for Fall Planting, Sod cut, locates. Prepare equipment for Fall storms. Removal Stump grinding</i>
<i>Oct</i>	<i>Hazard removal, Plant replacement trees, Check trees along waterways address Beaver damage. Verify need for any fall fertilizer applications. Evaluate spring plantings for survival and replacement needs.</i>
<i>Nov</i>	<i>Plant new trees, Leaf removal blowing/mulching, Visual inspections. Begin early pruning. Fertilizer application after leaf drop</i>
<i>Dec</i>	<i>Limb Pickup, leaf removal and mulching, identify intensified pruning needs, hazard tree permitting and removal. Identify hangers for aerial removals. Remove suckers, Root pruning as necessary</i>

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Oregon Tree City USA Standard 3

Annual Urban Forestry Plan

Oregon City Public Works to be accomplished in year: 2024

Month	<i>City Tree-Related Activities (tree maintenance and tree promotion efforts)</i>
<i>Jan</i>	<i>Leaf removal with street sweeper. Clean up storm damage. Trim trees for summer paving projects.</i>
<i>Feb</i>	<i>Clean up storm damage. Trim trees for summer paving projects.</i>
<i>Mar</i>	<i>Trim trees for summer paving projects</i>
<i>Apr</i>	<i>Participate in Arbor day and Earth Day events.</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>Plant replacement trees by May.</i>
<i>Jun</i>	<i>Begin Watering program for newly planted trees. Irrigation or water bags</i>
<i>Jul</i>	<i>Water newly planted trees.</i>
<i>Aug</i>	<i>Water newly planted trees. Monitor for stressed trees.</i>
<i>Sep</i>	<i>Water newly planted trees.</i>
<i>Oct</i>	<i>Leaf removal with street sweeper. Identify hazard trees, dead trees, pruning needs. Order replacement trees as needed.</i>
<i>Nov</i>	<i>Leaf removal with street sweeper. Plant replacement trees as needed. Inspect stormwater quality facilities. Clean up storm damaged trees as needed</i>
<i>Dec</i>	<i>Leaf removal with street sweeper. Clean up storm damage. Inspect stormwater quality facilities. Clean up storm damaged trees as needed</i>

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CITY OF OREGON CITY, OREGON
Annual Urban Forestry Plan - 2024

Oregon City Planning Division

Month	City Tree-Related Activities <i>(tree maintenance and tree promotion efforts)</i>
<i>Jan</i>	<i>Review of Tree Removal and Planting Plans (on-going / all year)</i> <i>Street Tree permitting (on-going / all year)</i> <i>City Tree Removal Public Notices (on-going / all year)</i>
<i>Feb</i>	<i>Work with Parks and Tourism Staff to Prepare for Arbor Day</i> <i>Work with Friends of Trees to Prepare for Neighborhood Plantings</i> <i>Identify eligible Heritage Trees</i>
<i>Mar</i>	<i>Assist with Publicity and Arbor Day material and presentation.</i> <i>Advertise on Updated Website</i>
<i>Apr</i>	<i>Participate in Arbor Day and Earth Day events</i> <i>Friends of Trees Neighborhood Planting Event</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>Last Day to Plant Street Trees until Winter</i> <i>Encourage Watering of Street Trees</i>
<i>Jun</i>	<i>Outreach Information for Summer Tree Care</i>
<i>Jul</i>	<i>Outreach Information for Summer Tree Care</i>
<i>Aug</i>	<i>Outreach Information for Summer Tree Care</i> <i>Prepare for Fall Planting Program and Pruning Workshop with Friends of Trees (Firm dates To Be Determined)</i>
<i>Sep</i>	<i>Ongoing activities (See January)</i> <i>Start compiling data for TCUSA application</i>
<i>Oct</i>	<i>Possible Pruning Workshop with Friends of Trees Program</i>
<i>Nov</i>	<i>Support and Participate in Friends of Trees</i> <i>Fall Neighborhood Tree Planting</i>
<i>Dec</i>	<i>Arbor Day Prep. Meeting</i> <i>Complete TCUSA application</i>