



Tree Cities
OF THE WORLD



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The Tree Cities of the World™ programme is an international effort to recognize cities and towns committed to ensuring that urban forests and trees are properly maintained, sustainably managed, and duly celebrated. This is your opportunity to connect with cities around the world in a new network dedicated to sharing and adopting the most successful approaches to managing urban trees and forests. Tree Cities of the World is a programme partnership between the Arbor Day Foundation and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).



WHY BECOME A TREE CITY OF THE WORLD

Join this, global network of cities recognised as leaders in the sustainable management of urban trees and forests. You may already be using innovative practices that keep city trees healthy. Now you can share your successes in planting and tending the urban forest of your city and learn from others around the world. Benefits of becoming a Tree City of the World include:

- Use the five core standards to build a program to care for city trees.
- Educate people living in your city about the value of trees and the importance of sustainable tree management.
- Improve citizen pride by using recognition to show that trees, conservation, and the environment are important to your city.
- Demonstrate your commitment to a healthier environment by displaying Tree Cities of the World recognition materials.

HOW IT WORKS

Cities are awarded recognition in the Tree Cities of the World Programme annually. The application opens annually in September, closes January 31, and recognised cities are announced in March.

To help bring Tree Cities of the World to cities across the globe, we collaborate with like-minded organisations that will provide support to community leaders. If you are pursuing recognition for a city in the a country represented by a National Programme Leader, contact the corresponding organisation for guidance on your application.



Tree Cities of the World Standards

1. ESTABLISH RESPONSIBILITY

The city has a written statement by city leaders delegating responsibility for the care of trees within the municipal boundary to a staff member, a city department, or a group of citizens — called a Tree Board.

2. SET THE RULES

The city has in place a law or an official policy that governs the management of forests and trees. These rules describe how work must be performed — often citing best practices or industry standards for tree care and worker safety — where and when they apply, and penalties for noncompliance.

3. KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE

The city has an updated inventory or assessment of the local tree resource so that an effective long-term plan for planting, care, and removal of city trees can be established.

4. ALLOCATE THE RESOURCES

The city has a dedicated annual budget for the routine implementation of the tree management plan.

5. CELEBRATE ACHIEVEMENTS

The city holds an annual celebration of trees to raise awareness among residents and to acknowledge citizens and staff members who carry out the city tree programme.



**START WORKING ON MEETING THE FIVE STANDARDS TODAY.
YOU MAY BE CLOSER THAN YOU THINK TO BEING RECOGNISED
AS A TREE CITY OF THE WORLD!**

For more information and to take our short readiness quiz, visit treecitiesoftheworld.org.