



**CITY OF LA MARQUE
KEEP LA MARQUE BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION
REGULAR AGENDA
of
April 9, 2025**

Notice is hereby given that the Keep La Marque Beautiful Commission of the City of La Marque, Texas will conduct a **Regular Meeting** on **April 9, 2025**, beginning at **6:00 PM** in the **Council Chambers** at **1109-B Bayou Road La Marque, Texas** as well as via **video-conference hosted through Zoom (bczoom.cityoflamarque.org)**. In accordance with Section 551.127(b) of the Texas Local Government Code the presiding officer and a quorum of the Commission intend to be and will be physically present at 1109-B Bayou Road, La Marque, Texas. This location will be open to the public.

The Council will meet for the purpose of considering the following agenda:

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. PRESENTATIONS
 - 3.I. Award: Appreciation Certificate for The La Marque Garden Club
 - 3.II. Award: Yard of the Month
4. MINUTES
 - 4.I. Regular Keep La Marque Beautiful Minutes 03.12.2025
5. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION
LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES PER PERSON

Comments from the public will be heard at this time. Any person with city-related business who has signed up may speak to the Commission (limited to three (3) minutes). If wishing to speak give the Chair or presiding officer your full legal name and the item you wish to speak about. In compliance with Texas Open Meeting Act, the City may not deliberate on comments. Personal attacks will not be allowed, and personnel matters should be addressed to the City Manager during normal business hours. *Press *6 to mute or unmute if you are participating by telephone, press the unmute button if attending via zoom on a smartphone, tablet or computer, or stand if attending in person, and the presiding officer will call on you in turn.*

6. OLD BUSINESS

Items presented to the Commission for discussion and possible action:

6.I. Electing a Chair and Vice-Chair for the 2025 calendar year. **THIS ITEM WAS TABLED ON 01.08.2025**

6.II. Planning the 2025 Keep La Marque Beautiful event calendar. **THIS ITEM WAS ON TABLED 2.12.2025**

6.III. Applying for Texas Recycles Day Grant supported by Coca-Cola Southwest Beverages

6.IV. Approving expenses for Keep Texas Beautiful Conference 2025

6.V. Considering the Tree City Certification

7. NEW BUSINESS

Items presented to the Commission for discussion and possible action:

7.I. Recognizing Gold Star Status from Keep Texas Beautiful

8. REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

9. ADJOURNMENT

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the above notice of meeting was posted at 1109-B Bayou Road, La Marque, Texas on April 4, 2025 by 12:00 p.m.

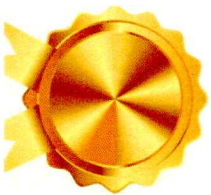
Kierra K. Nance, TRMC
City Clerk

CERTIFICATE
OF APPRECIATION

This certificate is proudly awarded to

The Garden Club

This certificate is given to All Members of the Garden Club for always participating in lending a hand when needed without hesitation. We appreciate you and Thank You for all your efforts.



Chairperson

Vice-Chairperson

KEEP LA MARQUE BEAUTIFUL

Online Form Submittal: Keep La Marque Beautiful Residential or Business Yard of the Month Nomination

From noreply@civicplus.com <noreply@civicplus.com>

Date Tue 1/21/2025 9:21 PM

To Myrna Pacheco-Sanchez <m.sanchez@cityoflamarque.org>; Joshua Pritchett <j.pritchett@cityoflamarque.org>; kvampbella@aol.com <kvampbella@aol.com>; lynzgonzales2012@gmail.com <lynzgonzales2012@gmail.com>

Keep La Marque Beautiful Residential or Business Yard of the Month Nomination

If available, please include nominee's first and last name	Candy Doggett
If available, please include nominee's phone number and/or email address	409-302-3232
Business or Residential Submission?	Residential
Property Address	1515 Lake Road
Why do you think this home or business deserves to be named Yard of the Month?	Candy Doggett, Cassidy and Shane Watson and Jodee Cornish built this awesome snowman in the front yard on Lake Road for all of the neighbors and citizens to see. This guy was over 7ft and lit up. What a great way to get the neighborhood and neighbors together to enjoy the snowday. We need show and promote more good things like this about our city and awesome citizens. Many photos on Facebook.

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Month Nomination
To: [<m.sanchez@cityoflamarque.org>, <j.pritchett@cityoflamarque.org>, <kvampbella@aol.com>, <lynzgonzales2012@gmail.com>]
From: <noreply@civicplus.com>
Date: Wed, Dec 18, 2024 at 9:54 PM

Keep La Marque Beautiful Residential or Business Yard of the Month Nomination

If available, please include nominee's first and last name *Shannon Garcia*

If available, please include nominee's phone number and/or email address 4092561918

Business or Residential Submission? Residential

Property Address 2808 Magnolia

Why do you think this home or business deserves to be named Yard of the Month? She has such a beautiful Yard and keeps it prestine !! She has added value to our neighborhood since she bought her home ! PLEASE CONSIDER THIS LAWN

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**CITY OF LA MARQUE
KEEP LA MARQUE BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION
REGULAR MINUTES
of
March 12, 2025**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Vice-Chairperson Loftis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Re'chard Loftis	Vice Chairperson
Terry Pettijohn	Commissioner
Ashley Gooden-Stewart	Commissioner

ABSENT:

Lyndsey Gonzales	Chairperson
Katherine Herrin-Keith	Commissioner

CITY OFFICIALS / STAFF:

James Ross	Councilmember, District D
Agueda Jimenez	Communications Coordinator
Jose Hernandez	Code Enforcement Supervisor
Myrna P. Sanchez	Code Enforcement Administrative Assistant

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.I. Tree City USA

Vice-Chairperson Tonia Griffin from the La Marque Park Board shared information about the Tree City program and its requirements. She stated that this would be a great opportunity as this would open the city up to better grant opportunities.

4. REPORTS

4.I. Financial Report

Commissioner Gooden-Stewart made a motion to approve the financial report. Commissioner Pettijohn seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4.II. Waste Management Report

Commissioner Pettijohn made a motion to approve the Waste Management report. Commissioner Gooden-Stewart seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. MINUTES

5.I. Regular Keep La Marque Minutes 01.08.2025

Commissioner Pettijohn made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from January 8, 2025. Commissioner Gooden-Stewart seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Tonia Griffin, Vice-Chairperson of the La Marque Parks Board, requested that the Keep La Marque Beautiful Commission consider the Coca-Cola grant in the amount of \$10,000.

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.I. Electing a Chair and Vice-Chair for the 2025 calendar year ***THIS ITEM WAS TABLED ON 01.08.2025***

Commissioner Pettijohn made a motion to table this item. Commissioner Gooden-Stewart seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.I. Planning the 2025 Keep La Marque Beautiful event calendar

Commissioner Pettijohn made a motion to host the Spring Sweep at Building A (4916 Texas Ave., Suite A, La Marque, TX) on April 26, 2025, and table all other events until all members of the Commission are present. Commissioner Gooden-Stewart seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

8.II. Revisiting the preparation call for the Trash Bash event on March 29, 2025

Communications Coordinator Jimenez stated the Trash Bash event is in conjunction with the Rivers, Lakes, Bays 'N Bayous Trash Bash, which is the largest single-day cleanup in Texas. She requested help with promoting and signing up volunteers online.

Commissioner Pettijohn made a motion to participate in Trash Bash on March 29, 2025. Commissioner Gooden-Stewart seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

8.III. Applying for the Texas Scenic Certification Program

Commissioner Gooden-Stewart made a motion to apply for the Texas Scenic Certification Program. Commissioner Pettijohn seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

8.IV. Considering participation in Spring Cleanups and Trash off Essentials Webinar Recording

Commissioner Pettijohn made a motion to approve participation in the Spring Cleanups and Trash Off Essentials Webinar. Commissioner Gooden-Stewart seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

8.V. Approving a Certificate of Appreciation for the La Marque Garden Club

Commissioner Pettijohn made a motion to approve awarding a certificate of appreciation to the Garden Club. Commissioner Gooden-Stewart seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

8.VI. Awarding Yard of the Month

Commissioner Pettijohn made a motion to table for the next agenda.
Commissioner Gooden-Stewart seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

8.VII. Participating in the 2025 Keep Texas Beautiful Conference: Field Trips and Workshops

Commissioner Pettijohn made a motion to participate in the 2025 Keep Texas Beautiful Conference in Austin. Commissioner Gooden-Stewart seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9. REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Pettijohn announced he is leader of Toastmasters and he welcomed everyone to join them every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.at the Texas City Chamber of Commerce.

Vice-Chairperson Loftis asked that the opportunity for the Coca-Cola Grant be placed as an item on the next agenda.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Pettijohn made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Gooden seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

***Meeting adjourned at 6:52 P.M.*

Chairperson

Keep La Marque Beautiful Commission

Date	Event
	Beautify the Bayou
	Bayou Fest
	Fall Fest
	Arbor Day & Fall Sweep
	Christmas Float
Every Month	Good Neighbor & Yard and Business
April 26, 2025	Spring Clean Up
May 17, 2025	Hurricane Hudler

TEXAS RECYCLES DAY GRANT SUPPORTED BY COCA-COLA SOUTHWEST BEVERAGES

Funds may **NOT** be used for the following purposes:

- Repayment of existing debt or obligations
- Payment of organizational overhead
- Legal fees
- Loan or bank fees
- Subsidization of existing contracts
- Employee salaries & expenses
- Land acquisition
- Pass-through grants
- Field Trips

TIMELINE

- **September 3, 2024:** Grant application opens
- **October 18, 2024:** Grant application must be received by KTB by 5 p.m. CDT
- **November 15, 2024:** Winners announced
- **March 28, 2025:** Progress Report due
- **June 27, 2025:** Projects must be complete and grant funds spent
- **July 31, 2025:** Final report form must be received by KTB by 5 p.m. CDT

Please note: By accepting funds for their project, grant applicants consent to complying with the criteria and deadlines, completing the final report on time. Failure to do so will result in loss of KTB affiliate benefits and future grant participation.

Promotional considerations for the funding awardees:

- Grant recipients must post 2 photos of their Texas Recycles Day Recycling Grant project to Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and/or Twitter, tagging the following and including the hashtag #keeptexasrecycling
 - Keep Texas Beautiful - @keeptxbeautiful
 - Coca-Cola Southwest Beverages- @cocacolaswb
- Contribute a brief summary to be used as a case study on the KTB website.
- Grantees may be asked to participate in a regional press event.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Application must be completed in its entirety and submitted online, with any applicable supporting documents attached.

- All questions must be completed with adequate information and detail.
- Please DO NOT submit materials that are not requested in the application or support your answer.
- Applications must be submitted to KTB by **Thursday, October 18, 2024 by 5 p.m. CST.**



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA FORM

Meeting Date: November 18, 2024

Prepared by: Cesar Garcia

Department: Public Works

Agenda Item: 7.VIII.

Reviewed by: Gus Knebel, City
Attorney

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Accepting a no-match grant award from Coca-Cola and Keep Texas Beautiful in the amount of \$10,000 - *Public Works*

STAFF BRIEFING:

Award in the amount of \$10,000 through the Coca-Cola and Keep Texas Beautiful Recycling Grant. The grant funds will be used to place recycling bins throughout city parks.

HISTORY:

FISCAL IMPACT:

None-this is a no-match grant award

TEXAS RECYCLES DAY GRANT




APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Please provide a brief description of the project this funding will support.
2. For public reporting purposes, concisely describe the purpose of the proposed grant in ONE sentence starting with "To support."
3. What are the goals of your project? How will this project impact recycling in your community?
4. Please provide an estimated itemized project budget. If you are not awarded the full amount of this request, how will the project be adapted? Would this funding be matched by the community or other funding sources?
5. Provide an overview of the community's needs this grant will be used to address, and describe your community's existing recycling efforts.
6. Please list the milestone steps needed to accomplish the goals and the expected timeline for the project.
7. How will you promote and publicize this program in your community? How will financial support from Coca-Cola Southwest Beverages be noted?
8. Will you partner with schools, nonprofit organizations, or other entities in the community?
9. Will your project help fill a need in an under-served community?
10. How would you measure the success of this project and what are the key performance indicators?
11. Describe the sustainability plan for this project. *The three parts you should address are community sustainability, financial sustainability, and organizational sustainability of your project.*

Texas Recycles Day Grant Notification

From Sara Walters <swalters@ktb.org>
Date Mon 2024-11-11 4:19 PM
To Alice Ashley <a.ashley@cityoflamarque.org>
Cc Lou Serna <lou@ktb.org>

 1 attachment (105 KB)
2024 Coke TRD Grant Info Sheet.pdf;

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Hello Alice Ashley,

We are excited to inform you that your organization, Keep La Marque Beautiful, has been awarded a Texas Recycles Day Grant. Congratulations! Your project will receive \$10,000.00 to support its completion. I have attached the information sheet as a reminder of the grant guidelines.

Keep Texas Beautiful will be publicly announcing all winners on Texas Recycles Day, Friday, November 22 and will send you a marketing toolkit to help with your announcement.

Important Dates:

1. **November 22:** Winners announced publicly
2. **November 24:** Funds Distributed via check
3. **March 28, 2025:** Progress Report Due
4. **June 27, 2025:** Projects must be completed
5. **July 31, 2025:** Final report form due to KTB

Please Note: By accepting these funds, you agree to submit the final report on time. Failure to do so may result in the loss of KTB affiliate benefits and future grant eligibility.

Thank you, and we look forward to your response!

SARA WALTERS (she/her)

Program Director | Keep Texas Beautiful

8850 Business Park Drive, Ste. 200, Austin, TX 78759

TEXAS RECYCLES DAY GRANT
SUPPORTED BY COCA-COLA SOUTHWEST BEVERAGES



ABOUT

Thanks to Coca-Cola Southwest Beverages and in celebration of Texas Recycles Day, Keep Texas Beautiful is proud to announce the Texas Recycles Day Grant. This grant will provide Keep Texas Beautiful affiliates and Keep Texas Recycling members with monetary assistance to help strengthen their existing recycling programs.

Projects must fall within one or more of the following categories:

- Education and Outreach
- Improvement Projects
- Infrastructure and Equipment

GRANT AMOUNT

Applicants can request funding between \$5,000-\$15,000.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible applicants are:

- Keep Texas Beautiful affiliates in Good Standing or higher, and new KTB affiliates
- Keep Texas Recycling Rural Partners
- Special consideration will be given to communities that are members of both KTB and KTR.

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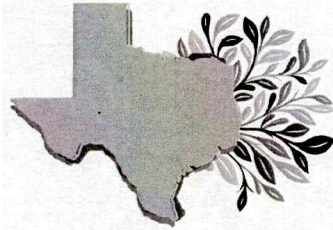
Projects must be completed and funding spent by June 27, 2025. If total project costs exceed the grant amount, the project must be completed using other sources of funding. Please note, the project must be completed in the designated time frame or the funding must be returned to KTB. Applicants must agree to submit a final report on their project by **July 31, 2025** (see Timeline section for more details).

Special consideration for all awards will be given to projects that:

- Address the collection of PET and/or aluminum cans

Project concepts could include, but are not limited to:

- Implementation of a recycling program that accepts at least one post-consumer commodity.
- Projects that improve recycling program efficiency and/or cost effectiveness.
- Education and outreach projects with a focus on reducing contamination and improving material quality.
- Education and outreach projects with a focus on specific recyclable commodities that have not otherwise been accepted for recycling and/or are hard-to-recycle.
- Public-private collaborations to improve waste diversion in the community.



KTB Conference 2025
MANY PATHS TO A BEAUTIFUL TEXAS

Your Registration to the 2025 KTB Annual Conference was Successfully Completed

Thank you for your registration(s). Your confirmation is below. We look forward to seeing you!

Questions? Contact office.manager@ktb.org.

Full Conference Registration	Regular Registration	\$195.00
	Full Registration. Includes access to all sessions, breakfast tacos, Affiliate recognition luncheon, and Beautify Texas Awards reception.	
Pre-Conference Sessions, Monday, May 5	Litter Audit, Location TBD, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	
Monday Networking	Yes	

KTB Day at the Capitol Yes

Conference T-Shirt - L 1 \$25.00

Interested in becoming a sponsor? No

Name Re'Chard Loftis

Affiliate Community/Organization City of La marque

Shipping Address 1130 1st St, city of La Marque, TX 77511 US

Email j.hernandez@cityoflamarque.org

Phone Number +14099161175

Cancellation/Refund Policy Yes

Liability/Photo Release Yes

Processing Fee \$9.87

KTB CONFERENCE OVERVIEW



Billing Information

Order Number 58THNNLCNFRNCCN0008N

Date 03/27/2025

Name Re'Chard Loftis

Address 1130 1st St
city of La Marque, TX 77568 US

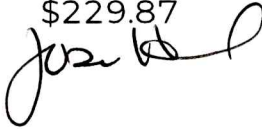
Payment Method Credit Card

Credit Card VISA-2619

Email j.hernandez@cityoflamarque.org

Phone +14099161175

Total \$229.87



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Hyatt Place Austin / Arboretum

3612 Tudor Boulevard Austin, 78759 United States

Tel: +1 512 231 8491

Reservation Summary

Check-in Mon, May 5, 2025
03:00 PM

Checkout Thu, May 8, 2025
12:00 PM

Guests 1 Guest

Rate Standard rate

Room (1) King Bed (With Sofa Bed)

Guest Details

Name Jose A Hernandez

Total Cash Per Room*	\$665.52
Mon, May 5	\$169.00
Tue, May 6	\$169.00
Wed, May 7	\$229.00
Subtotal	\$567.00
STATE TAX	\$34.02
REC CHG SALES TX	\$0.27
RECOVERY CHARGE	\$1.86
CITY TAX	\$62.37
Taxes & Fees	\$98.52

*Changes in taxes or fees will affect the total price.



Special Requests


Terms & Conditions

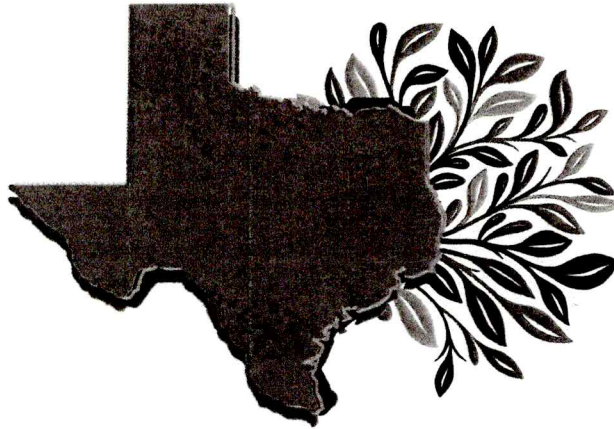
Deposit Policy

Credit Card Guarantee Required

Cancellation Policy

11:59Pm Hotel Time 1 Day BEFORE ARRIVAL or Pay 1 Night Fee/ccard Required

 PET POLICY: FIREARMS POLICY:



KTB Conference 2025

MANY PATHS TO A BEAUTIFUL TEXAS

The KTB Conference is all about bringing together community leaders, volunteers, and partners who are passionate about keeping Texas clean, green, and beautiful.

As we gear up for an inspiring few days of learning and connection, our Monday pre-conference activities offer a fantastic opportunity to ease into the conference experience with engaging workshops and tours. Monday's events set the stage for an exciting and impactful stay in Austin.

[Register Now](#)

Join us for Pre-conference Workshops, Tours, and Networking

Kick off your KTB Conference experience by joining us for one or more engaging pre-conference sessions! Arriving early gives you the chance to dive deeper into key topics, connect with fellow attendees in a smaller setting, and gain valuable insights before the

main event begins.

Don't miss out—come early and make the most of your conference experience!

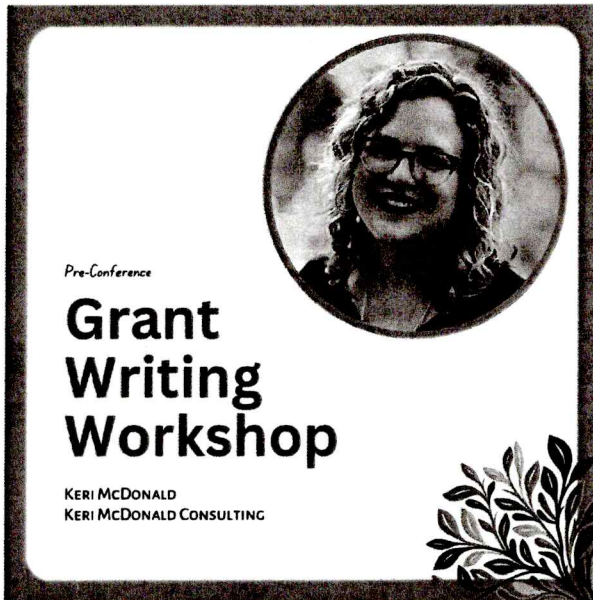


Litter Audit Workshop

Join KTB and Keep Austin Beautiful for a hands-on litter cleanup and audit. You'll learn how to collect and use data to make real changes in your community. We'll walk you through the process, from sorting litter to turning the results into action. It's a fun, practical way to see how small efforts can make a big difference!

Register

10 am - noon | Free



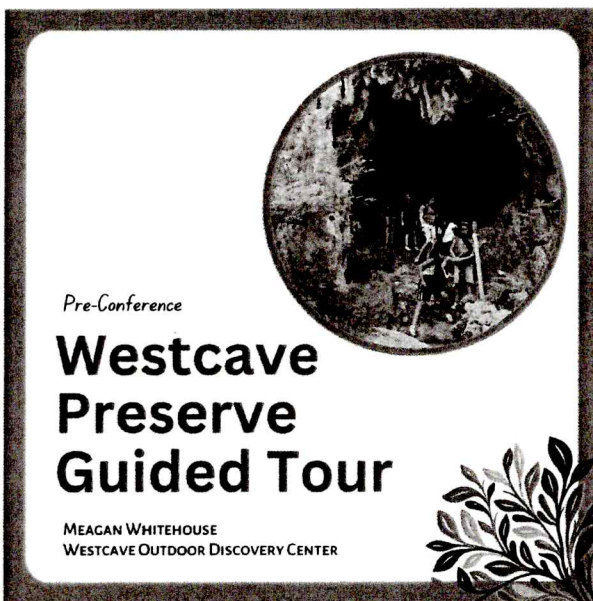
Grant Writing Workshop

Keri McDonald leads this interactive session on how to earn grant revenue for your organization. She will break down her process to help you demystify how to make grants work for your organizational capacity.

Register

1-3 pm | \$25

Please note: 25 max capacity, no more than 2 attendees per affiliate/group.



Westcave Preserve Guided Tour

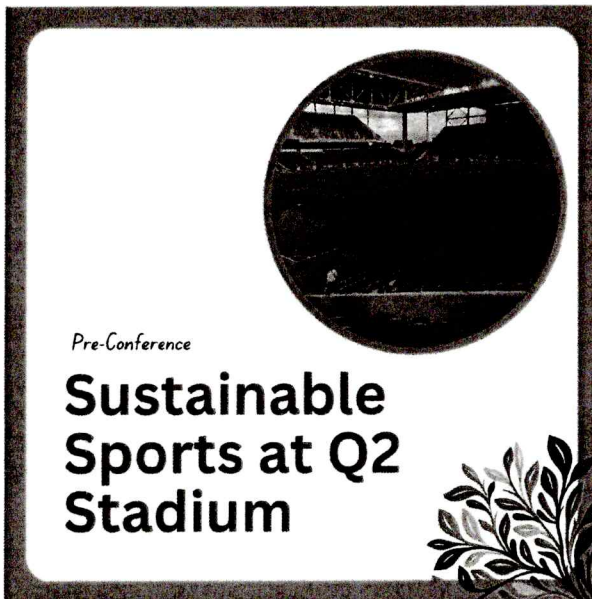
Prepare yourself – the majestic beauty of this unique Texas Hill Country nature preserve will leave you breathless!

The Westcave Outdoor Discovery Center's tours take visitors from an

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arid savanna through a limestone crevice into a sheltered canyon of lush plant life. At the head of the canyon stands Westcave, with a stunning 40-foot waterfall replenishing the emerald pool below. Visitors will go behind the waterfall and into a one-roomed limestone cave.

10 am - noon | \$10

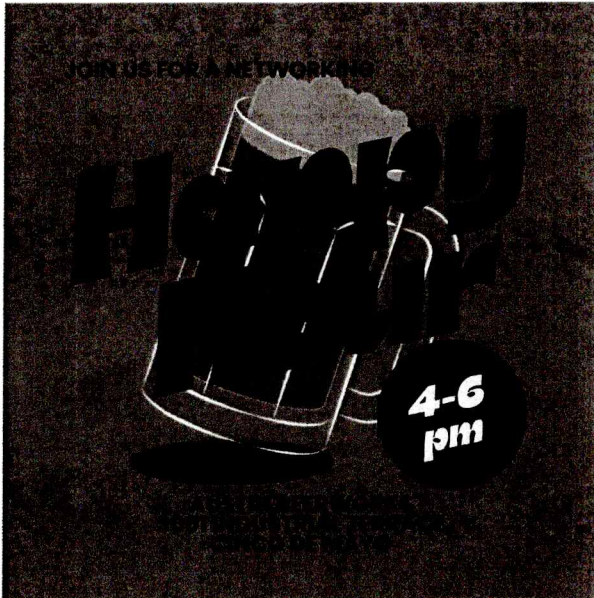


Sustainable Sports at Q2 Stadium

Take a behind-the-scenes tour of Q2 Stadium, home of Austin FC and the first soccer-specific stadium in the world to achieve TRUE Gold certification for zero waste. Learn how the venue diverts over 90% of its waste through innovative sustainability initiatives, including its on-site mini-materials recovery facility (MRF), free water stations for sustainable hydration, and 85 strategically placed eco-stations for composting and recycling.

Register

1 - 3 pm | Free



Networking Happy Hour

Join KTB for a relaxed and fun networking happy hour at [Austin Beerworks](#) the evening before the conference! Whether you're coming from a pre-conference workshop or just rolling into town, this is the perfect chance to connect with fellow attendees over craft beer, wine, cider or soft drinks while enjoying delicious bites from local food trucks. This is a pay-your-own-way event, so grab a drink, make new connections, and kick off the conference with great company.

Monday, May 5

4-6 pm

Austin Beerworks

We can't wait to see you there!

The 2025 KTB Conference is Generously Sponsored by



Recycling Registry

Evergreen Austin

ArcMate

We can't wait to see you on **May 5-7th in Austin!**

Together, we'll celebrate the many paths that lead to a more beautiful Texas.

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LA MARQUE

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Parks Board Tree City La Marque

Steps to become a Tree City USA

- Meet the Four Standards
- Complete and upload application documents each year by December 31 - No Fee!
- Apply at <https://arborday.org/TreeCityUSA>

STANDARDS:

1. Tree Board or Department

- May be a professional forester/arborist, an entire forestry department or a tree board
- Group of volunteer citizens charged by ordinance with developing and administering a tree management program
- Legally responsible for the management of the community's trees

2. Tree Care Ordinance

- Establishes a tree board and gives it responsibilities
- Guidance for planting, maintaining and removing trees on public property
- Provides an opportunity to set good policy that is legally enforceable

3. Community Forestry Program with Annual Budget of at Least \$2 Per Capita

- Percentage of city workers' salaries spent on tree care
- Tree planting/watering/fertilizing
- Equipment rental/purchase/maintenance
- Arbor Day expenses
- Tree care conferences, workshops, memberships
- Value of volunteer labor

4. Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation. Opportunity to inform and engage the broader community through:

- Tree Planting
- Awards Ceremony
- Education





Parks Board

Tree City La Marque Checklist

COMMUNITY INFORMATION Information Required for Application Contact Information for:

Mayor

City Forestry Contact

STANDARD 1:

A Tree Board or Department, Do you have an entity responsible for your community's trees? Yes No

Do you have a Tree Board? * Check out <https://treeboardu.org/> Yes No

Information Required for Application

Information on Tree Board/Department Meetings

Names/Emails for Tree Board Members of Staff

STANDARD 2:

A Tree Care Ordinance, does your city have a tree ordinance that:

• Establishes a tree board, forestry department, or both, that assigns one of these entities' responsibility over public trees.

— AND —

• Provides clear guidance about the planting, removal, and/or maintenance of public trees? Yes No

Information Required for Application

Date Tree Ordinance was Adopted

Upload current ordinance





Parks Board
Tree City La Marque Checklist

STANDARD 3:

A Community Forestry Program With an Annual Budget of at Least \$2 Per Capita. Does your community spend \$2 or more per capita? Yes No

Information Required for Application Expenditures on:

Tree Planting and Initial Care, Tree Maintenance, Tree Removal, Management, Utility Line Clearance, Volunteer Time (in hours), Hours Other (please explain), and Total Community Forestry Expenditures

Annual Work Plan*

Supporting Budget Documents*

Number of: ____ Total Trees Planted, Trees Pruned, and Trees Removed

STANDARD 4:

An Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation, did your community celebrate Arbor Day this year? Yes No

Does your community have a signed Arbor Day Proclamation this year? Yes No

Information Required for Application

Date of Observation

Evidence of Arbor Day Event activities, photos, and/or news coverage

Signed Arbor Day Proclamation, Verification Information

Mayor or Equivalent's Signature





Parks Board

Tree City La Marque Certification

The Tree City USA program was founded in 1976 to celebrate towns and cities committed to growing their urban canopy. Led by the Arbor Day Foundation, with partners at USDA Forest Service and National Association of State Foresters, it provides the foundational framework necessary for communities to manage and expand their tree cover. Program applications are completely free. Many cities renew their Tree City USA status every year, making them eligible for a Growth Award and other urban forestry opportunities.

STANDARDS:

1. Tree Board or Department (*Delegating responsibility for city- or town-owned trees is the first official step to becoming a Tree City. By forming a tree board or department, cities can create a more organized and effective urban forestry plan*)

- State's urban and community forestry coordinator, may be a professional forester/arborist, an entire forestry department or a tree board (*Mac Martin, State Forestry Coordinator; Tim Cool, Tree Arborist*)
- Group of volunteer citizens charged by ordinance with developing and administering a tree management program (*La Marque Parks Board, Keep La Marque Beautiful Commission, La Marque Public Library, La Marque Garden Club and Community Partners*)
- Legally responsible for the management of the community's trees (*City of La Marque, La Marque City Council and La Marque Economic Development Corporation*)

2. Tree Care Ordinance (*A public tree care ordinance assigns clear authority over public trees and provides clear guidance for planting, maintaining, and/or removing trees from streets, parks, and other public spaces*)

- Establishes a tree board and gives it responsibilities (*City of La Marque, La Marque City Council, La Marque Parks Board, Keep La Marque Beautiful Commission, La Marque Public Library, La Marque Garden Club, La Marque Economic Development Corporation, Tim Cool, Tree Arborist and Community Partners*)
- Guidance for planting, maintaining and removing trees on public property (see ordinances attached)
- Provides an opportunity to set a good policy that is legally enforceable (see ordinances attached)





Parks Board

Tree City La Marque Certification

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- Tree Planting
- Awards Ceremony
- Education



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STATE FORREST COORDINATOR:

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Texas A&M Forest Service 200 Technology Way
College Station, TX 77845
979-402-1339 mac.martin@fs.tamu.edu

TREE ARBORIST:

Tim Cook, ISA-MW0016 Certified Arborist, ISA Tree Risk Assessment
CommuniTree
409-750-2949 communitreellc@gmail.com

TREE COMMITTEE:

City of La Marque, La Marque City Council, La Marque Parks Board, Keep La Marque Beautiful Commission, La Marque Public Library, La Marque Garden Club, La Marque Economic Development Corporation and Community Partners

CITY OF LA MARQUE TREE CODES AND ORDINANCES

Tree Nuisances

<https://www.ci.la-marque.tx.us/forms.aspx?fid=90>

Parks related Trees/Limbs

<https://www.ci.la-marque.tx.us/forms.aspx?fid=138>

Request Brush or Heavy Limbs / Tree Trunks Pickup

<https://www.ci.la-marque.tx.us/forms.aspx?fid=158>

Permits FAQ

<https://www.ci.la-marque.tx.us/documentcenter/view/5673>

Bulk Trash Pickup

<https://www.ci.la-marque.tx.us/467/bulk-trash-pickup->

RFP 24-03 Disaster and Storm Recovery Services

<https://www.ci.la-marque.tx.us/documentcenter/view/5737>

Arbor Day

<https://www.ci.la-marque.tx.us/calendar.aspx?eid=2661>

Celebrate Arbor Day by picking up a free citrus or fruit **tree** courtesy of Keep La Marque Beautiful Commission on November 16! We ask that you bring a water bill or ID. There is a limit of one **tree** per La Marque household.

Tree Care Program

<https://www.leaguecitytx.gov/DocumentCenter/View/20136/Tree-Ordinance-2018-Stand-Alone>



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CITY OF LA MARQUE TREE CODES AND ORDINANCES (cont)

[Ordinance No. O-2018-006](#)

[Ordinance No. 2020-0007](#)

[Ordinance No. O-2021-0008](#)

[Ordinance No. 998](#)

[Ordinance No. O-2017-0015](#)

[Ordinance No. O-2016-0013](#)

[Ordinance No. O-2019-006](#)

Sec. 44-8. - Posting advertisements, etc., on poles and trees in public places. Telephone, fire alarm or electric light pole or upon any tree in the city, where such pole or tree is located in any public right-of-way or in any public place.

Sec. 68-5. - Damaging, defacing, etc., water and sewer property. Reservoir standpipe, elevated tank, manhole, lamp hole, catch basin, fence, gate, tree, shrub or other property belonging to the city and used in the operation of its water

Sec. 56-110. - Construction and maintenance of facilities. Tree trimming. The permit holder, its contractors and agents have the right, permission and license to trim trees upon and overhanging the rights-of-way to prevent trees from coming

Sec. 41-214. - Site plan requirements, approval, appellate procedures. An exemption from the tree or planter requirement may be granted by the building official only:

Sec. 35-1. - Definitions. Glass and ashes, broken ware, discarded clothing, trash, tin cans, bottles, papers and tree limbs, grass and weed cuttings properly contained or bundled not exceeding four feet

Sec. 41-211. - Property perimeter requirements. Shall be at least one tree of two- inch caliper for every 40 linear feet or fraction thereof of front property and side property landscape areas. Trees may be clustered but

Sec. 41-212. - Parking area requirements. Than one side to required perimeter landscape areas. Each planter shall contain one tree or shrub at least four feet in height and plant material or combination of plant material

Sec. 41-210. - Definitions. Fence is prevented from the exterior side of the fence. Tree. Any living self-supporting woody plant having at least one well defined stem and growing

Sec. 41-171. - Parking. Areas. One shade tree per six parking spaces. (2) Perimeter. One shade tree per six parking



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CITY OF LA MARQUE TREE CODES AND ORDINANCES (cont)

Sec. 41-145. - Definitions. Use from the city council. Street tree. Any tree planted by a commercial or subdivision developer between a city owned sidewalk

Sec. 41-172. - Landscaping. Feature of every TND. In addition to the thoughtful preservation of natural features, trees, and parks, plazas, squares and other careful attention shall be given to landscaping

Sec. 56-88. - Conditions of public rights-of-way occupancy. Municipal consent, a person may trim trees in or over the rights-of-way for the safe and reliable operation, use, and maintenance of its facilities. All tree trimming shall be

Sec. 14-476. - Performance standards. If the structure appears to be a tree, the area shall be grassed and landscaped to give a natural park-like setting.

Sec. 41-213. - Planting and maintenance. Trees shall be properly guyed and staked as necessary. Stakes and guy wires shall not interfere

Sec. 71-17. - C-4 Interstate Commercial. Non-residential and multifamily developments shall be required. A minimum of one shade tree (minimum diameter of two-inch caliper measured at six inches above ground level at

Sec. 71-26. - Amendments. General outline of extensive tree cover areas; c.

Sec. 44-7. - Weed control. Lot or premises to suffer or permit weeds, grass or uncultivated plants other than trees to grow to a greater height than 12 inches on that portion of right-of-way which abuts

Sec. 41-21. - Permits. Of any existing wooded areas and the location, species and size of any individual trees. A topographic map of the property with

Sec. 14-471. - Definitions. Landscaping shall mean the provision of plants, turf, trees, berms, and structures, including retaining walls and fences, to screen a property

Sec. 71-28. - Outdoor advertising sign regulation. Wise attached upon any street lamp post, street sign, traffic sign or signal, hydrant, tree, shrub, fence or utility pole.

Sec. 71-4. - Definitions. More which is used for the growing of usual farm products, such as vegetables, fruit, trees and grain, and storage on the area, as well as the raising thereon of the usual farm






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Tree City USA:

Growing Strong Communities

 Arbor Day Foundation®

Introduction

- Value
- Program
- Benefits
- Standards



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VALUE

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Trees...

- Infrastructure
- Health
- Legacy
- Wise Investment

Worth Our Time.
Worth Our Resources.



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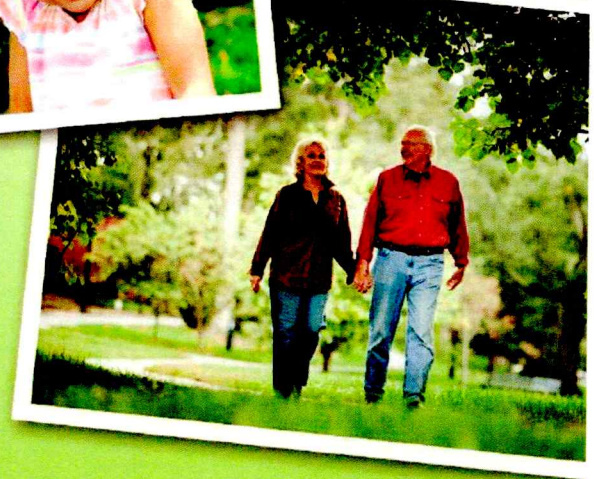
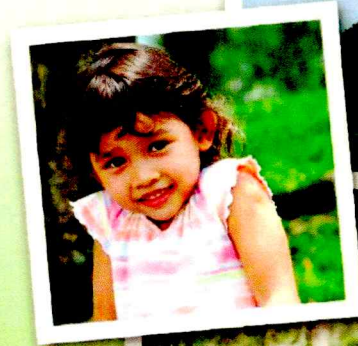
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VALUE

Humans instinctively prefer natural settings

- Increases employee productivity
- Reduces symptoms of ADHD
- Decreases crime
- Eases stress and anxiety



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VALUE

- Increased property value
- Treed streets = more frequent and longer shopping
- Shoppers spend more for goods and parking



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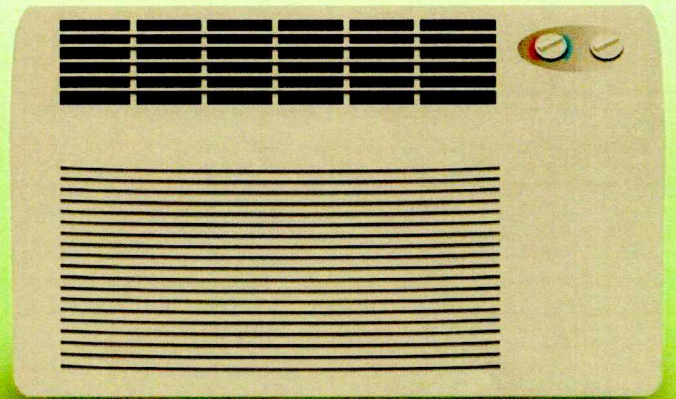
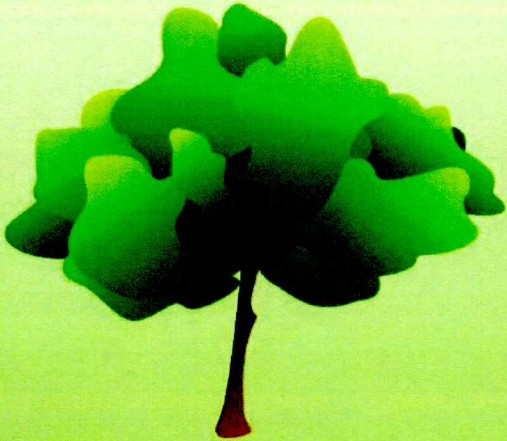


VALUE

100

=


1,000



VALUE

100
mature trees
catch

200,000
gallons of
rainwater/year

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VALUE



100 Trees Over 40 Years:

Benefits = \$161,000

- Energy
- Air Quality
- Runoff
- Real Estate

Costs = \$89,000

- Planting/Pruning
- Removal/Disposal
- Irrigation
- Sidewalk Repair
- Litter
- Legal/Administration

Pay Off: \$72,000

PROGRAM

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Tree City USA Provides Community Forestry Program:

- Direction
- Technical assistance
- Public attention
- National recognition



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PROGRAM

Longevity – Launched in 1976

Impact – Over 135 million people live in/near a Tree City

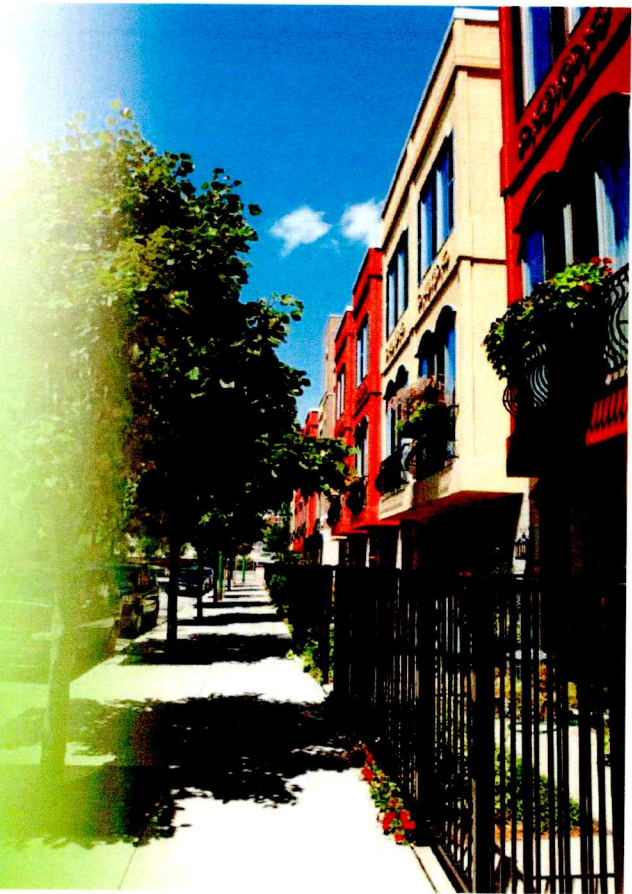
Network – Support from over 3,400 recognized communities



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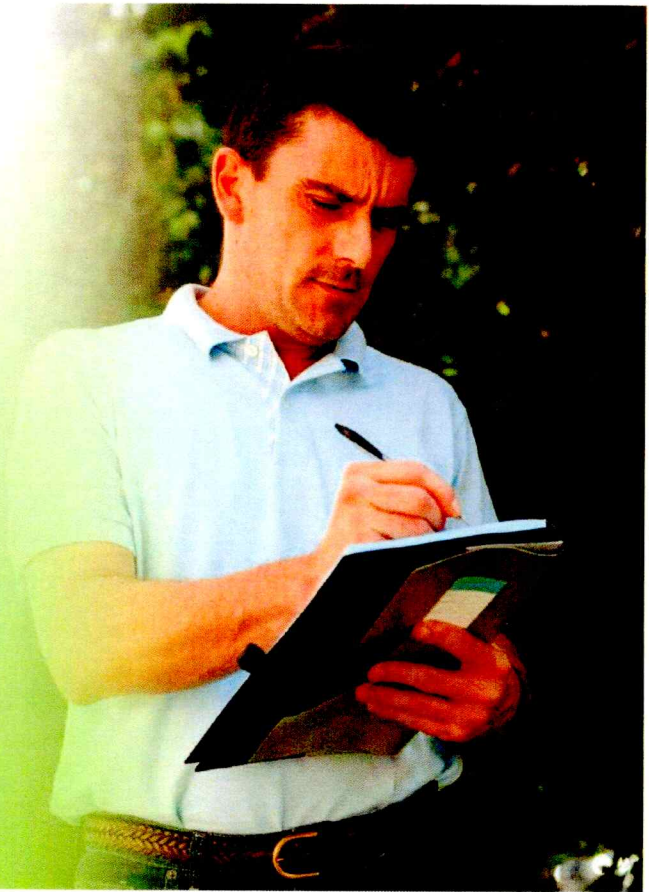


BENEFITS

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Framework for Action

- Provides direction
- Systematic management of tree resources



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BENEFITS

Education

- Assistance through the application process
- Online resources
- Technical advice



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BENEFITS

Public Image

- Quality of life
- Influence
- Desirability



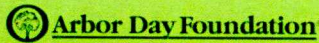
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BENEFITS

Citizen Pride



BENEFITS

Publicity

- Presentation of the Tree City USA award
- Arbor Day celebration
- Public education



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STANDARDS

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1. Tree Board or Department
2. Tree Care Ordinance
3. Community Forestry Program
With Annual Budget of at Least
\$2 Per Capita
4. Arbor Day Observance
and Proclamation



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STANDARDS

1. Tree Board or Department

- May be a professional forester/arborist, an entire forestry department or a tree board
- Group of volunteer citizens charged by ordinance with developing and administering a tree management program
- Legally responsible for the management of the community's trees

STANDARDS

2. Tree Care Ordinance

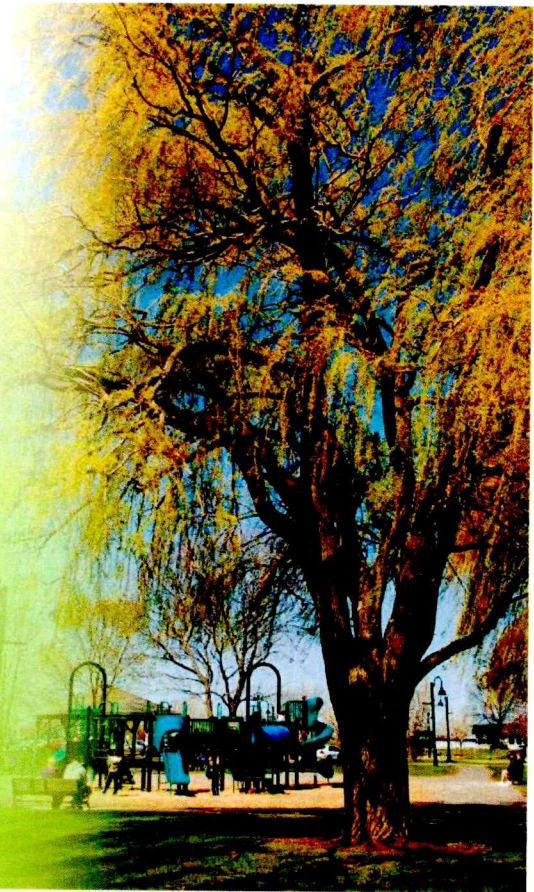
- Establishes a tree board and gives it responsibilities
- Guidance for planting, maintaining and removing trees on public property
- Provides an opportunity to set good policy that is legally enforceable



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STANDARDS

3. Community Forestry Program With Annual Budget of at Least \$2 Per Capita

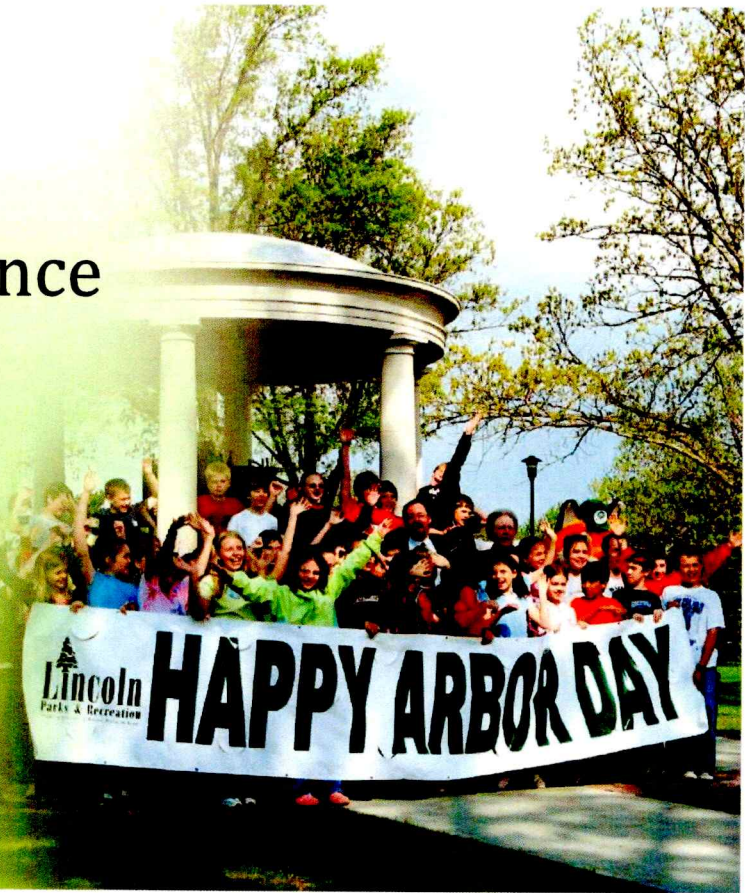
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STANDARDS

Steps to become a Tree City USA

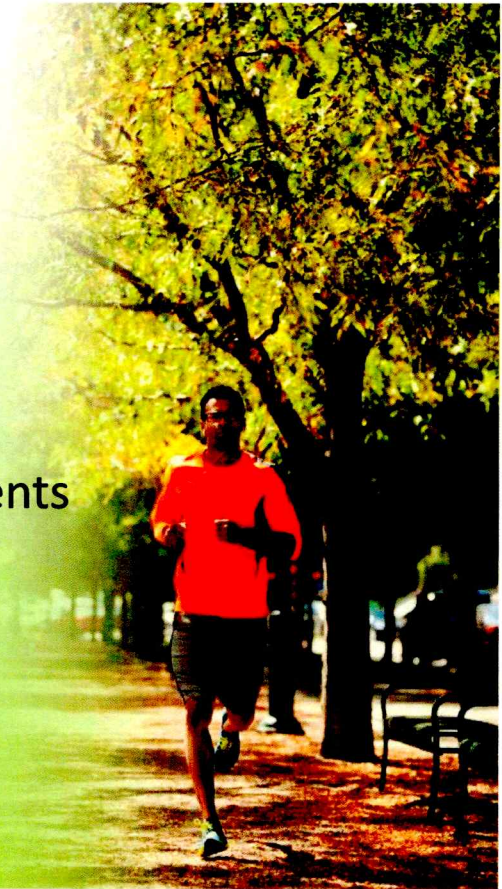
- Meet the Four Standards
- Complete and upload application documents each year by December 31 - *No Fee!*
- Apply at arborday.org/TreeCityUSA



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Summary

- Value
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Purpose through Process

Trees...

Worth Our Time. Worth Our Resources.

“A town is saved, not more by the righteous men in it
than by the woods...that surround it.”


-Henry David Thoreau



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Thank You

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THINGS YOU DID YOURSELVES

Tree worker salaries & benefits (use a % if tree care is only one part of their job) (●)

Time spent on tree care: watering, removing stakes, insect control, mulching (● or ● for new trees)

Time spent pruning (●) or removing trees (●)

Leaf and brush pick-up (●)

Biomass recycling (●)

Equipment maintenance (●)

Administrative time (●)



THINGS YOU BOUGHT

Trees (●)

Supplies: staking, mulch, watering bags, tools, gloves (●)

Prizes for Arbor Day contests (●)

Computer inventory software (●)

Durable equipment chainsaws, bucket truck, etc. (● or ●)

Other - tell us!



EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES

Tree care conferences and workshops attended by city workers (●)

Memberships in and donations to tree organizations (●)

Public education materials – brochures, newsletters, flyers, etc. (●)



THINGS YOU CONTRACTED OUT

Tree planting (●) or removal (●)

Tree inventory work (●)

Equipment rental (●, ●, ●)

Consultants to write a plan or give advice (●)

Insurance (●)

Utility line clearance (●)



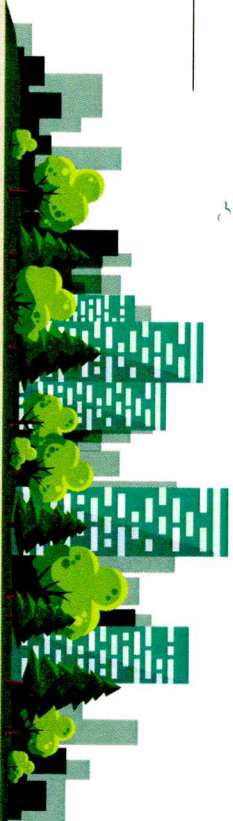
THINGS OTHER PEOPLE DID

Volunteer time (use National Volunteer rate) for:

- Tree board meetings (●)
- Tree planters (●)
- Arbor Day preparations (●)

Items donated by others:

- Trees, or tree planting services (●)
- Discounts by local vendors (●)



LEGEND

- Tree Planting and Initial Care
- Tree Maintenance
- Tree Removal
- Management
- Utility Line Clearance
- Volunteer Time



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Creating greener communities nationwide



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Cooler temperatures. Cleaner air. Healthier residents.

The benefits trees bring to urban environments are endless — and by meeting the four Tree City USA standards, your community can experience them firsthand.



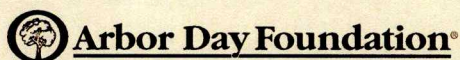
PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Tree City USA program was founded in 1976 to celebrate towns and cities committed to growing their urban canopy. Led by the Arbor Day Foundation, with partners at USDA Forest Service and National Association of State Foresters, it provides the foundational framework necessary for communities to manage and expand their tree cover.

Program applications are completely free. Many cities renew their Tree City USA status every year, making them eligible for a Growth Award and other urban forestry opportunities.

THE FOUNDATION OF URBAN FORESTRY PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

The Tree City USA program has helped more than 3,600 communities across the country build out their urban forests. Recognition forms the base layer for five different areas of growth, including expansion of personnel, financial investment, defined policies and plans, and engagement with residents.



STANDARDS FOR RECOGNITION

To receive recognition, a community must meet four core standards for its public trees:

✓ **Standard 1:**
Form A Tree Board Or Department

Delegating responsibility for city- or town-owned trees is the first official step to becoming a Tree City. By forming a tree board or department, cities can create a more organized and effective urban forestry plan.

✓ **Standard 2:**
Establish A Tree Care Ordinance

A public tree care ordinance assigns clear authority over public trees and provides clear guidance for planting, maintaining, and/or removing trees from streets, parks, and other public spaces.

✓ **Standard 3:**
Maintain A Community Forestry Program With An Annual Budget Of At Least \$2 Per Capita

Your community most likely already spends at least \$2 per capita on the planting, care, and removal of trees. This is intended to demonstrate an ongoing investment into your public trees.

✓ **Standard 4:**
Proclaim and Observe Arbor Day

Celebrating Arbor Day and passing an official holiday proclamation helps create pride for your city's entire urban forestry program.



BENEFITS OF RECOGNITION

By becoming a Tree City, your community will:

- Receive flags, signs, and other materials to proudly display your award
- Educate residents about the value of trees and green space
- Gain national recognition for your commitment to environmental stewardship
- Create a cleaner, healthier, and more beautiful urban landscape



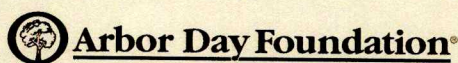
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GETTING STARTED

Interested in joining, but not quite sure where to begin? It's as simple as following these five steps!

1. Make the case to friends and leaders in your community
2. Contact your state's urban and community forestry coordinator
3. Work together to fulfill the four Tree City USA standards
4. Celebrate Arbor Day
5. Submit your free application!

Learn and apply today at arborday.org/treecityusa



Fwd: 2025 Gold Star Status Materials

From Lyndsey Gonzales <lynzgonzales2012@gmail.com>
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To Myrna Pacheco-Sanchez <m.sanchez@cityoflamarque.org>

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Dear Lyndsey Gonzales,

Congratulations again to Keep La Marque Beautiful on achieving Gold Star status with Keep Texas Beautiful for 2025! I have attached your 2025 digital certificate and a toolkit containing resources for your organization to utilize as you promote your achievement!

Gold Star Affiliates will be formally recognized during the Keep Texas Beautiful Conference in Austin in May so be sure to [register to attend here!](#)

Please let me know if you have any difficulty with the attachments or have any questions.

Thank you for all you do to Keep Texas Beautiful!
Best,

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