



For the 30<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, the City of Indianapolis has been re-certified as a Tree City USA. City agencies The Department of Business and Neighborhood Services and The Department of Public Works, also, applied for and received a Growth Award from the Arbor Day Foundation for activities and initiatives conducted in 2017.

According to the Arbor Day Foundation, "The purpose of the Growth Award is to recognize higher levels of tree care by participating Tree City USA communities. The Growth Award highlights innovative programs and projects as well as increased commitment of resources to urban forestry."

To qualify as a Tree City USA community, four standards must be met. The community must have:

1. A Tree Board or Department.
2. A Tree Care Ordinance.
3. A Community Forestry Program with an annual budget of at least \$2 per capita.
4. An Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation.

To learn more about the Arbor Day Foundation and Tree City USA visit: [www.arborday.org/programs/treecityusa/](http://www.arborday.org/programs/treecityusa/).