



The City of Green Lake has the prestigious designation as a Tree City USA.



Tree City USA Program History:

Started in 1976, Tree City USA is one of the Arbor Day Foundation's oldest programs. Founders had a vision for a greener, healthier America, and hoped this initiative would inspire change on a nationwide level.

Benefits to the Community:

- *Trees help absorb the sounds of traffic in urban areas by 40%.*
- *Neighborhoods with trees are seven to nine degrees cooler than those without.*
- *Trees reduce energy costs up to 25% by shading buildings and protecting them from winter winds.*
- *Homes with trees have higher property values.*
- *Green space plays a major role in improving mental and physical health.*
- *Planting and maintaining trees absorb carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, mitigating the effects of climate change.*
- *Publicly demonstrating your commitment to the environment is a great way to build pride among residents, as well as position your community as an attractive place to live.*

