Delaware Tree Friendly Community Program
Tree-Friendly is a state recognition program for communities that actively participate in the Urban and Community Forestry Program

To qualify as a Tree Friendly Community, you must have fulfilled (3) of the following:

- Performed an annual ceremony to promote your community’s and our state’s urban forest resources. This may be an Arbor Day, Earth Day, or another community ceremony that educates the public and promotes the importance of trees within your community.
- Conducted a tree project within your community that enhances existing urban forest resources. This can include planting trees within a community-owned open space, pruning of community-owned street trees, or a similar project that demonstrates a commitment to maintaining your community’s existing urban forest resources.
- Developed a community forestry management plan in cooperation with the Delaware Forest Service U&CF Program. Management plans should guide the management of urban forestry resources for at least a five-year period.
- Developed a community tree ordinance that protects trees.
- Formulated a tree commission or tree board that serves as the guiding body for tree related decisions throughout the community.
- Had a tree budget of $1 per household for residential communities.

Communities will receive a complimentary sign to display publicly that they are committed to maintaining their forest resources and our state’s environment. This certification is effective for two years, after which it can be renewed. To see if your community qualifies as a Delaware Tree Friendly Community, please complete the attached application. Applications will be reviewed by the U&CF Council and DFS Staff. Communities that qualify will receive a letter of acceptance.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Taryn Davidson, Urban & Community Forester: Phone: (302) 659-6704  Email: taryn.davidson@delaware.gov.

The Delaware Forest Service Urban & Community Forestry Program and the Delaware Community Forestry Council
APPLICATION FORM
(Please complete this form in its entirety)

Community Name: __________________________________________________________

Contact Person 1: ____________________________ Phone: ______________________
Address: ________________________________________________________________
City: ____________________________ State: _______ Zip Code: __________________
Email: ____________________________ Date: _________________________________

Contact Person 2: ____________________________ Phone: ______________________
Address: ________________________________________________________________
City: ____________________________ State: _______ Zip Code: __________________
Email: ____________________________ Date: _________________________________

For the past calendar year, please check all that apply:

☐ Annual Ceremony
  Please attach a copy of a program or flyer describing the event.
  Name of Ceremony: ________________
  Date: ________________
  Location: _________________________

☐ Community Tree Management Plan
  Please attach a copy of plan.
  Date Developed: ________________
  Location: _________________________

☐ Project
  Please provide a short description or photos of the project – 150 word min.
  Name of Project: ________________
  Date: ________________
  Location: _________________________

☐ Tree Ordinance
  Please attach copy of ordinance.
  Date Adopted: ________________

☐ Tree Commission
  Please attach a list of members and meeting dates.

☐ Tree Budget
  Please attach a copy of your tree budget
  Residential: Number of households: ______
  Annual Budget: ________________