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.

To see if your community qualifies as a Delaware Tree Friendly Community, please complete the attached application. The final day to apply is September 1, 2022. Applications will be reviewed by the U&CF Council and DFS Staff. Communities that qualify will receive a letter of acceptance in October 2022. Accepted 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. Applications submitted on odd years will be required to recertify the following year and every two years after to maintain a Tree Friendly Community Status.

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: ___________________________

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

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

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

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

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