

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, 2025. Applications will be reviewed by the U&CF Council and DFS Staff. Communities that qualify will receive a letter of acceptance in October 2025. 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: 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 & 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 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: _____