

Kansas Forest Service 2015 Recognition for Tree City USA Communities, Tree Line USA, and Tree Campus USA

Celebrating 40 Years of Tree City USA
March 23 – 24, 2016 — Newton, Kansas



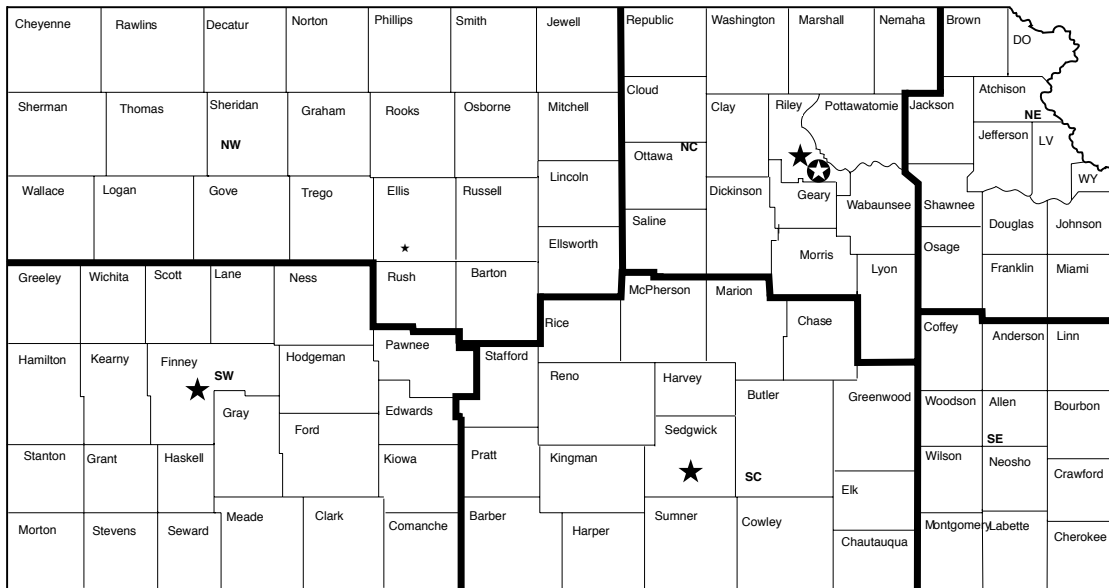
TREE CITY USA®



KANSAS COMMUNITY FORESTRY



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2015 Kansas Forest Service Recognition of Tree City USA Communities Tree Line USA Utilities and Tree Campus USA Universities *40th Annual*



Lansing, KS



Haven, KS



Pittsburg, KS

Celebrating 40 Years of Tree City USA

March 24, 2016

The Kansas Community Forestry Program



The Kansas Community Forestry Program is sponsored by the Kansas Forest Service in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service. The program's purpose is to educate citizens and decision-makers about the economic, environmental, psychological and aesthetic benefits of trees and to assist local governments, citizen groups and volunteers in planting and sustaining healthy trees and vegetation wherever people live and work in the State of Kansas.

This Recognition Day is sponsored and provided by the Kansas Forest Service and was made possible, in part, by a grant from the USDA Forest Service*. A special thank you to the staff of the Kansas Forest Service who promotes and supports the Tree City USA Program in the field.

Lastly, and not least of all, thank you to all the volunteers, tree board members, municipal staff, organizations and agencies who promote, protect and maintain trees as a necessary part of all our communities. Your tireless efforts are greatly appreciated and you are the ones which make the Kansas Tree City USA Program so successful!

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Larry Biles, State Forester

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**TREE CITY USA
RECOGNITION EVENT
40th Annual
Thursday March 24, 2016
Meridian Center - Newton, Kansas**

8:00 – 9:00	Registration and Continental Breakfast
9:00 – 9:30	Welcome and Introductions 'A Look Back at Community Forestry in Kansas', Larry Biles, State Forester, Kansas Forest Service
9:30 – 10:30	'Elm...No Longer a Four Letter Word', Dr. Jason Griffin, Associate Professor, State Extension Leader and Director of the JCPHC, KSRE
10:30 – 11:00	BREAK
11:00 – 12:00	'Community Forestry- 'Past, Present and Future', Eric Berg, Community Forestry and Sustainable Landscapes Program Leader, NFS
12:00 – 1:00	LUNCH (catered) Awards presentation: Poster Contest, State Forester's, Tree Line USA and Tree Campus USA Special Presentation of 40 Year TCUSA Communities: Clay Center, Dodge City, Junction City and Newton.
1:00 – 2:00	'ADF Presentation', Michelle Scribner and Amber Filipi, Arbor Day Foundation
2:00 – 2:20	BREAK
2:20 – 3:00	TCUSA 2015 Awards and Photos
3:00	Adjourn

Tree City USA

To qualify for Tree City USA a community must meet four standards established by the National Arbor Day Foundation and the National Association of State Foresters. These standards were established to ensure that every qualifying community would have a viable tree management plan and program. These program requirements are:

- 1. A Tree Board or Department:**
The community has a board, commission or department with legal responsibility for the care of public trees and authority to develop and administer a community tree management program.
- 2. A Community Tree Ordinance:**
A municipal tree ordinance regulates and establishes authority for tree planting, maintenance, protection and removal.
- 3. A Community Forestry Budget of at least \$2 per Capita:**
Evidence is required that the community has established a community forestry program that is supported by an annual budget of at least \$2 per capita. The budget should address the needs of species diversity, planting and removal needs, hazardous trees, insect and disease problems and establish a pattern of regular tree care such as pruning and watering.
- 4. An Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation:**
The community issues a mayoral (or equivalent) Arbor Day proclamation and sponsors or participates in an Arbor Day observance.



Tree Line USA

The Arbor Day Foundation, in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters, recognizes public and private utilities that demonstrate practices that protect and enhance America's urban forests. The Tree Line USA program promotes the dual goals of safe, reliable electric service and abundant, healthy trees across utility service areas.

The Tree Line USA® program seeks to promote best practices in utility arboriculture and public education through five core standards:

- [Quality Tree Care](#)— The utility follows industry standards for pruning, planting, removals, and trenching and tunneling near trees.
- [Annual Worker training](#)— The utility ensures that its employees and contract workers are trained in best practices.
- [Tree Planting and Public Education](#)— The utility sponsors and participates in a tree planting and public education program designed to expand canopy and educate customers about the proper tree planting, placement, and pruning.
- [Tree-based Energy Conservation Program](#)— The utility has a formal tree-based energy conservation program which makes special consideration of the value of trees in conserving energy.
- [Arbor Day Celebration](#)— The utility sponsors and/or participates in annual Arbor Day events, and collaborates with community groups, where possible.

Detailed information regarding the Arbor Day Foundation's Tree Line USA Program can be found

at: <http://www.arborday.org/programs/treeLineUSA/summary.cfm>



Tree Campus USA Program

Tree Campus USA program recognizes college and university campuses that:

- Effectively manage their campus trees.
- Develop connectivity with the community beyond campus borders to foster healthy, urban forests.
- Strive to engage their student population utilizing service learning opportunities centered on campus, and community, forestry efforts.

Colleges and universities across the United States can be recognized as a Tree Campus USA college by meeting [five standards](#) developed to promote healthy trees and student involvement.

The standards should be completed, and application submitted, by December 31 to be recognized as a Tree Campus USA college for that calendar year.

- [Standard 1 — Campus Tree Advisory Committee](#)
- [Standard 2 — Campus Tree Care Plan](#)
- [Standard 3 — Campus Tree Program with Dedicated Annual Expenditures](#)
- [Standard 4 — Arbor Day Observance](#)
- [Standard 5 — Service Learning Project](#)

Detailed information regarding the Arbor Day Foundation's Tree Campus USA Program can be found at:

<http://www.arborday.org/programs/treeCampusUSA/index.cfm>





Tree City USA Program Benefits:

Every community, regardless of size, benefits from becoming a Tree City USA. Tree City USA provides focused direction, technical assistance, public attention and national recognition to community forestry programs in 100 Kansas communities across the state. These program benefits include:

Framework for Action:

Meeting the four standards for becoming a Tree City USA provides the initial direction for a community forestry program and helps get the community started towards an annual, systematic management of its tree resource.

Education:

Assistance and training opportunities provided by the Kansas Forest Service and a variety of other professional resources, aid in supporting the education process throughout the community's involvement in the program.

Public Image:

Becoming a Tree City USA helps to present the kind of image most individuals want to have for the place they live or work. The Tree City USA flag and signs along public highways tell visitors your community cares about the environment.

Citizen Pride:

Gaining and retaining Tree City USA status recognition is an award to the tree board, city council, volunteers, tree workers and city managers who work on behalf of the care and management of a community's trees.

Financial Assistance:

Preference is often given to Tree City USA communities when allocations of grant money are available for trees or forestry programs because the community has already demonstrated the foresight of proactive management in becoming a Tree City USA community.

Publicity:

Presentation of the Tree City Award at the annual Tree City Recognition Day and the celebration of Arbor Day offer excellent publicity opportunities.

Tree City USA Fact Sheet for 2015

Tree City USA is a national program sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation and administered in Kansas by the **Kansas Forest Service**. Tree City USA recognizes towns that have organized community forestry programs supported by municipal ordinance that meet 4 program standards:

1. A **Tree Board or Department** must be charged by municipal ordinance to develop and administer a comprehensive program.
2. A **Municipal Tree Ordinance** must designate a board or city department responsible for public tree care and outline responsibilities of the board or city department including writing and implementing an annual plan of work.
3. A minimum **annual budget of \$2 per capita** must be spent on the program.
4. The community must have an **Arbor Day Ceremony and Proclamation**.

- 🌳 Kansas was one of the first states (1972) to recognize the importance of managing urban and community forests (largely due to Dutch elm disease) and has been involved in the Tree City USA Program for 40 years.
- 🌳 Kansas began with 11 Tree City USA communities in 1976 and has grown to 100 communities in 2015.
- 🌳 In 2015 Tree City USA Communities spent 17.4 million managing the community forestry resources of Kansas.
- 🌳 Tree City USA communities represent 69% of the population of Kansas.
- 🌳 In 2015, Tree City USA communities planted 8,478 trees, pruned 53,795 and removed 11,536 dead or dying trees.
- 🌳 522 volunteer Tree Board members provide direction to 100 municipalities in the operation of their community forestry programs. Twenty Tree City USA towns have city departments or staff conducting the community forestry program.
- 🌳 In addition to volunteer tree board members another 1,512 volunteers assisted with tree planting, pruning, removal and educational events such as Arbor Day ceremonies. Volunteers posted 17,946 hours over the last year.
- 🌳 Clay Center, Dodge City, Junction City and Newton are the only Kansas Communities which have remained certified 40 consecutive years as Tree City USA since the program began in 1976.
- 🌳 Sabetha and Wamego are both returning communities.
- 🌳 Alta Vista joined as a new community in 2015.
- 🌳 In 2015, 7 Kansas communities qualified to receive the NADF Growth Award.
- 🌳 Westar Energy was certified as a Tree Line USA Utility Company for the 17th consecutive year.
- 🌳 Baker University was certified as a Tree Campus USA university for the 6th year. This is the first university to receive this certification within the state of Kansas. The University of Kansas certified as a Tree Campus USA university for the 4th year. The Emporia State University and the Kansas State University certified as a Tree Campus USA university for the 3rd year. The University of Kansas Medical Center has certified as Tree Campus USA for the 2nd year.



State Forester Award Recipients For Community Forestry

Eligibility - The State Forester Community Forestry Award is presented on an annual basis to any resident of the State of Kansas who significantly improves the community forest within their own community, regionally or statewide. Nominations are selected and submitted by District Foresters of the Kansas Forest Service. Though special consideration is given to volunteers, anyone may be nominated. The award is intended to recognize individuals who have made a positive and measurable impact on the community forestry resources of the state.

2015

Burke Lewis – Newton
Bob Ash – Salina

2014

Alan Geier – Garden City

2013

Brad Loveless – Lyndon

2012

John Barbur – Fort Riley and Abilene

2011

Chuck Smith – Great Bend

2010

Tim Martz – Wichita
Thane Rogers – Wichita

2009

Carmen Stauth – Greensburg

2008

Barry Ragan – St. John

2007

Rick Spurgeon – Olathe

2006

Don Reed – Clay Center

2005

Clarence Brown – Oswego

2004

Gial Kaegi - Derby
Grant Kaegi - McPherson

2003

Franklin Fisher - Waterville
Vern Wadsworth – Sedgwick

2002

Cheryl Mussatto - Osage City

2001

Hazel Craig - Mulvane
Velda Roberts – Tonganoxie

2000

Bob Switzer - Mankato
Bill Wood – Mankato

1999

Max Bergen - Clay Center

1998

Anita Switzer – Formoso

1997

Ralph Bell – Mulvane

1996

Al Goering – Neodesha

1995

Jim Finlen - Lenexa
Joan Wendel - Roeland Park

1994

Bill Ogden - Cunningham
Bob Haines - Overland Park
Chuck Evanhoe - Derby
Bob Andrews - Parsons
Jenco Wholesale Nursery - Wichita

Cathy Engler - Ulysses
Neal Berry - Dodge City

1993

Alfred Tonn - Haven
Wayne Ukena - Valley Falls

Wes Enz - Moundridge
Al Nuefeld - Moundridge

Earl Siefert – Parsons

1992

Clair Fisher - Russell
Wes Adell - Lindsborg
Patti Armstrong - Lenexa

1991

Paul Cole - Merriam
John Sullivan - Westwood
Mary Hughes - Parsons
Donna Seeley - Parsons
Don Wiles - Dodge City
Rose Garrison - Norton
Karen Younce - Anthony
Steve Meyer - Newton
Jacob Weber - Columbus
Dan Baffa - Garden City

Community Forestry Resource in Kansas:

- ❖ Kansas has 942,507 acres of urban land which comprises the urban and community forests of the state (Nowak and Greenfield, 2009).
- ❖ Kansas urban and community forest is at risk. In most communities the forest is in decline. One tree is planted for every 4 removed (American Forests). Tree planting has not kept up with tree removal. In addition 24% of all street trees are in poor condition.
- ❖ Research indicates that 29% of street side space in Kansas communities is available and in need of new tree plantings (American Forests, 1989).
- ❖ Inventories indicate that trees such as American elm, Siberian elm, silver maple, hackberry and ash comprise a greater percent of our community forest than what is considered healthy.
- ❖ 35% of Kansas street trees have recently been planted (under 3" in diameter) which is a healthy trend. This indicates that Tree City USA towns are making a difference with planting programs.
- ❖ Kansas community forests are characterized by over mature trees dominated by elm, silver maple and hackberry. The urban canopy has been further degraded by years of drought and pest issues.
- ❖ Recent inventories indicate that Tree City USA towns increase the diversity of species with tree planting programs.
- ❖ Healthy community forest ecosystems include a mix and diversity of tree species and sizes (age classes) and have enough good soil available to grow large trees.
- ❖ The average tree in a city only lives 32 years and a tree located downtown lives only 7 to 10 years (American Forests, 1989).
- ❖ Street trees make up 18% of most community forests.
- ❖ Average tree cover in urban lands in Kansas is 8.7% and the average tree cover in community lands in Kansas is 9.1%. The average impervious surface cover in Kansas community lands is 23% (Nowak and Greenfield 2009).
- ❖ Between 1990 and 2000, urban land in Kansas increased by 14.1%. By 2050, Kansas urban land is projected to increase to 3.2%, which would almost triple the 2000 figure of 1.1% urban land cover in Kansas (Nowak and Greenfield, 2009).
- ❖ Statewide, urban and community land in Kansas has estimated 33.1 million trees that annually removes \$47.4 million of air pollution (Nowak and Greenfield, 2011).



2015 Tree City USA Recipients Number of Years in Program and Growth Awards



TREE CITY USA

Bomberger - Northeast (37)

38 Lawrence
 37 Overland Park GA25
 34 Atchison
 33 Olathe GA23
 31 Fairway
 31 Merriam
 30 Bonner Springs
 30 Topeka
 28 Lenexa
 28 Westwood
 25 Osage City
 24 Mission Hills
 23 Roeland Park GA21
 22 Leavenworth
 21 Effingham
 21 Lake Quivira
 21 Oskaloosa
 20 Valley Falls
 20 Leawood
 20 Spring Hill
 19 Louisburg
 19 Prairie Village
 19 Shawnee GA11
 19 Troy
 19 Westwood Hills
 17 Ottawa
 16 Lansing
 15 Lyndon
 14 Mission
 13 Baldwin City
 13 Gardner
 12 Paola
 11 Morrill
 11 Osawatomie
 8 UG KCK & WY Co.
 5 Burlingame
 3 Eudora

Bomberger - North Central (17)

40 Clay Center
 40 Junction City
 39 Manhattan
 39 Waterville
 36 Marysville
 34 Blue Rapids
 30 Emporia
 29 Ft. Riley
 27 Herington
 26 Salina
 24 Abilene
 24 Wamego
 20 Council Grove
 14 Clyde
 8 Chapman
 4 Sabetha
 1 Alta Vista

Peterson - Northwest (9)

39 Beloit
 37 Goodland
 37 Hays
 33 Great Bend GA4
 31 Formoso
 30 Russell
 29 Phillipsburg
 20 Atwood
 14 Colby

McDonnell - Southeast (4)

27 Parsons
 26 Oswego
 23 Burlington
 11 Pittsburg

McDonnell - South Central (27)

40 Newton
 38 Halstead
 38 McPherson
 36 Haven
 35 Winfield
 31 Anthony
 31 Hesston
 31 Lindsborg
 30 Wichita
 25 Mulvane
 23 Cunningham
 23 Derby
 23 El Dorado GA22
 23 Windom
 22 Arkansas City
 22 Hutchinson GA17
 21 Marquette
 20 Bel Aire
 19 Harper
 17 Sedgwick
 17 Park City
 16 Haysville
 16 Oxford
 11 Augusta
 11 Lyons
 10 Mount Hope
 3 Kechi

Klempa - Southwest (6)

40 Dodge City
 38 Garden City
 33 Liberal
 20 Kiowa
 20 St. John
 8 Greensburg

Returning:

Sabetha NC
 Wamego NC

Did not re-certify:

Iola SE
 Udall SC
 Wakeeney NW

New:

Alta Vista NC

TREE LINE USA:

17 Westar Energy

Tree Campus USA:

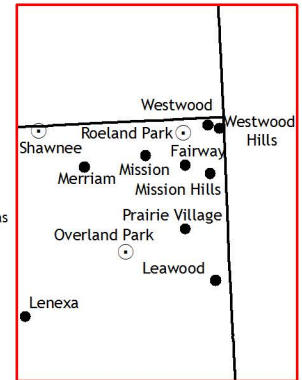
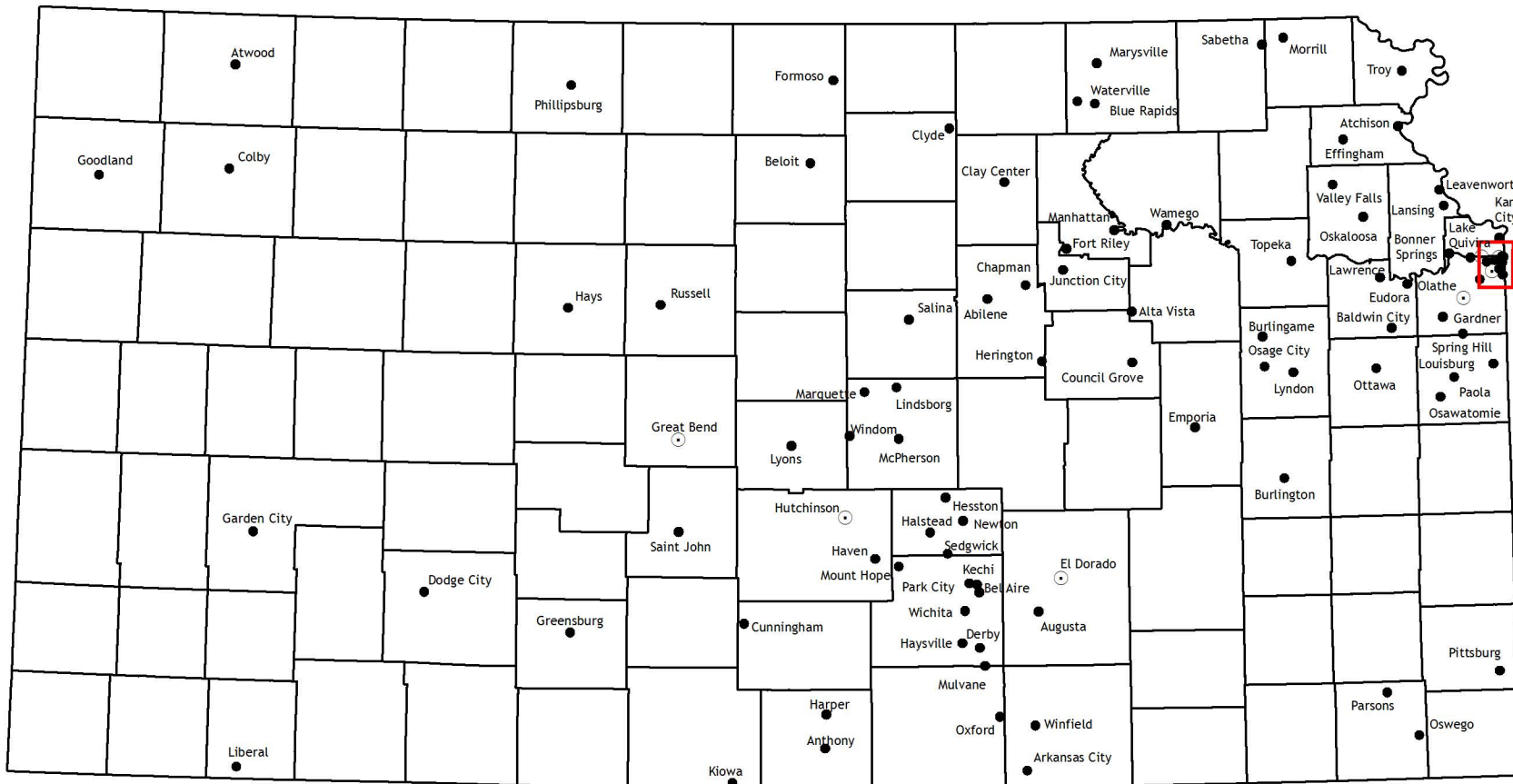
6 Baker University
 4 University of Kansas
 3 Emporia State
 University
 3 Kansas State University
 2 University of Kansas
 Medical Center

**100 Total Certifications in 2015
7 Growth Awards in 2015**



2015 CERTIFIED TREE CITY USA COMMUNITIES

Tree City USA: 40 Years of Community Forestry, 1975-2015



TREE CITY USA®



- Certified Tree City USA Community
- ⊙ Certified Tree City USA Community and Growth Award Community

In 2015, 100 Kansas communities were certified as Tree City USA Communities and 7 communities received the Growth Award for their efforts in managing the local community forest resource. Westar Energy also earned, for the 17th consecutive year, the prestigious certification as a Tree Line USA Utility Company. Five Universities in Kansas are recognized as Tree Campus USA: Baker University, The University of Kansas, Kansas State University, Emporia State University, and The University of Kansas Medical Center. Collectively these 100 Kansas communities spent 17.4 million dollars toward the care and management of the community forest resource. In addition to the 522 tree board members and department employees which run the program, 1,512 volunteers donated 17,946 hours to assist with the planting of 8,478 trees, the pruning of 53,795 trees and the removal of 11,536 trees which were dead or dying.

TREE CAMPUS USA – BAKER UNIVERSITY**6th Year**

Baker University has planted over 50 trees in the past two years to replace trees that have died during the recent drought. The goal continues to achieve 450 trees on campus with 120 individual tree species, as it was before the drought.

Campus Population	882
Tree Management Costs	\$7,418
Trees Planted	29
Trees Removed	4
Trees Pruned	30
Volunteer Hours	85

Forestry Contact: Dr. Roger Boyd, Professor Emeritus of Biology
618 Eighth St., PO Box 65
Baldwin City, KS, 66606

TREE CAMPUS USA – EMPORIA STATE UNIVERSITY**3rd Year**

To celebrate Arbor Day 2015, over 80 student volunteers worked on planting 34 trees across campus. The ESU Arbor Day Celebration was titled ‘You, Me and a Tree’.

Campus Population	6,000
Tree Management Costs	\$17,421
Trees Planted	35
Trees Removed	10
Trees Pruned	35
Volunteer Hours	300

Forestry Contact: Blythe Eddy, Director of Student Activities & Community Service
1 Kellogg Circle, Box 4065
Emporia, KS 66801

TREE CAMPUS USA – UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS**4th Year**

The Tree Advisory group hosted the 4th Annual Plant Mount Oread by planting 37 crabapple trees with the assistance of over 30 volunteers on May 1, 2015.

Campus Population	21,243
Tree Management Costs	\$128,621
Trees Planted	124
Trees Removed	53
Trees Pruned	650
Volunteer Hours	120

Forestry Contact: Jeff Severin, Director of KU Center for Sustainability
1503 Sunflower Road, Room 218
Lawrence, KS 66045

TREE CAMPUS USA – KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY 3rd Year

Students provided a three day educational venue during the week of Arbor Day. It included a walking path through campus highlighting 18 particular trees with posters and educational information, as well as live demonstrations.

Campus Population	23,000
Tree Management Costs	\$106,990
Trees Planted	105
Trees Removed	50
Trees Pruned	150
Volunteer Hours	368

Forestry Contact: Dr. Cathie Lavis, Associate Professor
2021 Throckmorton Plant Science Center
Kansas State University
Manhattan, KS 66506

TREE CAMPUS USA – UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS Medical Center 2nd Year

In 2015 they developed a Master Plan to create a giving opportunity through their 150 Tree Campaign. They have raised donations for over 120 trees.

Campus Population	3,383
Tree Management Costs	\$149,140
Trees Planted	160
Trees Removed	23
Trees Pruned	15
Volunteer Hours	27

Forestry Contact: Eric Tow, Manager of Landscape
University of Kansas Medical Center
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Kansas City, KS 66160



Westar Energy’s tree planting program is carried out by its Green Team, a group of employee volunteers scattered throughout our Kansas service territory. Each year The group completes 60-90 projects, including tree and native grass plantings, terrestrial and wetland enhancement and development, restoration of sensitive plant and animal species, and environmental education initiatives.

In 2015, Westar Energy spent \$12,346.95 in volunteer labor, trees and materials on 9 projects at schools, parks, communities and natural areas across Kansas. Westar Energy continues to provide “Right Tree, Right Place” and energy conservation education through its website and newsletters. They spent \$28,089.75 on this Tree-based Energy Conservation Program. They also provided \$500.00 as a sponsor of the KFS Poster Contest.

Westar Energy continues to provide education and outreach through their ReliabiliTREE program. Our program was significantly increased this year to include several radio, television and print promotions to educate customers on the dangers of trees coming into contact with powerlines. The cost of this program was \$552,500.00 in 2015.

Westar Energy’s Green Team also participated in the Arbor Day celebration in Wichita, Kansas at Earhart Environmental Magnet School along with the City of Wichita.

Households Served by Utility 686,000

Expenditures for Tree programs \$593,436.70

Education and Distribution An educational insert emphasizing energy conservation and ‘Right Tree, Right Place’ was mailed out to 686,000 customers

**Forestry Contact Brad Loveless, Executive Director, Env. Services
Chairperson, Green Team Programs
Westar Energy
818 Kansas Avenue
Topeka, Kansas**



2015 Program Year Tree City USA Summary Report

Community	PMAS Category	County	Pop.	YRS	Award	Dollars Expended	Storm Damage Expenditure	EAB Mgmt	Trees Planted	Trees Pruned	Trees Removed	# of Volunteers	# of Tree B Mem	# In Dept.
NE Atchison	M	Atchison	11,000	34	TC USA	\$27,353	\$0	\$0	21	375	19	0	9	1
NE Baldwin City	M	Douglas	4,540	13	TC USA	\$33,828	\$0	\$0	10	592	27	8	5	0
NE Bonner Springs	M	Wyandotte	7,420	30	TC USA	\$27,099	\$0	\$1,152	4	459	21	11	12	1
NE Burlingame	M	Osage	934	5	TC USA	\$4,966	\$0	\$0	3	15	5	12	5	1
NE Effingham	M	Atchison	508	21	TC USA	\$5,363	\$0	\$0	9	25	5	6	4	0
NE Eudora	M	Douglas	6,300	3	TC USA	\$63,791	\$16,078	\$2,000	50	150	40	10	2	2
NE Fairway	M	Johnson	3,882	31	TC USA	\$94,180	\$0	\$40,769	13	736	12	6	6	2
NE Gardner	M	Johnson	19,123	13	TC USA	\$110,088	\$0	\$3,508	165	556	40	30	0	1
NE Lake Quivira	M	Johnson	1,100	21	TC USA	\$20,231	\$3,500	\$346	10	250	15	4	5	1
NE Lansing	M	Leavenworth	10,906	16	TC USA	\$46,395	\$0	\$0	26	520	850	15	6	1
NE Lawrence	M	Douglas	97,193	38	TC USA	\$1,074,963	\$0	\$0	662	721	321	161	4	1
NE Leavenworth	M	Leavenworth	34,702	22	TC USA	\$179,839	\$0	\$1,888	11	56	5	8	8	1
NE Leawood	M	Johnson	32,991	20	TC USA	\$291,281	\$0	\$16,000	202	741	461	24	0	2
NE Lenexa	M	Johnson	51,042	28	TC USA	\$528,929	\$65,723	\$10,784	460	4,500	158	157	5	5
NE Louisburg	M	Miami	4,100	19	TC USA	\$8,335	\$0	\$0	12	18	1	5	5	1
NE Lyndon	M	Osage	1,052	15	TC USA	\$2,251	\$0	\$0	37	10	0	19	5	0
NE Merriam	M	Johnson	12,000	31	TC USA	\$38,628	\$6,420	\$107	132	1,250	127	0	0	18
NE Mission	M	Johnson	9,323	14	TC USA	\$35,961	\$0	\$945	49	44	8	6	6	2
NE Mission Hills	M	Johnson	3,498	24	TC USA	\$405,434	\$8,913	\$16,795	151	1,603	88	13	4	2
NE Morrill	M	Brown	226	11	TC USA	\$3,021	\$0	\$0	12	5	2	17	5	0
NE Olathe	M	Johnson	134,136	33	TC USA/Growth	\$641,644	\$0	\$8,500	918	983	304	0	0	3
NE Osage City	M	Osage	2,951	25	TC USA	\$37,342	\$0	\$0	32	38	188	9	6	0
NE Osawatomie	M	Miami	4,388	11	TC USA	\$21,969	\$4,319	\$0	3	143	7	0	0	1
NE Oskaloosa	M	Jefferson	1,089	21	TC USA	\$7,539	\$0	\$0	3	0	0	7	5	0
NE Ottawa	M	Franklin	12,649	17	TC USA	\$148,544	\$0	\$0	9	54	45	62	7	1
NE Overland Park	M	Johnson	173,225	37	TC USA/Growth	\$1,359,760	\$0	\$0	412	1,000	284	138	9	1
NE Paola	M	Miami	5,000	12	TC USA	\$37,150	\$0	\$0	71	100	20	0	0	1
NE Prairie Village	M	Johnson	21,477	19	TC USA	\$292,909	\$0	\$44,626	311	3,323	94	8	10	1
NE Roeland Park	M	Johnson	6,731	23	TCUSA/Growth	\$110,321	\$6,750	\$17,900	23	130	75	20	9	1
NE Shawnee	M	Johnson	64,323	19	TC USA/Growth	\$410,018	\$0	\$3,010	172	430	63	76	10	1
NE Spring Hill	M	Johnson	5,700	20	TC USA	\$21,773	\$0	\$0	7	92	102	35	4	1
NE Topeka	M	Shawnee	127,000	30	TC USA	\$750,579	\$0	\$0	7	1,457	473	0	0	1
NE Troy	M	Doniphan	1,010	19	TC USA	\$2,020	\$0	\$0	15	150	0	3	3	0
NE UG/KCK	M	Wyandotte	143,209	8	TC USA	\$3,808,230	\$0	\$17,878	94	361	35	33	7	6
NE Valley Falls	M	Jefferson	1,192	20	TC USA	\$7,016	\$0	\$150	1	100	5	24	6	0
NE Westwood	M	Johnson	1,533	28	TC USA	\$13,433	\$4,375	\$0	1	15	7	0	3	1
NE Westwood Hills	M	Johnson	359	18	TC USA	\$12,634	\$0	\$0	1	3	2	32	7	1
NE SubTotal	N/A	N/A	1,017,812	N/A	37(4)	\$10,684,817	\$116,078	\$186,358	4,119	21,005	3,909	959	182	62

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NC	Alta Vista	M	Wabausee	436	1	TC USA	\$6,266	\$0	\$0	32	45	8	48	5	1
NC	Abilene	M	Dickinson	6,590	24	TC USA	\$22,010	\$6,800	\$0	14	125	12	5	5	1
NC	Blue Rapids	M	Marshall	997	34	TC USA	\$2,238	\$0	\$0	3	150	0	5	5	1
NC	Chapman	M	Dickinson	1,350	8	TC USA	\$24,470	\$1,000	\$50	7	50	1	1	4	0
NC	Clay Center	M	Clay	4,239	40	TC USA	\$23,679	\$0	\$0	26	621	13	7	7	1
NC	Clyde	M	Cloud	716	14	TC USA	\$3,247	\$0	\$0	5	48	2	8	5	0
NC	Council Grove	M	Morris	2,100	20	TC USA	\$10,154	\$0	\$0	5	250	20	0	0	1
NC	Emporia	M	Lyon	24,560	30	TC USA	\$201,339	\$0	\$0	57	2,667	228	0	0	1
NC	Fort Riley	M	Geary	18,780	29	TC USA	\$331,930	\$9,450	\$0	6	496	283	0	4	1
NC	Herington	M	Dickinson	2,525	27	TC USA	\$57,670	\$0	\$0	31	50	20	0	3	1
NC	Junction City	M	Geary	24,520	40	TC USA	\$168,952	\$0	\$0	0	0	25	3	7	2
NC	Manhattan	M	Riley	57,544	39	TC USA	\$318,000	\$0	\$0	150	2,317	225	0	2	1
NC	Marysville	M	Marshall	3,295	36	TC USA	\$9,796	\$0	\$0	12	94	11	10	4	0
NC	Sabetha	M	Saline	2,500	4	TC USA	\$16,591	\$0	\$0	31	50	8	5	5	1
NC	Salina	M	Saline	48,000	26	TC USA	\$189,777	\$0	\$0	50	450	68	6	6	1
NC	Wamego	M	Pottawatomie	4,800	24	TC USA	\$24,245	\$0	\$0	7	300	40	0	3	1
NC	Waterville	M	Marshall	671	39	TC USA	\$7,522	\$0	\$0	2	60	0	6	5	0
NC SubTotal	N/A	N/A	203,623	N/A	17	\$1,417,886	\$17,250	\$50	438	7,773	964	104	70	14	
NW	Atwood	M	Rawlins	1,241	20	TC USA	\$88,889	\$4,179	\$0	43	597	52	48	7	0
NW	Beloit	M	Mitchell	3,700	39	TC USA	\$33,281	\$0	\$0	27	95	43	6	7	1
NW	Colby	M	Thomas	5,500	14	TC USA	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	70	200	30	5	5	0
NW	Formoso	M	Jewell	110	31	TC USA	\$3,815	\$0	\$0	3	30	4	9	5	0
NW	Goodland	M	Sherman	4,557	37	TC USA	\$96,358	\$0	\$0	10	165	19	2	6	0
NW	Great Bend	M	Barton	16,000	33	TC USA/Growth	\$522,088	\$0	\$0	335	748	96	10	6	1
NW	Hays	M	Ellis	20,510	37	TC USA	\$98,696	\$0	\$0	255	200	283	75	15	3
NW	Phillipsburg	M	Phillips	2,581	29	TC USA	\$6,526	\$0	\$0	7	37	6	50	3	0
NW	Russell	M	Russell	4,300	30	TC USA	\$33,130	\$0	\$0	51	92	19	6	8	2
NW SubTotal	N/A	N/A	58,499	N/A	9(1)	\$897,784	\$4,179	\$0	801	2,164	552	211	62	7	
SE	Burlington	M	Coffey	2,674	23	TC USA	\$7,573	\$0	\$0	42	47	19	3	3	2
SE	Oswego	M	Labette	1,849	26	TC USA	\$30,271	\$0	\$0	26	60	1	30	5	1
SE	Parsons	M	Labette	10,500	27	TC USA	\$175,150	\$0	\$0	34	150	33	7	7	3
SE	Pittsburg	M	Crawford	20,233	11	TC USA	\$49,661	\$0	\$0	12	100	75	3	3	3
SE SubTotal	N/A	N/A	35,256	N/A	4	\$262,655	\$0	\$0	114	357	128	43	18	9	
SC	Anthony	M	Harper	2,280	31	TC USA	\$10,728	\$0	\$0	20	60	32	7	7	1
SC	Arkansas City	M	Cowley	12,340	22	TC USA	\$174,000	\$0	\$0	5	310	609	4	4	2
SC	Augusta	M	Butler	9,274	11	TC USA	\$201,190	\$0	\$0	8	70	441	7	7	2
SC	Bel Aire	M	Sedgwick	6,916	20	TC USA	\$15,767	\$0	\$0	17	142	84	5	5	2
SC	Cunningham	M	Kingman	454	23	TC USA	\$2,799	\$0	\$0	2	2	3	3	3	0

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SC	Derby	M	Sedgwick	23,234	23	TC USA	\$182,134	\$0	\$0	134	1,381	187	8	8	3
SC	El Dorado	M	Butler	13,100	23	TC USA/Growth	\$46,871	\$0	\$0	85	352	41	5	5	2
SC	Halstead	M	Harvey	2,095	38	TC USA	\$5,079	\$0	\$0	50	21	5	7	5	1
SC	Harper	M	Harper	1,412	19	TC USA	\$6,675	\$0	\$0	14	25	10	12	2	0
SC	Haven	M	Reno	1,200	36	TC USA	\$13,810	\$0	\$0	10	306	3	5	5	1
SC	Haysville	M	Sedgwick	11,000	16	TC USA	\$25,489	\$0	\$0	3	35	15	5	5	2
SC	Hesston	M	Harvey	3,970	31	TC USA	16,742	\$0	\$0	77	149	22	7	5	2
SC	Hutchinson	M	Reno	42,080	22	TC USA/Growth	\$100,239	\$0	\$0	775	560	36	4	4	3
SC	Kechi	M	Sedgwick	2,303	3	TC USA	\$6,629	\$0	\$0	17	0	9	5	6	1
SC	Lindsborg	M	McPherson	3,485	31	TC USA	\$54,587	\$0	\$0	148	350	45	7	7	2
SC	Lyons	M	Rice	3,732	11	TC USA	\$29,864	\$0	\$0	102	310	15	7	8	1
SC	Marquette	M	McPherson	641	21	TC USA	\$31,240	\$0	\$0	50	110	16	7	8	1
SC	McPherson	M	McPherson	17,332	38	TC USA	\$203,992	\$0	\$0	200	0	70	5	6	2
SC	Mount Hope	M	Sedgwick	817	10	TC USA	\$6,550	\$0	\$0	18	0	6	3	3	0
SC	Mulvane	M	SU/SG	6,800	25	TC USA	\$19,528	\$0	\$0	12	270	22	6	6	2
SC	Newton	M	Harvey	19,120	40	TC USA	\$60,228	\$0	\$0	111	180	83	5	5	3
SC	Oxford	M	Sumner	1,022	16	TC USA	\$14,256	\$0	\$0	4	150	1	16	6	1
SC	Park City	M	Sedgwick	7,499	17	TC USA	\$54,553	\$0	\$0	14	840	8	10	8	2
SC	Sedgwick	M	SG/HV	1,702	17	TC USA	\$9,350	\$0	\$0	1	300	0	7	7	1
SC	Wichita	M	Sedgwick	386,552	30	TC USA	\$2,392,151	\$0	\$0	812	14,259	3,804	0	0	15
SC	Windom	M	McPherson	110	23	TC USA	\$2,840	\$0	\$0	1	17	10	5	5	0
SC	Winfield	M	Cowley	12,500	35	TC USA	\$68,740	\$0	\$0	29	0	0	9	9	3
SC SubTotal	N/A	N/A	592,970	N/A	27(2)	\$3,756,031	\$0	\$0	2,719	20,199	5,577	171	149	55	
SW	Dodge City	M	Ford	28,117	40	TC USA	\$222,000	\$0	\$0	114	313	104	0	9	2
SW	Garden City	M	Finney	30,000	38	TC USA	\$84,975	\$0	\$0	91	1,638	277	0	8	3
SW	Greensburg	M	Kiowa	777	8	TC USA	\$2,142	\$0	\$0	1	0	3	5	9	1
SW	Kiowa	M	Barber	1,028	20	TC USA	\$5,733	\$236	\$0	10	25	6	0	7	0
SW	Liberal	M	Seward	22,000	33	TC USA	\$48,000	\$0	\$0	70	300	15	0	4	1
SW	St John	M	Stafford	1,200	20	TC USA	\$8,070	\$0	\$0	1	21	1	19	4	1
SW SubTotal	N/A	N/A	83,122	N/A	6	\$370,920	\$236	\$0	287	2,297	406	24	41	8	
GRAND TOTAL	N/A	N/A	1,991,282	N/A	100 (7)	\$17,390,093	\$137,743	\$186,408	8,478	53,795	11,536	1,512	522	155	

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Trees are Tremendous to (CITY)

Topeka, KS – (CITY) has once again been recognized by the Kansas Forest Service and the Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA Community. Ceremonies were held in Topeka, Kansas to pay tribute and recognize the 100 Kansas Communities that are actively managing their community forest. (CITY) has been recognized as a Tree City USA for (____) years.

To qualify for Tree City USA a community must designate a tree board or department by municipal ordinance to operate the program, have an annual budget of \$2 per capita and participate in Arbor Day with a proclamation and tree planting ceremony.

“People tend to take trees for granted. That’s why (CITY) accomplishments in the Tree City USA program are so important. Collectively, Kansas Tree City USA Communities spent \$17.4 million in 2015 managing Kansas’ community forest by planting over 8,478 trees, pruning 53,795 and removing over 11,536 dead or defective trees,” said Tim McDonnell, Community Forestry Program Coordinator for the Kansas Forest Service.

Research indicates that Kansas’ community forestry is at risk. Only one tree is being planted for every four removed. The national trend reveals that urban areas are expanding by 2.2 million acres each year. The values that trees provide are generally not considered as urban expansion occurs. Consequently valuable green space is lost each year.

“Communities like (CITY) are making a difference but they need additional support with funding and volunteers,” he said. “Only when community-wide involvement exists will positive change occur in the present trends.” McDonnell encourages the people of (CITY) to take the time to thank the volunteers who serve on the city’s Tree Board and to ask the simple question “How can I help?”.

Individuals or organizations interested in further information about trees, the (CITY) Tree Board or what you may do to help with community forestry in (CITY) may contact _____, Chairman, (CITY) Tree Board.



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