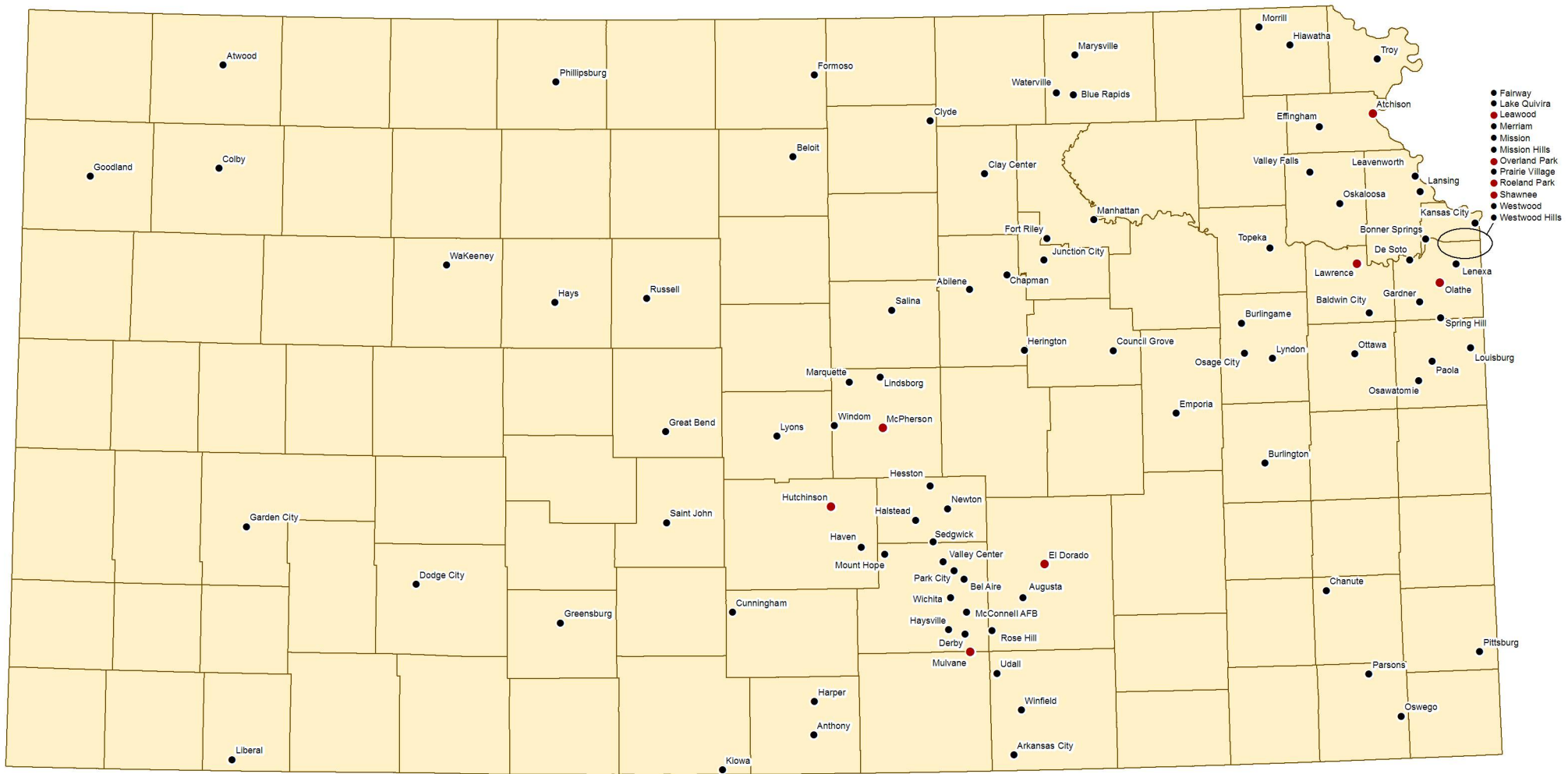




2011 CERTIFIED TREE CITY USA COMMUNITIES



- Certified Tree City USA and Growth Award Community
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In 2011, 102 Kansas communities were certified as Tree City USA Communities and 11 communities received the Growth Award for their efforts in managing the local community forest resource. Westar Energy also earned, for the 13th consecutive year, the prestigious certification as a Tree Line USA Utility Company. Baker University earned their second Tree Campus USA certification for universities. Collectively these 102 Kansas communities spent over 17.6 million dollars toward the care and management of the community forest resource. In addition to the more than 504 tree board members and department employees which run the program, more than 567 volunteers donated 16,140 hours to assist with the planting of over 10,652 trees, pruning over 55,561 trees and removing 10,341 trees which were dead or dying.