



TREE CITY USA®

Virtual Tree City USA Presentation

On behalf of the National Arbor Day Foundation, it is with a great deal of honor and pleasure that I present the City of Durango with your 40th **Tree City U.S.A. Award!** This recognition is not an automatic renewal but is an earned distinction each year.

The community completes and submits the application. The Colorado State Forest Service reviews and forwards the application to the Arbor Day Foundation (ADF) in Nebraska City. As program administrator, the ADF makes final approval.

There are four standards each community must meet to become eligible as a Tree City U.S.A. each year. These include having -

1. A Tree Board or Professional Tree Manager hired by the community;
2. A Tree Ordinance;
3. A Community Forestry Program with an annual budget of at least \$2/capita; and,
4. An Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation.

As a **Tree City U.S.A.** community, you share with the growing number of communities in Colorado, and in our nation, the many economic, social and ecological values that healthy trees provide each of us.

Community Tree Infrastructure puts dollars in our pockets by:

- Conserving energy
- Increasing property values
- Encouraging people to linger longer and spend more money in business districts...**And**

Urban and Community Trees and Greenspaces support our health and well-being by:

- Helping clean our air and water
- Helping improve quality of life in cities and towns
- Helping improve student educational performance and focus

As we continue to grow and learn more about the many benefits our tree programs provide –

Keep up the great work and Congratulations on your 2020 Tree City USA recognition!

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*The mission of the Colorado State Forest Service is to
achieve stewardship of Colorado's diverse forest environments
For the benefit of present and future generations.*

See (updated June 2020):

* *TCUSA Colorado 2018 Summary*

<https://www.arborday.org/states/documents/Colorado.pdf>

In addition:

* *Vibrant Cities Lab*

<https://www.vibrantcitieslab.com/>