

TREE CITY USA

Application for Recertification

Mail completed application with required attachment to your state forester no later than December 31. The TREE CITY USA award program is administered by the community forestry division of the Florida Department of Natural Resources. Please refer to the application for the complete instructions. (Some states require information in addition to the requested on this application. Check with your state forester.)

As Chairman of the County Commission of the community of Leon County
Title: Mayor or other city official

I herewith make application for this community to be officially recertified as a Tree City USA for 2007 having achieved the standards set forth by The National Arbor Day Foundation as noted below (year)

Standard 1 A Tree Board or Department

List board members and meeting dates for the past year or name of city department and manager

Please See Attached

Standard 2 A Community Tree Ordinance

Check One Our ordinance as last submitted is unchanged and still in effect
 Our ordinance has been changed. The new version is attached

Standard 3 A Community Forestry Program with an Annual Budget of at Least \$2 Per Capita

Total community forestry expenditures \$ _____
 Community population 97,600

Attach annual work plan outlining the work carried out during the past year. Attach breakdown of community forestry expenditures.

Standard 4 An Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation

Date observance was held January 20, 2007
 Attach program of activities and/or news coverage. Attach Arbor Day proclamation.

Signature	Title	Date
Please type or print the following		
Mayor or equivalent		
Name _____	City Forestry Contact	
Title <u>Chairman of the County Commission</u>	Name <u>Tom Jackson</u>	
Address <u>301 S Monroe Street</u>	Title <u>Right-of-Way Management Superintendent</u>	
City/State/Zip <u>Tallahassee, FL 32301</u>	Address <u>2280 Miccosukee Road</u>	
Phone # <u>(850) 606-5300</u>	City/State/Zip <u>Tallahassee FL 32308</u>	
Fax # _____	Phone # <u>(850) 606-1500</u>	
	Email _____	

NOTE: Application will not be processed without Standard 3 and 4 attachments.

Certification

(To Be Completed By The State Forester)

(Community)

The above named community has made formal application to this office. I am pleased to advise you that we reviewed the application and have concluded that based on the information contained herein said community is eligible to be recertified as a Tree City USA for the _____ calendar year having in my opinion met the four standards of achievement in urban forestry.

Signed _____
State Forester Date _____

Person in State Forester's Office who should receive recognition material

Name _____	UPS Address _____
Title _____	City/State/Zip _____
Agency _____	PH # _____ Email _____

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Tree Board and Departments

For over a decade Leon County has worked with the City of Tallahassee through an interlocal agreement to provide consistency of services to our Canopy Road System. Through a joint effort between the County, City, and citizens, the Canopy Road Citizen Committee (CRCC) assists in coordinating efforts of government, private sector, civic groups, and individuals in an effort to protect, maintain, and enhance canopy roads in our community. The County appoints four members onto the CRCC which meets on the third Monday of each month. The membership and meeting information is attached to the application (Attachment #1).

There are a number of departments that participate in the protection and maintenance of trees in our community. Within the Public Works Department, our Right Of Way (ROW) Management Program performs roadside tree planting, pruning, and removal. The ROW Management Superintendent is a Forester and Certified Arborist. This program includes the Canopy Roads Management Program, as well as all tree maintenance along 500 miles of county roads under the Roadside Beautification Program.

Within the County's Cooperative Extension Department, the Urban County Forester provides information to residents, educating them on the importance of tree care in their community. Workshops are held to train education majors at Florida State University, Florida A&M University, and Flagler College on techniques that can be utilized in teaching their future students on the importance of trees. In addition, Master Gardener classes are held to train residents on maintaining their landscape successfully.

A Community Tree Ordinance

The Leon County has several ordinances designed to protect trees. The Tree Protection Ordinance was adopted to protect trees that are unique to our community. Leon County's tree ordinances have not remained the same since last year.

Annual Tree Protection Budget

There are 97,600 individuals that reside in the unincorporated portion of Leon County. The funding is dedicated to the continued protection and maintenance of the trees in our community. Each source of funding helps to fulfill the intent of the County's ordinances to protect trees for the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the county.

One source of revenue dedicated to trees in Leon County is the Tree Bank. The Tree Bank was established to support off-site mitigation for trees that are lost due to development activities in which the replanting requirements exceed that which may be reasonably replanted on a development site. The Tree Bank is used to fund the purchase of trees, tree planting, and Arbor Day events. This year over \$10,000 was spent to support such activities.

Through the Canopy Roads Management Program, one-third of Right of Way Management team's time is dedicated to tree maintenance, utilizing a budget of \$375,745 during the 2007 fiscal year. The Right of Way management team also administers the Roadside Beautification Program by supporting roadside vegetation management in a cost-effective manner. The services managed by the Cooperative Extension Department.

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Other departments have dedicated funding during the 2007 fiscal year to improving tree quality and quantity in our community. These contributions have been made through capital improvement projects and operating costs to the maintenance of the County's greenway.

Arbor Day Observance

In previous years the County and City rotated sponsorship and administration of the Arbor Day celebrations each year; however, this year the County and City jointly participated in the observance of Arbor Day. This year's Arbor Day Celebration was observed on January 20, 2007, at Lake Elberta Park. There were 1,100 Longleaf Pine seedlings planted (Attachment #2).

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CANOPY ROADS MEETINGS FOR 2007

The following is a list of Canopy Roads Citizens Committee Meetings for 2007. Note that the meeting dates, times and locations are subject to change. All meetings start at 6:00 PM and are usually held the 3rd Monday of every other month, unless otherwise noted.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MATERIALS DUE BY</u>
January 16	Tuesday	Tallahassee Room	12/29/06
March 19	Monday	Tallahassee Room	02/23/07
May 21	Monday	Tallahassee Room	04/27/07
July 16	Monday	Tallahassee Room	06/22/07
September 17	Monday	Tallahassee Room	08/24/07
November 19	Monday	Tallahassee Room	10/26/07

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS

Outreach Subcommittee

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
02/12/07	6 00 PM	Tallahassee Room
04/09/07	6 00 PM	Tallahassee Room
06/11/07	6 00 PM	Tallahassee Room
08/13/07	6 00 PM	Tallahassee Room
10/08/07	6 00 PM	Tallahassee Room
12/10/07	6 00 PM	Tallahassee Room

Regulations Subcommittee

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
02/19/07	6 00 PM	Tallahassee Room
04/16/07	6 00 PM	Tallahassee Room
06/18/07	6 00 PM	Tallahassee Room
08/20/07	6 00 PM	Tallahassee Room
10/15/07	6 00 PM	Tallahassee Room
12/17/07	6 00 PM	Tallahassee Room

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Tree Plantings

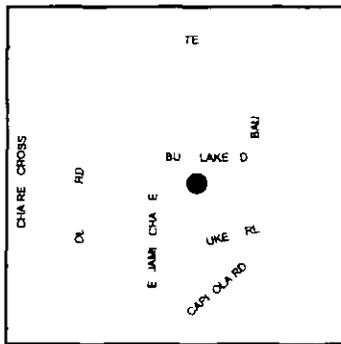
Saturday January 20, 2007

9 00 AM – until all the trees are planted!

This year we will be planting trees at three separate locations, so feel free to pick your favorite location and come out to help make it even better by planting a tree! Bring a shovel (if you can), gloves, drinking water, and friends

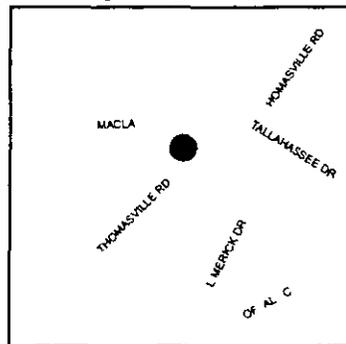
Restoration of the St. Marks Headwaters

Come participate in the restoration of a Longleaf Pine forest. We have 1 100 Longleaf Pine seedlings that need your help to find a good spot to grow. Enjoy the County supplied hayride from the parking area to the planting site!



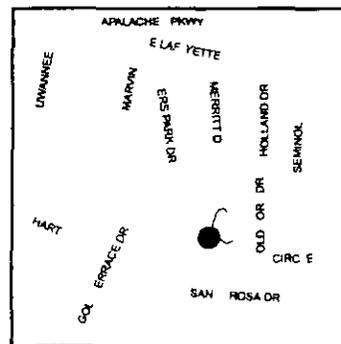
Beautification by Maclay Garden

Join in with the Friends of Maclay Gardens to help landscape the median in Maclay Road. The City Parks and Recreation Department has designed a great planting plan that will mimic some of the blooming plants that occur inside Maclay Gardens. Signs will direct you to the parking area.



Neighborhood Fun at Chapman Pond

The Meyers Park neighborhood is leading the charge to plant more trees and water loving plants around Chapman Pond. Come out and help improve one of Tallahassee's great urban parks. Meet at Chapman Pond Overflow parking at Myers Park.



For more information call Tom Jackson 606-1417 or Chuck Goodheart 933-6631



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Resolution

WHEREAS in 1872 J Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees and

WHEREAS Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

WHEREAS trees can cut energy use for heating and cooling help clean the air, reduce stormwater runoff produce life-giving oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife and

WHEREAS trees in our community increase property values enhance the economic vitality of business areas and beautify our community and have always been an important part of our communities excellent quality of life adding joy and spiritual comfort to generations of residents and visitors alike

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LEON COUNTY FLORIDA that

ARBOR DAY

be celebrated on Saturday, January 20, 2007. All citizens are urged to plant and care for trees to help continue the long lasting relationship between trees and our community. It is further encouraged that Leon County residents support efforts to protect our existing trees and woodlands so that we may all enjoy the many benefits of majestic mature trees in the future

DATED this 9th day of January A D 2007

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA



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C E "Ed" DePuy, Chairman

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Jane G. Sauls, Vice Chairman

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ATTEST

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Parwez Alam, Administrator