

# TREE CITY USA

# Application for Recertification

Attachment # 1  
of 10

Mail completed application with requested attachments to your state forester no later than December 31.  
The TREE CITY USA award is in recognition of work completed by the community during the calendar year.  
Please provide information for the year ending \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Some states require information in addition to the requested on this application. Check with your state foresters.)

As Chairman 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 2010, 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 ..... \$ 892,423  
Community populations ..... 96,924

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 23, 2010  
Attach program of activities and/or news coverage. Attach Arbor Day proclamation.

Signature	Title	Date
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Please type or print the following:

**Mayor or equivalent:**

Name: John Dailey  
Title: Chairman of the Leon County Commission  
Address: 301 S. Monroe Street  
City, State, Zip: Tallahassee, FL 32301  
Phone #: (850)606-5300  
Email: daileyj@leoncountyfl.gov

**City Forestry Contact:**

Name: Tom Jackson  
Title: Right-of-Way Superintendent  
Address: 2280 Miccosukee Road  
City, State, Zip: Tallahassee, FL 32308  
Phone #: (850)606-1500  
Email: jacksono@leoncountyfl.gov

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: _____

### **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).

In addition to the CRCC, 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. It is also through this department that the County operates its Adopt-A-Tree program which has planted over 5,000 trees in unincorporated Leon County since 1992.

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 utilize in teaching their future students on the importance of trees. In addition, Master Gardner 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 96,924 individuals that reside in the unincorporated portion of Leon County. There are several sources of funding 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 through the Adopt-A-Tree program and Arbor Day events.

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 \$668,634 during the 2010 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 provided by the Cooperative Extension Department detailed above, utilized a budget of \$95,185 during the FY10 budget cycle. Other departments have dedicated funding during the 2010 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. In 2010, the County's Public Works Department completed a number of projects which required the planting of trees at local parks and intersection improvements. Below is a summary of programs and funding that was used this year. An attachment provides a breakdown of the County's 2010 tree related expenditures (Attachment #2).

Tree Bank Expenditure	\$3,040
Canopy Roads Management Program Budget	\$668,634
Urban Forester Budget	\$95,185
Other Department Contributions	\$125,564
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$892,423</b>

**Arbor Day Observance**

This year's Arbor Day Celebration was observed on January 23, 2010 at Stoneler Road Park (Attachment #3). There were approximately 110 plants ranging from towering oaks and to small flowering native trees planted. In addition, at its January 19, 2010 meeting, the Board of County Commissioners declared January 23, 2010 Arbor Day (Attachment #4).

## Canopy Road Citizen Committee

### Members:

Hand, Samuel E.    Begin Term:    Original Date:    Notes: Email:  
8/31/2005                      8/31/2005                      handandhand@nettally.com  
End Term:  
8/31/2008  
Type: three years

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Gihring, Jennifer    Begin Term:    Original Date:    Notes: Email:  
7/25/2005                      8/1/2004                      Jennifergihring@hotmail.com  
End Term:  
8/31/2008  
Type: three years

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Taylor-Fischer,    Begin Term:    Original Date:    Notes:  
Judy                      9/1/2006                      9/1/2006                      Email:jmtfish@comcast.net  
End Term:  
8/1/2009  
Type: three years

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Garner, Lisa            Begin Term:    Original Date:    Notes: Email:  
5/1/2006                      5/1/2006                      garnerl@tcc.fl.edu  
End Term:  
8/1/2009  
Type: three years

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Desloge, Bryan Board of County Commissioners	Begin Term: 1/1/2010 End Term: 12/31/2010 Type: one year	Original Date: 1/1/2010 _____	Notes: Email: deslogeb@leoncountyfl.gov Chairman's designee
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Appointed by:  
Board of County  
Commissioners

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McGrath, Kelly	Begin Term: 2/9/2010 End Term: 10/31/2012 Type: three years	Original Date: 2/9/2010 _____	Notes: Email: kmcgrath45@comcast.net
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Appointed by:  
Board of County  
Commissioners

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Machulis, Georjean	Begin Term: 2/9/2010 End Term: 10/31/2012 Type: three years	Original Date: 1/10/2006 _____	Notes: email: inlightgj@aol.com
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Appointed by:  
Board of County  
Commissioners

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Koos, Mary Anne	Begin Term: 10/19/2010 End Term: 10/31/2013 Type: three years	Original Date: 2/26/2008 _____	Notes: Email: mkoosfl@aol.com
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Appointed by:  
Board of County  
Commissioners

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Suber, Elaine	Begin Term: 10/19/2010 End Term: 10/31/2013 Type: three years	Original Date: 10/19/2010	Notes: Email: misselaineous@comcast.net
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## **CANOPY ROADS MEETINGS FOR 2010**

The following is a list of Canopy Roads Citizens Committee Meetings for 2010. Development Projects are only reviewed at Regular Meetings. All meetings start at 6:00 PM and are usually held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month, unless otherwise noted. Note that the meeting dates, times and locations are subject to change.

**\*\*MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN THE RENAISSANCE CENTER\*\***

### **REGULAR MEETINGS:**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>DAY</u></b>	<b><u>LOCATION</u></b>	<b><u>MATERIALS DUE BY</u></b>
January 19	Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Conf Rm	12/28/09
March 15	Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Conf Rm	02/22/10
May 17	Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Conf Rm	04/26/10
July 19	Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Conf Rm	06/28/10
September 20	Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Conf Rm	08/30/10
November 15	Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Conf Rm	10/25/10

### **MEETING ADDRESS:**

**Frenchtown Renaissance Center Building, Second Floor Conference Room  
435 North Macomb Street**

Attachment #2

Program	Expenditures
<b>Tree Bank Expenditures</b>	
ADOPT- A- TREE RUSTY BLACKHAW	\$2,690
COPELAND SINK LONGLEAF PINE PLANTING	\$350
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$3,040</b>
<b>Canopy Roads/Right-of-Way Budget</b>	
Right-of-Way Management Team	\$668,634
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$668,634</b>
<b>Urban Forester Budget</b>	
Urban County Forester Salary	\$58,554
Operating	\$28,764
Support Staff Salary	\$7,877
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$95,185</b>
<b>Other Department Expenditures</b>	
Public Works Department Projects	\$106,391
Planning Department Tree Related Staff Expenditures*	\$19,173
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$125,564</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$892,423</b>

\*The Planning Department is an entity of both the County and the City of Tallahassee. The salaries of staff members were multiplied by ten percent which is the number of time dedicated to tree related issues annually and then divided in half.

# Arbor Day Celebration



## Tree Planting

### Saturday, January 23, 2010

### 9:00 AM – until all the trees are planted!

### Stoneler Road Park

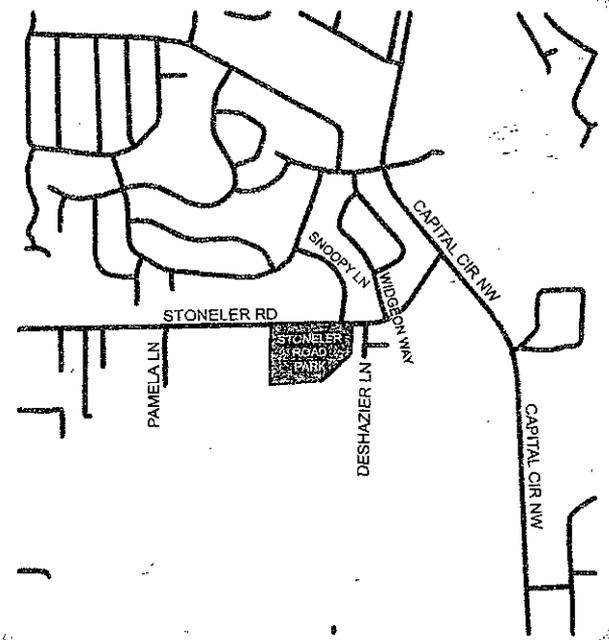
Leon County and the City of Tallahassee invite you to come celebrate Arbor Day the best way we know how... planting trees with other community members. This year's event will take place at Stoneler Road Park where we will be planting about 110 trees. We expect the planting to last around three hours.

To get to Stoneler Road Park, head out of Tallahassee on US 27 North (Monroe Street). Pass Lake Jackson on your right and then turn left at the Capital Circle Northwest stoplight (the sign says Old Bainbridge Road on the right side of the highway). Go about a mile and a half and Stoneler Road will be on your right. The park is up Stoneler Road about a half a mile on your left.

The planting starts at 9:00 A.M. Bring shovels, gloves, drinking water, and friends!

It takes work and commitment to have a place with as many wonderful trees as we have here in Tallahassee and Leon County. With that in mind, please come and be a part of the Arbor Day planting.

For more information call:  
Mike Cooper 891-5343 or Tom Jackson 606-1417



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 19, 2010**

The Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida, met in regular session at 3:00 p.m. with Chairman Bob Rackleff presiding. Present were Commissioners Akin Akinyemi, Cliff Thaell, Bill Proctor, Bryan Desloge, John Dailey, and Jane Sauls. Also present were County Administrator Parwez Alam, County Attorney Herb Thiele, Finance Director David Reid and Board Secretary Rebecca Vause.

Invocation was provided by Commissioner Bill Proctor; who then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Awards and Presentations:**

- Chairman Bob Rackleff presented a Joint City/County Proclamation declaring the week of January 24-30, 2010 "Severe Weather Awareness Week". He announced that "Weatherfest 2010" would be held on January 30, 2010 at FSU's Meteorology Department from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and will spotlight the cooperation of federal, state, local governments and media organizations in encouraging local residents to take effective preparedness measures.
  - Richard Smith, Emergency Management Director, introduced Paul Duval and Kelly Godsey, National Weather Service Tallahassee, who accepted the Proclamation on behalf of the National Weather Service.
  
- Chairman Bob Rackleff presented a Resolution recognizing Saturday, January 23, 2010 as Arbor Day. He encouraged residents to attend and participate in the tree planting at Stoneler Park.
  - Accepting the Resolution were Tom Jackson, Public Works Operations; Pat Plocek, Public Works Parks & Recreation, and Ann Bidlingmaier, member of Tree Watch.
  
- Commissioner Akin Akinyemi presented a Resolution to Tavoris Cloud, current IBF Light Heavyweight Champion. He added that Mr. Cloud was born and raised in Leon County and is a graduate of Rickards High School.
  - Mr. Cloud thanked the Board for the honor and stated that it was a privilege to represent Tallahassee.