

# CITY CONNECTION

Stillwater has been named a Tree City USA community by The National Arbor Day Foundation to honor its commitment to community forestry. It is the fifteenth year Stillwater has received this national recognition.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by The National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.

Stillwater has met the four standards to become a Tree City USA community: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance.

“Trees in our cities and towns help clean the air, conserve soil and water, moderate temperature and bring nature into our daily lives,” said John Rosenow, president of The National Arbor Day Foundation. “Tree City USA designation recognizes the work of elected officials, staff and citizens who plant and care for the community forest.”

“Trees are a vital component of the infrastructure in our cities and towns, and provide environmental and economical benefits,” Arbor Day Foundation President Rosenow added. “A community, and its citizens, that recognize these benefits and provide needed care for its trees deserves recognition and thanks.”

This year Stillwater’s Arbor Day planting will be a Neighborhoods project in the Highland Park neighborhood. Volunteers will plant 15 trees in addition to doing minor tree maintenance to existing trees in this residential neighborhood.

To volunteer or for more information on how your neighborhood can participate in the Neighborhoods program, contact Eve Morgan at Parks, Events and Recreation at (405) 533-8533 or [emorgan@stillwater.org](mailto:emorgan@stillwater.org).

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