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Indiana cities, campuses and utility companies earn urban forestry honors

Several Indiana communities, college campuses and electric utilities have earned recognition for the planting, care and management of urban forests through the DNR Division of Forestry's Community and Urban Forestry program and the Arbor Day Foundation.

Sixty-seven cities earned the title Tree City. Four campuses earned the title Tree Campus. And four electric utilities earned the title Tree Line. Combined, these honorees planted more than 20,000 trees throughout Indiana in 2011.

To be recognized as a Tree City, a community must have a public tree care ordinance, a tree board that advises the municipal department charged with the tree care program, a budget for tree planting and care of at least \$2 per capita, and an Arbor Day observance.

The 67 Tree Cities are: Anderson, Angola, Auburn, Avon, Bedford, Beech Grove, Berne, Bloomington, Carmel, Chesterton, Columbia City, Crown Point, Culver, Decatur, Dyer, East Chicago, Edgewood, Edinburgh, Elkhart, Evansville, Fishers, Fort Wayne, Fortville, Franklin, Fremont, Goshen, Greencastle, Greendale, Greenfield, Grissom Air Reserve Base, Huntington, Indianapolis, Kendallville, Lafayette, LaPorte, Madison, Merrillville, Michigan City, Middlebury, Mishawaka, Montpelier, Mount Ayr, Muncie, Munster, Nappanee, Nashville, New Harmony, New Haven, Noblesville, North Manchester, Rensselaer, Richmond, Rising Sun, Rochester, Russiaville, Salem, South Bend, Syracuse, Terre Haute, Tipton,

Valparaiso, Wakarusa, West Lafayette, Westfield, Whiting, Winamac and Zionsville.

These Tree Cities planted 15,423 trees in 2011.

In addition, 12 of the Tree Cities have been awarded the Tree City Growth Award for expanding their urban forestry programs through education, partnerships, resource planning and management, and tree planting initiatives. They are: Anderson, Carmel, Evansville, Fort Wayne, Goshen, Greencastle, Indianapolis, Middlebury, Noblesville, Rensselaer, Syracuse and Westfield.

Tree Campuses must have a campus tree advisory committee, a tree care plan, a tree care program with suggested dedicated annual expenditures of \$3 per enrollee, an Arbor Day observance, and a service learning project.

The four Tree Campuses are: Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Purdue University in West Lafayette, and Vincennes University in Vincennes and Jasper.

These Tree Campuses planted 1,280 trees in 2011.

Tree Lines are required to provide annual training for their crews on tree care, tree planting and public education, and also participate in tree-based energy conservation projects, and Arbor Day celebrations and events throughout their electric service territories.

The four Tree Lines are: Indianapolis Power and Light (IPL), Northern Indiana Public Service (NIPSCO), Mishawaka Utility and Vectren Energy.

These utilities donated more than 3,500 trees and tree seedlings to the communities and schools they serve.

Tree City, Tree Campus and Tree Line are sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation, the USDA Forest Service, and the National Association of State Foresters. Applications are reviewed and approved each year by the DNR's CUF coordinator.

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