



Connecticut's state tree is the White Oak.

Connecticut State Statistics

Active Arbor Day Foundation members in Connecticut
10,831



TREE CITY USA®

Program in Connecticut:

Tree City USA Communities: **13**

Total population served: **693,888**

Largest Tree City USA in Connecticut:
Stamford, population 117,000

Smallest Tree City USA in Connecticut:
Southbury, population 19,000

Arbor Day Poster Contest
Participants in Connecticut:
600 Fifth grade classrooms
15,000 Fifth grade students

Arbor Day Winners
from Connecticut: **1**

**Connecticut celebrates Arbor Day
on the last Friday in April**



Connecticut

Arbor Day Foundation Launches Youth Education Program Nature Explore

Over the last few years we have noticed that today's children are experiencing a cultural shift. Our youngest generation is missing out on a vital part of early childhood development: the outdoors. The precious gift of nature is a profoundly needed influence for children today.

In our mission to inspire the next generation of tree planters, the Arbor Day Foundation has initiated a unique collaborative effort with Dimensions Educational Research Foundation, a nationally recognized leader in early childhood development. Nature Explore is an initiative aimed at connecting young children more



deeply with the natural world around them. One simple way to connect young children with the outdoors is by joining our Nature Explore® Club. Clever stories, fun outdoor adventures, and "explorer's tools" are part of this exciting club that will give young children and adults a closer connection with nature and each other. For more information on Nature Explore, please visit arborday.org.

Connecticut Members Plant 72,413 Trees

The Arbor Day Foundation's dedicated members are making a difference by planting trees in their communities across the United States. Our 10,831 Connecticut members have helped plant more than 72,413 trees across the state in 2007.

Donna Holland, a loyal member from Stratford, Connecticut has been planting Foundation membership trees since 1996. Recently Donna shared with us a photo of one of her flowering trees. With wonderful, dedicated members like Donna, Connecticut will always have a strong and majestic tree presence.



One of Donna's flowering trees.

Thousands of Connecticut Students Take Part in Arbor Day Poster Contest

Each year, the Arbor Day Foundation coordinates the Arbor Day National Poster Contest, sponsored by Toyota, for fifth graders in classrooms across the country. Now in its sixteenth year, the contest touches millions of children with its message about the importance of trees and wise environmental stewardship.

During the 2007 contest, more than 15,000 Connecticut students had the opportunity to learn the importance of tree diversity in a community forest.

Kelsey H. was named the state contest winner. Her winning poster depicted many beautiful large and small trees to convey the contest's 2007 theme, "Trees Are Terrific...And Forests Are Too!"



(Above Right): 2006 Connecticut State Winner



(Left): 2007 Connecticut State Winner

Connecticut Tree City USAs Support Community Forestry

The Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City[®] USA program encourages, supports and strengthens effective urban and community forestry programs in diverse communities nationwide through recognition, education, and publicity. From the humble beginning of the program 32 years ago, it has grown to be the leading community forestry recognition program in the country, with nearly 3,200 designated Tree City USAs across America.

Tree City USA is thriving in Connecticut because of the strong partnership between the Arbor Day Foundation and the Connecticut Bureau of Forestry. Connecticut boasts 13 certified Tree City USA communities. Last year, Connecticut's Tree City USAs spent a combined total of \$5,086,901 on their urban forestry budgets benefiting the more than 693,888 Connecticut residents who live in those communities. The dedication of Connecticut's urban and community foresters, city officials, and citizens to planting and caring for trees in their cities and towns helps increase energy savings, clean the air and water and beautify the entire state.



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