

# Maryland

## 2012 State Report



Maryland's state tree is the White Oak.

### Maryland State Statistics

Active Arbor Day Foundation Members  
in Maryland: **17,088**



### Program in Maryland:

Tree City USA Communities: **38**  
Total population served: **3,369,835**

Largest Tree City USA in Maryland:  
**Prince George County, population 820,852**

Smallest Tree City USA in Maryland:  
**Lock Lynn Heights, population 469**

Tree Line USA Utilities: **0**

Tree Campus USA Colleges: **1**

Certified Nature Explore Classrooms: **3**

**Maryland celebrates Arbor Day on the  
first Wednesday of April.**

### Nature Explore Classrooms Are Changing the Lives of Children

**C**hildren today spend less time outdoors and are more disconnected from nature than ever before. At the same time studies show increasing rates of childhood obesity, diabetes, and behavior challenges. Addressing the problem is the growing Nature Explore program, a collaborative project of the Arbor Day Foundation and Dimensions Educational Research Foundation. Nature Explore provides comprehensive, field-tested resources to help educators, administrators, and families make nature part of the daily lives of children – at child care centers, schools, nature centers, parks, and at home.



Nature Explore Classrooms, in spaces large and small, continue to be designed and built across the country using field-tested principles in the *Learning With Nature Idea Book* (available at [natureexplore.org](http://natureexplore.org)). In Nature Explore Classrooms, children begin to understand the natural world around them, instilling a lifelong sense of wonder and a love of nature...creating the earth's next generation of tree planters and environmental stewards. To learn more about Nature Explore Classrooms in Maryland, please visit [natureexplore.org/classrooms](http://natureexplore.org/classrooms).

### Maryland Members Plant 144,181 Trees

**T**he Arbor Day Foundation's dedicated members are making a difference by planting trees in their communities across the United States. Our 17,088 Maryland members helped plant more than 144,181 trees across the state last year.

Trees provide numerous benefits to us and our environment. Whether it is planting just one or the thousands of trees mentioned above, our members in Maryland have just added beauty to their homes and neighborhoods, increased their property value, attracted birds and other wildlife, provided shade and windbreaks, decreased energy costs and created a more livable community.



## Our State and National Forests are National Treasures

From coast to coast, they are more than our national forests. They are national treasures. They thrill us with towering majesty and inspire us with breathtaking beauty. They provide wood for our homes, habitat for wildlife, clean air, and drinking water for millions of us.

But, in recent years, record wildfire seasons have destroyed millions of trees in forests around the country. Many areas have burned so severely that replanting is necessary. Yet much of the U.S. Forest Service budget has been diverted to simply fighting these massive fires, with much less funding left for replanting. The Forest Service has identified a backlog of more than one million acres of America's national forests that need to be replanted. And each year, with every wildfire, storm, or insect epidemic, the backlog steadily increases.

Our forests are our future. And you can help protect them... one tree at a time.



## Tree Campus USA

The Tree Campus USA program recognizes college and university campuses that:

- Effectively manage their campus trees.
- Develop connectivity with the community beyond campus borders to foster healthy, urban forests.
- Strive to engage their student population utilizing service learning opportunities centered on campus, and community forestry efforts.

Colleges and universities can be recognized, just like the **University of Maryland**, as a Tree Campus USA college by meeting five standards developed to promote healthy trees and student involvement. By meeting the annual standards and being recognized as a Tree Campus USA college, the campus not only benefits the environment but instills pride in the students, faculty, and community.

Learn more about the Tree Campus USA program at [arborday.org/treecampususa](http://arborday.org/treecampususa).

## Maryland 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 36 years ago, it has grown to be the leading community forestry recognition program in the country, with more than 3,400 designated Tree City USAs across America.

Tree City USA is thriving in Maryland because of the strong partnership between the Arbor Day Foundation and the Maryland Forestry Commission. Maryland boasts 38 certified Tree City USA communities. Last year, Maryland Tree City USAs spent a combined total of \$21,121,398 on their urban forestry budgets benefiting the more than 3.3 million Maryland residents who live in those communities. The dedication of Maryland'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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