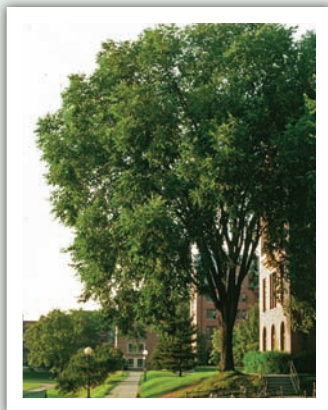


Massachusetts

2010 State Report

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Massachusetts's state tree is the American Elm.

Massachusetts State Statistics

Active Arbor Day Foundation Members in
Massachusetts: **19,625**



Program in Massachusetts:

Tree City USA Communities: **90**
Total population served: **3,719,699**

Largest Tree City USA in Massachusetts:
Boston, population 589,141

Smallest Tree City USA in Massachusetts:
Westover AFB, population 1,000

Arbor Day Poster Contest
Participants in Massachusetts:

150 Fifth-grade classrooms
3,750 Fifth-grade students

Arbor Day Award Winners: **5**

**Massachusetts celebrates Arbor Day on
the last Friday in April.**

Nature Explore Classrooms Are Changing the Lives of Children

Children 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). 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.

Massachusetts Members Plant 130,854 Trees

The Arbor Day Foundation's dedicated members are making a difference by planting trees in their communities across the United States. Our 19,625 Massachusetts members helped plant more than 130,854 trees across the state last year.

Richard Bayrd, a loyal member from Wakefield, Massachusetts, has been planting Foundation membership trees since 1985. Richard shared with us a photo of one of his trees. With wonderful, dedicated members like Richard, Massachusetts will always have a strong and majestic tree presence.

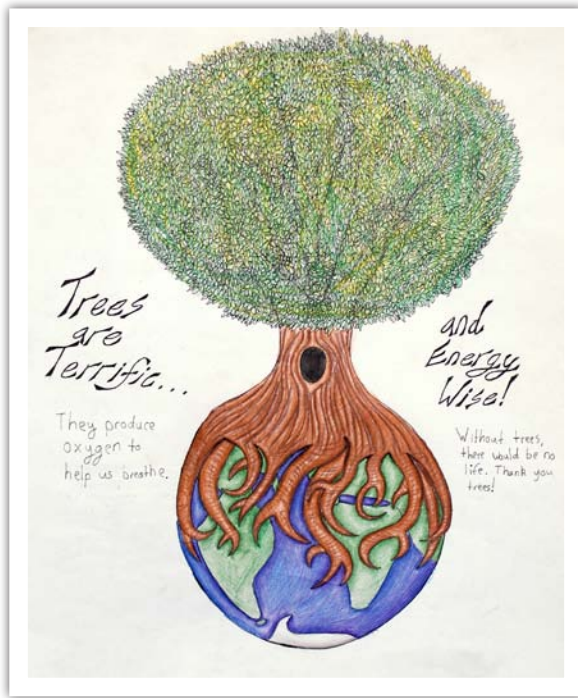


Richard's seven-year-old Smoketree.

Thousands of Massachusetts 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 twentieth year, the contest touches millions of children with its message about the importance of trees and wise environmental stewardship.

During the 2010 contest, more than 3,750 Massachusetts fifth-grade students had the opportunity to learn the importance of tree diversity in a community forest. Elena D. was named the state contest winner. Her winning poster depicted some of the benefits of trees to convey the contest's 2010 theme, "Trees Are Terrific...and Energy Wise!"



2010 Massachusetts State Winner

Massachusetts 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 34 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 Massachusetts because of the strong partnership between the Arbor Day Foundation and the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation. Massachusetts boasts 90 certified Tree City USA communities. Last year, Massachusetts Tree City USAs spent a combined total of \$20,090,256 on their urban forestry budgets benefiting the more than 3.7 million Massachusetts residents who live in those communities. The dedication of Massachusetts'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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