

New York

2012 State Report



New York's State Tree is the Sugar Maple.

New York State Statistics

Active Arbor Day Foundation Members

in New York: **59,401**



Program in New York:

Tree City USA Communities: **93**

Total population served: **11,058,284**

Largest Tree City USA in New York:

New York, population 8,392,000

Smallest Tree City USA in New York:

Ellicottville, population 500

Tree Line USA Utilities: **6**

Tree Campus USA Colleges: **6**

Certified Nature Explore Classrooms: **9**

**New York 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. To learn more about Nature Explore Classrooms in New York, please visit natureexplore.org/classrooms.

New York Members Plant 396,698 Trees

The Arbor Day Foundation's dedicated members are making a difference by planting trees in their communities across the United States.

Our 59,401 New York members have helped plant more than 396,698 trees across the state last year.

Carolyn Grieb, a loyal member from Syracuse, New York, has been planting membership trees since 1997. She shared with us a photo of one of her favorite trees. With wonderful, dedicated members like Carolyn, New York will always have a strong and majestic tree presence.



Carolyn's grandchildren sit by a flowering crab tree.

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.



New York 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 New York because of the strong partnership between the Arbor Day Foundation and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. New York boasts 93 certified Tree City USA communities. Last year, New York Tree City USAs spent a combined total of \$56,722,241 on their urban forestry budgets benefiting the more than 11 million New York residents who live in those communities. The dedication of New York'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.

Tree Campus USA

College and Universities across the United States can be recognized 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.

The following Texas colleges have been recognized as Tree Campus USA Schools:

- St. Bonaventure University
- Bard College
- Cazenovia College
- Cornell University
- Jamestown Community College
- University of Rochester

Learn more about the Tree Campus program at arborday.org/treecampususa.



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