



Virginia's state tree is the Flowering Dogwood.

## Virginia State Statistics

Active Arbor Day Foundation  
members in Virginia  
**27,418**



### TREE CITY USA® Program in Virginia:

Tree City USA Communities: **52**  
Total population served: **3,689,140**

Largest Tree City USA in Virginia:  
**Fairfax County, population 1,037,311**

Smallest Tree City USA in Virginia:  
**Surface Combat Systems Center,  
population 217**

Arbor Day Poster Contest  
Participants in Virginia:  
**2,000 Fifth grade classrooms**  
**50,000 Fifth grade students**

Arbor Day Award Winners from  
Virginia: **6**

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



# Virginia

## Arbor Day Foundation and Toyota to Plant Trees at Virginia Tech

**T**he Arbor Day Foundation announces the launch of Tree Campus USA, a new program sponsored by Toyota. Tree Campus USA is designed to award national recognition to college campuses, and to the leaders of their surrounding communities, for promoting healthy urban forest management and engaging the campus community in environmental stewardship.

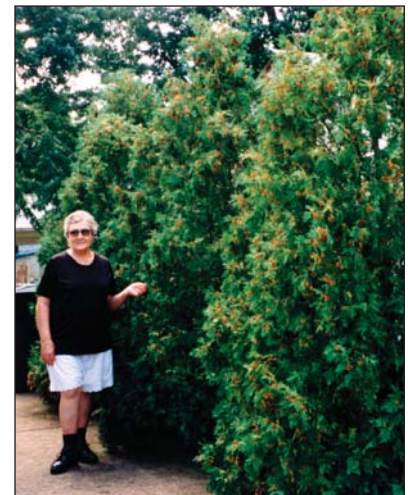


As a way to celebrate the launch of the Tree Campus USA program, the Arbor Day Foundation will host a tree-planting event at Virginia Tech which will add up to 100 large trees to the campus. Virginia Tech was selected from a pool of applicants of college campuses throughout the country. Virginia Tech students will participate in the tree-planting event on campus along with area students and community members. This event will be a wonderful opportunity to engage a new generation of tree planters.

## Virginia Members Plant 194,114 Trees

**T**he Arbor Day Foundation's dedicated members are making a difference by planting trees in their communities across the United States. Our 27,418 Virginia members have helped plant more than 194,114 trees across the state in the last year.

Velma Pacheco, a loyal member from Hampton, Virginia, has been planting membership trees since 1989. Recently Velma shared with us a photo of one of her favorite trees. With wonderful, dedicated members like Velma, Virginia will always have a strong and majestic tree presence.



Velma with some of her thriving Arborvitae's.

# Thousands of Virginia 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 seventeenth year, the contest reaches millions of children with its message about the importance of trees and wise environmental stewardship.



(Above) 2007  
Virginia State Winner

During the 2008 contest, more than 50,000 Virginia students had the opportunity to discover the importance of trees and forests to our environment. Alan G. was named the state contest winner. His winning poster depicted different types of trees to convey the contest's 2008 theme, "Trees Are Terrific...Inside and Out!"



(Right) 2008  
Virginia State Winner

# Virginia 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 33 years ago, it has grown to be the leading community forestry recognition program in the country, with over 3,300 designated Tree City USAs across America.

Tree City USA is thriving in Virginia because of the strong partnership between the Arbor Day Foundation and the Virginia Department of Forestry. Virginia boasts 52 certified Tree City USA communities. Last year, Virginia's Tree City USAs spent a combined total of \$21,661,793 on their urban forestry budgets benefiting over three million of Virginia residents who live in those communities. The dedication of Virginia'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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