


MEMORANDUM

TO: Tree Board Members

FROM: Paul Johnson – Public Works Director 

DATE: December 13, 2011

SUBJECT: Tree Report

PURPOSE: To present the Tree Board with information regarding the management of trees by the Public Works Department within the city, the City's status as Tree City USA, the status of the Urban Forestry Grant, review of the associated costs for fiscal year 2010/2011 and discuss the current tree ordinance.

BACKGROUND: Over the last several years, there has been significant activity regarding the maintenance, removal, and planting of trees throughout the city. Trees have been planted within rights-of-way, at the Utilities Main Plant, along Holly Avenue, and at the Public Works complex. Other trees have been planted in City parks and along 17-92.

Plantings: Over the last two years, we have planted 103 trees. In the same time period, we have removed 37 dead or diseased trees for a net gain of 66 trees citywide.

Maintenance: In the last two years we have spent nearly \$35,000.00 for contracted tree removal, tree trimming and stump grinding. A large portion of our tree maintenance program involves the utilization of City Staff for tree trimming and removal as well as planting and maintenance (watering). Tree trimming is performed annually during the winter months but continues year-round to insure safe clearance for vehicles and pedestrians. Dead/dying trees are identified throughout the year and are scheduled for removal. Additionally, the City spent \$6,340.00 for trash removal which is primarily attributable to vegetative debris disposal. We have also paid for the training of staff to be certified for chemical treatment/spraying of pesticides and disease inhibitors and we currently have an Arborist in training.

Staff pursued and obtained an Urban Forestry Grant that will provide for an inventory/status of all trees on City (public) property as well as a database system for tree management and planning purposes.

Tree City: Orange City has planted many trees over the last ten years, relocated numerous trees, removed and trimmed countless more trees, performed surveys, and provided training for employees. These combined efforts and Orange City's continued commitment to community forestry has earned a ninth consecutive designation as a Tree City USA community by the National Arbor Day Foundation and we will celebrate our tenth consecutive year in 2012!

It is requested that the Tree Board authorize the Mayor to execute the 2011 Application Certification for Tree City USA.

Tree Ordinance: Discussion of Tree Ordinance and Tree Board

Attachments: Tree City USA Information, 2011 Application for Certification of Tree City USA

Tree City USA Information

Category	Number	Cost
New Trees	29	\$4,495.00
Maintenamce	198	\$3,383.82
Trimming	33	\$2,819.05
Removal	19	\$14,012.70
Disposal		\$3,362.73
	TOTAL	\$28,073.30
	Population	10,599
	\$ Per Capita	\$2.65

(\$2.00 per capita minimum required)

Tree City USA

2011 Application for Certification



The Tree City USA award is in recognition of work completed by the community during the 2011 calendar year.

As Mayor or Equivalent of the Community of City of Orange City

I herewith make application for this community to be officially certified/recertified as a Tree City USA for 2011, having achieved the standards set forth by the Arbor Day Foundation as noted below.

Standard 1: A Tree Board or Department

Tom Laputka Mayor 386-775-5404 tlaputka@ourorangecity.com

Standard 2: A Community Tree Ordinance

✓ Our community ordinance is on record

Standard 3: A Community Forestry Program with an Annual Budget of at Least \$2 Per Capita

Total Community Forestry Expenditures	\$28074
Community Population	10599
Per Capita Spending	\$2.65

Standard 4: An Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation

✓ Official Arbor Day proclamation is on record

_____ Mayor or Equivalent Signature	_____ Title	_____ Date
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Application Certification
To Be Completed By The State Forester:
City of Orange City

The above named community has made formal application to this office. I am pleased to advise you that we reviewed the application and have concluded that, based on the information contained herein, said community is eligible to be certified as a Tree City USA community, for the 2011 calendar year, having in my opinion met the four standards required for recognition.

_____ State Forester Signature	_____ Title	_____ Date
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