

CITY OF YUBA CITY  
STAFF REPORT

**Date:** December 20, 2022  
**To:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the City Council;  
**From:** Community Services Department  
**Presentation By:** Brad McIntire, Community Services Director

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**Summary**

**Subject:** Submission of Recertification Application for Tree City USA Designation  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City to apply for recertification to the National Arbor Day Foundation for consideration of the City to continue its designation as a Tree City USA community  
**Fiscal Impact:** No cost to the City for recertification application. Designation is based in part on the City's community forestry expenditures.

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**Purpose:**

To recognize the City's ongoing efforts to expand and maintain the City's urban forest.

**Council's Strategic Goal:**

This item supports Council's Goal to maintain and enhance our quality of life.

**Background:**

For the past twenty-three (23) years, the City of Yuba City has earned the designation of a Tree City USA community by meeting the following criteria: 1) Conducting an annual Arbor Day observance; 2) Spending at least \$2.00 per capita on tree-related programs; 3) Having a tree ordinance, and; 4) Having a tree advisory board, which is the Parks & Recreation Commission. The Tree City USA designation recognizes the City's long-term dedication to improving the quality of life for the residents through its planning and maintenance standards.

**Analysis:**

The City's efforts to expand and maintain its urban forest remain ongoing and staff would like to ensure that the organization's efforts continue to be recognized. The Parks Division maintains approximately 1,228 trees in our parks and facilities and 10,750 City street trees. Staff is requesting authorization from Council to adopt a Resolution authorizing the City to apply for recertification to the National Arbor Day Foundation in Nebraska City, Nebraska, for consideration of the City continuing its designation as a Tree City USA community. Communities who have received the designation must apply for recertification on an annual basis to maintain their Tree City USA designation.

**Fiscal Impact:**

There is no cost to the City to submit the recertification request. Selection as a Tree City USA community is based on the annual expenditure for tree-related programs and services within a community that includes labor costs, tree purchases and tree maintenance throughout our City parks and Landscape Maintenance Districts. In 2022, Yuba City spent a total of **\$317,000** on community forestry expenditures.

**Alternatives:**

Do not request recertification.

**Recommendation:**

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City to apply for recertification to the National Arbor Day Foundation for consideration of the City continuing its designation as a Tree City USA community.

**Attachments:**

1. Resolution Tree City USA 2022

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Submitted By:  
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City Manager

# ATTACHMENT 1

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUBA CITY  
AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE  
NATIONAL ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION FOR CONSIDERATION OF  
YUBA CITY BEING DESIGNATED A TREE CITY USA COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, trees play an important role in the quality of life of a community in providing needed shade and cooling, aesthetic beauty, and increased property values; and

WHEREAS, the planting of trees today allows us to pass along a legacy of community and environmental awareness to future generations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Yuba City has made a significant policy statement regarding the important role trees play in the development and redevelopment of public and private property within the City, as exhibited by the Town Center project, the requirement for landscape maintenance districts, 50% shade requirement on all parking lots, including access areas within 15 years of the tree being planted, and the continued introduction of upcoming residential developments; and

WHEREAS, the City of Yuba City was designated a Tree City USA community for 1999 through 2021 by the National Arbor Day Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Tree City USA communities must apply for re-certification on an annual basis to maintain their designation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Yuba City does hereby authorize the City staff to apply for re-certification to the National Arbor Day Foundation for their consideration of Yuba City continuing to be designated as a Tree City USA community for the year 2022.

The foregoing Resolution of the City Council of the City of Yuba City was duly introduced, passed and adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on the 20th day of December, 2022.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

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Wade Kirchner, Mayor

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Ciara Wakefield, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
COUNSEL FOR YUBA CITY

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