



# PLANT

People Loving And Nurturing **Trees**



## Award Description

**What is it?** People Loving And Nurturing Trees is a recognition award for communities who care for their trees. Communities of all types can receive the award— schools, HOAs, parks, local governments, government facilities, scout troops and churches, just to name a few.

**Who?** Your Community is at one of the four levels of the PLANT Award program. Choose the level you feel best fits your community's activities in the last year. Over time your community can see your program grow, as your award level increases. The reviewing committee will look at your submitted documentation and then award the best fitting level!

The Maryland Urban and Community Forestry Committee of the Maryland Forestry Boards in partnership with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources sponsor this program.

**When?** Applications are due January 31st of the following year you are applying for (i.e. 2017 award applications are due January 31, 2018). Awards will be mailed in mid-March so that you have it in time for Arbor Day celebrations in April!

**Where?** Communities throughout Maryland are recognized each year, it's time your community joins them!

Applications and supporting documentation should be sent to:  
Tawes State Office Building, E-1  
Attn: Ryan Mayenschein, PLANT  
580 Taylor Avenue  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**Why?** To show off all of your community's hard work taking care of its trees to all who are in it and those that visit!

### More Questions?

<http://dnr.maryland.gov/forests/Pages/programs/plantinfo.aspx>

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# What does a PLANT Community look like?

**Bronze**—for single project activities or “one time events” vs. ongoing program activity.

Example Activities (you only need to do one to qualify for the Bronze level):

- Arbor Day or Earth Day event
- Tree planting event: memorial, ceremonial, street tree, etc.
- Informational event like tree care training or newsletter with tree information
- Demonstration project like a beautification project or habitat creation (must involve trees)

*Suggested Documentation: Copy of event program, newspaper article, photographs, etc.*

**Silver**—for formative programs. These communities have decided to begin an Urban and Community Forestry Program and are in the preliminary stages.

Example Activities

- Tree inventory of community—basic data has been collected, such as species type
- Establishment of a Tree Board or Beautification/Greening Committee
- Documented discussions or networking with community leaders about starting a tree program
- **Green School status**—completing the “Natural Habitat Restoration” Project, or including trees planting/care projects

*Suggested Documentation: Copy of inventory, minutes of committee meetings, list of board members, copies of green school material relevant to trees, etc.*

**Gold**—for developmental programs. These communities are pursuing activities in addition to those at the bronze or silver level in order to improve the overall health of their urban and community forest (your community’s trees!).

Example Activities

- Tree related ordinances, regulations, or public policy that affects your urban and community forest
- Tree inventory in detailed data that has been analyzed and used to recommend future actions related to items such as tree planting, maintenance, removal, pest management, etc.
- Management plan that references your urban and community forest
- Funding sources

*Suggested Documentation: Copy of ordinance, inventory, management plan, policy or regulations, proof of funding, etc.*

**Green**—for sustained programs. These are organized, fully functional programs which are funded and have full-time equivalent technical assistance. They have continuity, planning, support and a budget.

Example Activities

- Activities that qualify for GOLD level plus:
  - Sufficient project-dedicated technical assistance (in-house, contract, volunteer) in the form of an arborist, horticulturalist, forester or other professional
  - and funding through donations, in-kind services, taxes grants or otherwise.
- TreeCity USA or TreeCampus recognition AUTOMATICALLY qualifies as Green level (please provide only a copy of the one-page print out that shows you have submitted your 2017 application)

*Suggested Documentation: Copy of ordinance, inventory, management plan, policy or regulations, proof of funding, etc. PLUS budget and position of those assisting. TreeCity USA or TreeCampus proof of application.*



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## Award Application Due: Jan 31st

Community Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Title: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

- School
- HOA
- Park
- Town/City Govt
- Other Govt Facility
- Other

Address: (Street, City, State, Zip): \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**What Award Category are you requesting?**  
**(Please include supporting documentation or brief report of recent accomplishments with your application.)**

- Bronze**—for single project activities or “one time events” vs. ongoing program activity.
- Silver**—for formative programs. These communities have decided to begin an ongoing Community Forestry Program and are in the preliminary stages.
- Gold**—for developmental programs. These communities are pursuing activities in addition to those in the previous two phases in order to improve the overall health of their trees and forests.
- Green**—for sustained programs. These are organized, fully functional programs which are funded and have full-time equivalent technical assistance. They have continuity, planning, support and a budget.

**Please Check:**

- I have attached all documentation
- We are a PLANT Community
- We are in need of a new award plaque
- We are a New PLANT Application

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