



City of Boynton Beach Agenda Item Request Form

Meeting Date: 02/ 3/2026

Proposed Resolution No. R26-020- Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the 2025 Tree City USA Designation application to the Arbor Day Foundation.

Requested Action: Staff recommends approval of Proposed Resolution No. R26-020.

Explanation of Request:

The Tree City USA program recognizes municipalities that demonstrate a continued commitment to effective urban forest management through meeting four core standards: maintaining a tree board or department, adopting a community tree ordinance, allocating an annual forestry budget, and hosting an annual Arbor Day observance.

Boynton Beach has maintained Tree City USA status for multiple years, reflecting the City's ongoing investment in a healthy and resilient urban canopy. Renewing this designation for 2025 supports the City's sustainability, climate resilience, and community beautification goals while also strengthening eligibility for future urban forestry grants and technical assistance.

To complete the application, the Arbor Day Foundation requires an authorized City representative's signature. The Sustainability team therefore requests approval for the Mayor to sign the 2025 application on behalf of the City so the Sustainability team may submit it by the program deadline of April 1, 2026.

How will this affect city programs or services?

Maintaining the City's Tree City USA designation will support and enhance existing programs without creating new operational demands. The designation strengthens Boynton Beach's urban forestry program by reaffirming commitments to tree care, canopy maintenance, and community education, while also enhancing alignment with broader sustainability and resiliency initiatives. It further supports eligibility for state and federal urban forestry grants that can expand or offset costs for tree planting, canopy restoration, and public outreach. The program also boosts community engagement through Arbor Day observances and other volunteer activities, and helps ensure consistent service levels in landscaping, right-of-way tree maintenance, and greenspace management. Additionally, continued participation in Tree City USA directly complements the City's Urban Heat Resilience Plan by supporting strategies

to expand shade coverage, reduce localized heat, and improve community comfort and safety.

Account Line Item and Description: N/A

Fiscal Impact:

There is no additional fiscal impact associated with submitting the 2025 Tree City USA application. The City already meets the program's required minimum annual forestry expenditure, which is incorporated into existing budgets for Public Works, Grounds Maintenance, and sustainability programming. Any costs associated with Arbor Day activities or tree-related outreach are already planned within departmental operating budgets. Maintaining Tree City USA status may also enhance the City's competitiveness for external urban forestry grants, which could offset future canopy restoration or tree-planting expenses.

Attachments:

[R26-020 Agenda Item 4149-2026 Resolution for 2025 Tree City USA.docx](#)

[Attachment 1 - 2025 Tree City USA Application Signature Page.pdf](#)

[Attachment 2 - Tree City USA Draft Application 2025.docx](#)

[Attachment 3 - Arbor Day Proclamation.JPG](#)