

**SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

SUBJECT: Tree City USA Participation

DEPARTMENT: Planning & Development **DIVISION:** Development Review

AUTHORIZED BY: Donald S. Fisher **CONTACT:** ^{WM} Wendy J. Meyer **EXT.** 7333

Agenda Date <u>10/10/06</u> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Consent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Work Session <input type="checkbox"/> Briefing <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing – 1:30 <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing – 7:00 <input type="checkbox"/>
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MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize approval for the Chairman to execute the application for Seminole County's participation in the National Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City USA Program.

BACKGROUND:

More than 115 Florida communities, including Altamonte Springs, Sanford, and Winter Springs are participants in the Tree City USA Program, which will be celebrating its 30th anniversary next year.

This urban forestry program is sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the US Forest Service, the National Association of State Foresters, and other organizations. It is designed to recognize those communities that effectively manage their public tree resources, to encourage the implementation of community tree management based on Tree City USA standards, and to provide an awareness and appreciation of trees among the residents of the community.

In order to become a Tree City USA, an application must be submitted by December 31, 2006. The following information is required to support the application and are the standards for Tree City USA designation are:

1. Establish a tree board or department. The Board of County Commissioners is Seminole County's Tree Committee per Section 60.3 of Seminole County's Arbor Ordinance.
2. Adopt a tree ordinance. Seminole County enacted Ordinance 2004-3, dealing with Trees and Arbor Regulations on January 13, 2004.
3. Spend at least \$2 per capita on community forestry expenditures which could include tree pruning, tree removal, tree inspections and care, and tree purchases. Seminole

Reviewed by: _____ Co Atty: <u>KFT</u> DFS: _____ Other: _____ DCM: _____ CM: _____ File No. <u>cpdd05</u>

County Fiscal Services states the budgets for the following forestry programs currently provided by the County:

1. Public Works Department, Roads and Stormwater Division provide the following services: tree trimming, dead tree removal, stump grinding, and underbrush clearing. The budget for this program includes \$600,000 for the 2005/2006 fiscal year, and \$630,000 for the 2006/2007 fiscal year.
2. Library and Leisure Services Department, Parks and Recreation Division provide the following services: park tree trimming with a budget of \$12,000.00 for the 2005/2006 and 2006/2007 fiscal years, tree replacement with a recurring budget of \$30,500.00 for the 2006/2007 fiscal years, and memorial trees with a non recurring budget of \$500.00 for the 2005/2006 fiscal year.

Once designated, a community receives an annual renewal form that is used by Tree City USA to insure that the community continues to follow the ideals of the program. Generally, there are no financial incentives for participation. The rewards come in the form of bringing about the greening of America, contributing to the environmental health of our community, and an improved urban quality of life. Also, preference is sometimes given to communities with the designation when allocations of grant money are available for trees through forestry programs.

TREE CITY USA Application

Mail completed application with requested attachments to your state forester no later than December 31.
The TREE CITY USA award is made in recognition of work completed by the city during the calendar year.
Please provide information for the year ending.

(Some states require information in addition to that requested on this application. Check with your state forester.)

As Chairman of the County of Seminole County,
(Title — Mayor or other city official)

I herewith make application for this community to be officially recognized and designated as a Tree City USA for 2007, having
achieved the standards set forth by The National Arbor Day Foundation as noted below. (year)

Standard 1: A Tree Board or Department

List date of establishment of board, board members, and meeting dates for the past year; or name of city department and manager.

Seminole County Tree Committee was established on January 13, 2004. Committee Members are the Board of County Commissioners: Chairman Carlton Henley, Commissioner Bob Dallari, Commissioner Randall Morris, Commissioner Brenda Carey, and Commissioner Dick Van Der Weide. The Board of County Commissioners meet the second and fourth Tuesday of every month.

Standard 2: A Community Tree Ordinance

Date ordinance established January 13, 2004
Attach ordinance.

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

Total community forestry expenditures \$ \$672,500.00
Community population Approximately 400,000
Attach annual work plan outlining the work carried out during the past year. Attach breakdown of community forestry expenditures.

Standard 4: An Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation

Date observance was held National Arbor Day (last Friday in April)
Attach program of activities and/or news coverage. Attach Arbor Day proclamation.

Signature

Title

Date

Please type or print the following:

Mayor or equivalent

Name: Chairman Carlton D. Henley

Title: Chairman, Seminole County Board Of County

Address: 1101 East 1st Street

City, State, Zip: Sanford, Florida 32771-1468

Phone #: 407-665-7201

City Forestry Contact

Name: Bryan Nipe

Title: Program Manager, Parks and Recreation

Address: 264 West North Street

City, State, Zip: Altamonte Springs, Florida 32714

Phone #: 407-788-0405

NOTE: Application will not be processed without Attachments.

Certification

(To Be Completed By The State Forester)

(Community)

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 recognized and designated as a Tree City USA, for the _____ calendar year, having in my opinion met the four standards of achievement in urban forestry.

Signed _____

State Forester

Date

Person in State Forester's Office who should receive recognition material:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Title: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Agency: _____

Phone #: _____