

STANDARD 2 - TREE BOARD OR STAFF

Someone must be legally responsible for the care and management of the community's trees. This may be a professional forester or arborist, an entire forestry department, or a volunteer tree board. Often a city has both a professional staff and advisory tree board that work together; a good goal for most communities.

A tree board, or commission, is a group of concerned volunteer citizens charged by ordinance with developing and administering a comprehensive tree management program, if they are legally designated as responsible for the care and management of the community's trees. Tree Boards also act as citizen advisory committees, or tree advocates.

The **City of Poulsbo** has a good example of an ordinance that [establishes a tree board](#)

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