





## Become a Tree City USA



More than 80 cities and towns in Washington State are discovering the many benefits of being a Tree City USA.

## ECONOMIC BENEFITS

- Creates more opportunities for grant funding.
- Defines the value of volunteer efforts.
- Promotes a community's investment in the future.
- Green infrastructure is good for business.

## MANAGEMENT BENEFITS

- Creates a framework for managing trees and tree-related risks.
- Helps track associated activities and costs.
- Ensures consideration of trees during the development process
- Establishes ordinance language to guide decisionmaking.

## COMMUNITY BENEFITS

- Improves community health, character and aesthetics.
- Boosts civic pride.
- Celebrates community accomplishments.
- Connects citizens with their community's trees.



MICHAEL SCHRAG
Ritzville Tree Committee
Chairman

THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL WANTED TO BE A TREE CITY USA TO PROMOTE OUR COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY."

**TERRY FLATLEY**Renton City Forester







