



Tree & Storm Water Advisory Board
April 12, 2023, 7:00 pm
City Council Chambers, 1 Quail Creek Circle, North Liberty, Iowa

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1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. February 1, 2023
3. Public Comment
4. Tree Reports
 - a. Tree City USA 2022 (27 years)
 - b. MidAmerican 2023 *Trees Please Grant* Awarded \$1000
 - c. Tree pruning (When and when not to prune trees)
 - d. Arbor Day Proclamation April 28th
 - e. Other tree topics not listed.
5. Report - Muddy Creek & Trail clean-up was held on April 8th.
6. Storm Water Report
 - a. Storm water mapping in North Liberty
 - b. Home and Garden Show April 21-23rd
 - c. Native Plant Symposium April 29th
 - d. Remarkable rigs event May 13th Centennial Park
 - e. Storm Water cost share funding 2023
 - f. Controlled prairie burn (Centennial Park)
 - g. Other storm water topics not listed.
7. Old Business
8. New Business
8. Next Meeting
 - a. July 12, 2023, at 7:00pm.
9. Adjournment

Dear Tree City USA Contact,

On behalf of the Arbor Day Foundation, congratulations on earning recognition as a 2022 Tree City USA. Residents of your community should be proud to live in a place that makes the planting and care of trees a priority, and you should be proud of a job well done!

Ready to take it to the next level? If your community has been recognized in the past AND you have not already applied this year, don't forget to apply for a [Growth Award](#). Please go to your Tree City USA profile online to access this application. If this is your first time being recognized, check out the list of Growth Award Activities and consider what you could do to grow your program in the next year.

As a 2022 Tree City, you also have access to the Tree City Center – an online portal with new, customizable Tree City marketing materials, examples of urban forest master plans, and exclusive grant opportunities. Check the [Tree City Center](#) out by clicking on the **button on the top right of the Tree City USA website**, and using the below credentials:

Username: Your Email Address

Password: *****

A recognition letter and press release will be sent directly to your Mayor when your recognition materials are mailed out. Your recognition materials will be shipped and distributed to you on or before your state's Arbor Day. Please reach out with any questions about when and how you will be receiving your materials.

Again, congratulations on your recognition!

The Tree City USA Team

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GUY GOLDSMITH
CITY OF NORTH LIBERTY

Congratulations! Your community has been selected to receive a grant for \$1,000 through MidAmerican Energy's Trees Please! program to support your tree planting project and make your community an even better place to live. The award check will be delivered in April 2023. MidAmerican is proud to partner with your community, and we look forward to seeing the results of your tree planting project.

Please remember these Trees Please! program requirements:

- Grant money must be used for the purchase of trees only.
- This program is not a residential customer tree planting program.
- Tree planting projects must be within MidAmerican's Iowa service territory and provide energy efficiency benefits as a result.
- The trees must be planted in common areas such as publicly-owned properties, schools and community spaces.
- Matching funds from other sources that equal MidAmerican's grant amount must be secured by your community. This requirement may be met by in-kind services, such as donated labor and/or materials.
- Once your project is complete, a status report must be submitted. A status report will be included with your grant check and must be received by MidAmerican before you will be considered for a future Trees Please! grant.

We look forward to working with you and your community. Please call 800-434-4017 with questions. If you need volunteers, MidAmerican's CARES program may be able to help. Email us your request at CARES@midamerican.com.

Sincerely,



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PROCLAMATION

Arbor Day, April 28, 2023

Whereas, trees can be a solution to combating climate change by reducing the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cutting heating and cooling costs, moderating the temperature, cleaning the air, producing life-giving oxygen, and providing habitat for wildlife; and

Whereas, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas and beautify our community; and

Whereas, the City of North Liberty has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting practices; and

Whereas, each year Arbor Day is observed by the people of North Liberty, Iowa, with special attention paid to the care and planting of trees; and

Whereas, trees— wherever they are planted — are a source of joy and spiritual renewal;

Now, therefore, be it resolved: I, Chris Hoffman, Mayor of the City of North Liberty, Iowa, do hereby proclaim April 28, 2023, to be

ARBOR DAY

in North Liberty, Iowa, and encourage all North Liberty citizens to participate in tree planting and nurture, protect and wisely use Iowa's natural wonder of trees so that we will ensure a more beautiful city and state, promoting the well-being of this and future generations.

Mayor Chris Hoffman