

2013 Tree City USA Designation

Awarded to Village of Bratenahl

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The Bratenahl Shade Tree Commission is pleased to announce that the Village has been awarded a 2013 Tree City USA designation this past February, with a special ceremony planned at The Cleveland Skating Club in May. Bratenahl will be included along with those communities who manage and maintain exceptional urban forests.

To qualify, a town must meet four standards established by The Arbor Day Foundation and the National Association of State Foresters, and fill out a lengthy form detailing specific activities for that year. These standards were established to ensure that every qualifying community would have a viable tree management plan and program. The standards are:

- A tree board or department
- A tree care ordinance
- A community forestry program with an annual budget of at least \$2 per capita
- An Arbor Day observance and proclamation

The Shade Tree Commission thanks all residents who take the time to care for their own trees and also show an interest in our beautiful tree canopy in Bratenahl.