

The City of Columbia City is home to more than 8,750 full time residents who enjoy the beauty and benefits of their urban forest. The City's forestry program manages and maintains trees on public property, including trees, stumps, and planting sites in parks, public facilities, and along the street rights-of-way (ROW). For more than 10 years, Columbia City's Tree Board has committed to developing a strong urban forest. The Tree Board's mission is to be responsible for the study, investigation, development, annual update, and administration of a written plan for the care, preservation, pruning, planting, re-planting, removal, or disposition of trees and shrubs in park, along streets, and in other public areas.

Funding for the Columbia City's urban forestry program comes from the municipal fund and the Community and Urban Forestry (CUF) Grant Program from Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, Community and Urban Forestry program (IDNR CUF). Columbia City Conducted a phased inventory of street trees in 2007 and 2010 and then the beginning in 2016 has cyclically kept updating to present day (November 2017). The city has a tree ordinance, maintains a budget of more than \$2 per capita for tree-related expenses, celebrates Arbor Day, and has been a Tree City USA community for 23 years. Past urban forestry projects have demonstrated a desire to improve the environment through higher levels of tree care and have earned the city multiple Tree City USA Growth Awards.

In 2017 the Columbia City Tree Board was awarded a CUF grant and was able to get an official Tree Management Plan done, by Davey Resources. Please have a look through!