



2013 Special Mention

Municipality: Washington, Missouri

General description of the recognized criterion (200 words max)

Urban Forestry

Washington, Missouri has the great advantage of a natural oak hickory forest that surrounds the community from the early days of settlement. The Washington Urban Forestry Council along with the Parks and Recreation department have set themselves a vision of adding tree canopy to the city. The old forest of trees surrounding the community has been stressed by development and age due to maturity. Initiatives to be proactive about the health of their existing trees are a priority so that the urban forest will remain and continue to grow. We congratulate Washington, MO on the introduction of tree programs such as the Arbor Day Tree planting, the Rotary Riverbottom Trail, The Phoenix Park, The Water Tower, the 3rd Street areas and the new library landscaped gardens which have all added new trees to the community.

Special Project or Initiative (50 words max)

Tree Guide for Washington MO

The Tree Guide for Washington MO is a superlative document produced by the Urban Forestry Council in association with the Parks and Recreation Department. This format of this innovative document suggests tree species for different uses separating street trees, formal trees, natural area trees and undesirable trees. The city plans to update this excellent guide annually. This is one of the best tree guides we have seen for a city.

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