



NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

Pursuant to Section 54954.2 of the Government Code of the State of California, a regular meeting of the **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION** is hereby called for:

Date/Time: **Thursday, September 25, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.**
(or as soon thereafter as possible)

Location: **City Hall Council Chambers**
333 Civic Center Plaza,
Tracy

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MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Introduction of New Commissioners and Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Items from the Audience - In accordance with Council Meeting Protocols and Rules of Procedure, adopted by Resolution No. 2019-240, and last amended by Resolution No. 2021-049, a five-minute maximum time limit per speaker will apply to all individuals speaking during "Items from the Audience/Public Comment". For non-agendized items, the Commission may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by individuals during public comment; ask questions for clarification; direct the individual to the appropriate staff member; or request that the matter be placed on a future agenda or that staff provide additional information to the Commission.
5. **ANNUAL APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS**
6. Consent Items
6.A APPROVE MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 27, 2025.
7. Informational Items - None
8. Actionable Items
8.A APPOINT COMMISSION VOLUNTEERS TO A SPECIFIC TOPIC WITHIN THE SAP TO MAKE POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS
8.B REVIEW AND APPROVE THE ESC ANNUAL REPORT PRESENTATION FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON NOVEMBER 4, 2025
8.C REVIEW AND APPROVE AN UPDATE TO THE ESC 2025 WORKPLAN
9. Staff items (Verbal Report)
 - 2024 Tree City USA Recognition
 - Training
10. Items from the Commission – In accordance with Parliamentary Procedures, a commissioner who wishes to introduce an item to be considered must make a motion, obtain a second, and the Chair must call the vote. A majority vote is required for the motion to pass.
11. Adjournment

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**ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**MARCH 27, 2025
7:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

- a. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Wood at 7:06 pm.

2. ROLL CALL:

- a. Present: Kahlon, Damasco, Wood, Shergill, Shoaito, Sese
- b. Absent: None
- c. Staff Present: Stephanie Reyna-Hiestand, Assistant Director – Utilities
Carla Sorich, Executive Assistant
- d. Recorded by: Carla Sorich, Executive Assistant

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Chair Wood.

STAFF NOTIFICATION: There were issues with the visual software not being accessible therefore staff is requested that Item 6A be moved to later in the evening to allow time for City staff to attempt to fix the issue or move to the next meeting.

Commissioner comments and recommendations were discussed.

ACTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Damasco and seconded by Chair Woods to move Item 6A to the end of the Items and if not able to show presentation, then move to next meeting. All in favor, passed, and so ordered. (6,0,0)

Approve – Wood, Kahlon, Shergill, Shoaito, Sese, Damasco
Oppose - None
Abstain - None

4. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

5. CONSENT ITEMS

5.A REVIEW AND APPROVED THE MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 27, 2025.

ACTION: Motion was made to approve Item 5.A by Chairperson Wood and seconded by Commissioner Kahlon. All in favor; passed, and so ordered. (5,0,1)

Approve – Wood, Kahlon, Sese, Shergill, Shoaito
Oppose - None
Abstain – Damasco

6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6.A RECEIVE AN INFORMATIONAL ITEM TO UPDATE COMMISSION ON TARGETS IDENTIFIED IN THE SAP CHAPTERS 4 AND 5 RELATED TO WATER AND STORMWATER.

Stephanie Reyna-Hiestand provided the report and presentation.

Commissioner questions and comments followed.

7. ACTIONABLE ITEMS

7.A APPOINT VOLUNTEERS TO A SPECIFIC TOPIC WITHIN THE SAP TO MAKE POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

Stephanie Reyna-Hiestand provided the staff report.

Commissioner discussion and questions followed. Commissioners selected their topics for policy recommendations as follows:

Chairperson Wood – Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Biological Resources

Vice Chair Damasco - Energy, Economic Development

Commissioner Kahlon – Air Quality, Agriculture and Open Space

Commissioner Sese - Outreach and Education, Solid Waste

Commissioner Shergill – Transportation and Land Use, Public Health

Commissioner Shoaito – Water

ACTION: Motion was made by Chairperson Wood and seconded by Commissioner Kahlon to accept the above assignments. All in favor, passed, and so ordered. (6,0,0)

Approve – Wood, Kahlon, Shergill, Shoaito, Sese, Damasco

Oppose - None

Abstain - None

7.B REVIEW AND APPROVE AN UPDATE TO THE ESC 2025 ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION WORKPLAN WITH ACTION ITEMS FROM PRIOR MEETINGS.

Stephanie Reyna-Hiestand provided the staff report.

Commissioner questions and comments followed.

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Shoaito and seconded by Commissioner Shergill to make the following changes to the 2025 ESC Workplan:

- Removed Ad Hoc Committee Report for March 27, 2025
- Update Workplan with presentations identified in Item 7.C
- Annual Report to Council Presentation will move to April 24 meeting
- Commissioners to provide 3-5 cities to review for their current SAP/CAP process – must email to Stephanie/Carla by April 17, 2025

All in favor, passed, and so ordered. (6,0,0)

Approve – Shoaite, Shergill, Kahlon, Sese, Damasco, Wood
Oppose - None
Abstain - None

8. STAFF ITEMS - NONE

9. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Damasco thanked City staff for the informational presentation.

Chairperson Wood reminded that Earth Day was coming up on April 26 and Commissioners would volunteer to take shifts at the Utilities booth. Commissioners will discuss further at April 24 ESC meeting.

Commissioner Kahlon reminded that the City of Tracy Community Clean up is taking place on March 29.

10. ADJOURNMENT – Time: 9:15 PM.

ACTION: Motion was made by Chair Wood and seconded by Vice Chair Damasco to adjourn. All in favor and so ordered. (5,0,0)

Approve – Wood, Damasco, Kahlon, Sese, Shergill
Oppose - None
Abstain - None

CITY OF TRACY
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION MEETING
September 25, 2025

AGENDA ITEM 8.A

REQUEST

APPOINT COMMISSION VOLUNTEERS TO A SPECIFIC TOPIC WITHIN THE SAP TO MAKE POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

During the February 27, 2025, meeting, Item 7.C - Action Item #3 of that meeting requested that Commissioners return with a discussion to appoint volunteers to a specific topic within the SAP to make policy recommendations. There were 11 topics covered in the SAP and Commissioners in attendance were given the opportunity to select two of the topics at that meeting and/or wait till further discussion at the March 27, 2025, meeting. Two of the Commissioners selected their topics at this meeting. This item is to discuss and appoint the remaining topics to each of the Commissioners to be the subject matter expert during presentations on those topics at future meetings.

DISCUSSION

The SAP contains 11 environmental topics that are covered in the document. Those environmental areas are:

- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Energy
- Transportation and Land Use
- Solid Waste
- Water
- Agriculture and Open Space
- Biological Resources
- Air Quality
- Public Health
- Economic Development; and
- Outreach and Education

Of the four Commissioners in attendance, each were given the opportunity to make a selection on two of the topics to be the subject matter expert when presentations were being brought forward to the Commission at later dates. These presentations would be updates to the topic sections in Chapter 4 and 5 of the SAP. Commissioner Shoaite selected Water and Biological Resources and Commissioner Kahlon selected Air Quality and Agriculture and Open Space. The other two Commissioners did not choose at this time.

RECOMMENDATION

APPOINT COMMISSION VOLUNTEERS TO A SPECIFIC TOPIC WITHIN THE SAP TO MAKE POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

Prepared by: Stephanie Reyna-Hiestand, Assistant Director of Utilities

Reviewed by: Carla Sorich, Executive Assistant

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AGENDA ITEM 8.B

REQUEST

REVIEW, DISCUSS, AND APPROVE THE PROPOSED CONTENT FOR THE ANNUAL REPORT PRESENTATION TO CITY COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The By-Laws for the City of Tracy Environmental Sustainability Commission (ESC) requires that an annual report be presented to the Tracy City Council identifying the work completed in the prior year and work plan for the next year. This item requests that Commissioners discuss, make recommendations, and approve as final the draft presentation for City Council.

DISCUSSION

At the January 23, 2025, meeting, Stephanie Reyna-Hiestand, reminded the Commission of its obligation to prepare an annual report to be presented by Chair Wood or another member at a Council Meeting. Chair Wood volunteered to prepare a draft presentation based on other City Commissions presentations and bring it back for discussion and recommendation by the ESC for the final presentation to Council.

The proposed items for inclusion were:

- Formed the Sustainability Action Plan Ad Hoc Committee to bring information back to the ESC on sections of the SAP to update or request Council policy
- Received information reports from various city departments and local businesses on sustainable practices and implementation of mandates such as the Solid Waste subdivision of Public Works – food waste and compliance with SB1383, Heirloom – Carbon sequestration and San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District – Tracy Air Quality
- Recommended that City Council adopt the Urban Forest Master Plan after discussion and review
- Reviewed and submitted Commission comments on the Recirculated Draft Environment Impact Report Chapters for the Tracy Costco Depot Annex Project
- Reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Schulte Road Warehouse Project

RECOMMENDATION

REVIEW, DISCUSS, AND APPROVE THE PROPOSED CONTENT FOR THE ANNUAL REPORT PRESENTATION TO CITY COUNCIL

Prepared by: Jenny Wood, Environmental Sustainability Commission - Chair

Reviewed by: Stephanie Reyna-Hiestand, Assistant Director of Utilities

Attachments:

Attachment A – PowerPoint Presentation



Environmental Sustainability Commission

First Annual Report:
September 2023 - December 2024



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION FORMATION



- ESTABLISHED BY CITY COUNCIL THROUGH RESOLUTION 2023-068 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADVISING THE COUNCIL ON ISSUES RELATED TO THE SUSTAINABILITY, ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP, AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADVANCEMENT ON THOSE FRONTS.
- THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION (ESC) IS ADVISORY TO THE CITY COUNCIL.
- ESTABLISHED BY-LAWS AS APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL FOR THE GOVERNANCE OF THE CONDUCT OF THE COMMISSION AT MEETINGS AND THE TRANSACTION OF ITS AFFAIRS.



ESC By-Laws



- Purpose: to develop and recommend to City Council, comprehensive, integrated environmental policies for implementation by the City to protect and enhance the City's air, water, and land.
 - Acting as an advocate for protecting, preserving, and enhancing the environment as it relates to issues under consideration by the City Council and Planning Commission.
 - Serving in an advisory role to the City Council and all Boards and Commissions,
 - Providing a means for promoting discussion and education on issues related to the environment and sustainability.
 - Preparing an annual report to be presented to the City Council such as this one



CURRENT COMMISSION

THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025



ADULT COMMISSIONERS

Jenny Wood
Chair

James Damasco
Vice Chair

Nicholas Sese

Navjot Kahlon

Gurdeep Shergill

YOUTH COMMISSIONERS

Leah Shoaibo

Vacant

ESC makeup is seven members: five adults and two youth



First Year Highlights

September 2023 – December 2024



Conducted education and outreach at events, like the Tracy Earth Day event in April 2024

Formed the Sustainability Action Plan (SAP) Ad-Hoc Committee

- Two-member committee to review the SAP and make recommendations to the Commission for discussion and action

Individual Commissioners attended Tracy Earth Project talks, community educational events, including Tracy Renewable Energy, SB1383, Beam Circular, and Valley Link

Received Informational Reports from City staff and local businesses

- Public Works Solid Waste – SB1383 Food Waste
- Heirloom – Carbon Sequestration
- San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District – Air Quality in Tracy

Received and Recommended Council Adoption of the Urban Forest Management Plan

Reviewed and Held Public Meetings on Environmental Impact Reports

- Recirculated Draft EIR for the Costco Depot Annex Project
 - Commission submitted comments
- Draft EIR for the Schulte Road Warehouse Project



Future Work Plan Tasks



- Finalize updates to the Sustainability Action Plan (SAP) by the end of 2025 in preparation for the General Plan in 2026
- Recommend and propose comprehensive, integrated environmental policies for implementation by the City to protect and enhance the City's air, water, and land.
- Review and Discuss Council recommendations on environmental policy and provide comment. (e.g. the Green Fleet Policy)
- Support City environmental initiatives and community events, e.g. Tracy Earth Day



**CITY OF TRACY
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 25, 2025**

AGENDA ITEM 8.C

REQUEST

STAFF REQUESTS THAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION REVIEW AND APPROVE AN UPDATE TO THE CY2025 ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION WORKPLAN WITH ACTION ITEMS FROM PRIOR MEETINGS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The commission and public make recommendations each meeting that are moved forward and approved for submission to the Environmental Sustainability Commission (ESC) annual workplan. This item requests that the ESC review, discuss, and approve updates to the ESC workplan.

DISCUSSION

The Commission made requests that were motioned and approved at the March 27, 2025, ESC meeting. The items discussed and requested were:

- Update the Workplan with presentations identified in Item 7.C
- Remove the Ad-Hoc Committee Report for March 27 and April 24, 2025
- Add the Annual Report review, discussion, and possible approval to April 24, 2025
- Add the Presentation to City Council to July 1, 2025 (removed from TBS tab)
- Removed Ad Hoc for Aquatic Center on TBS tab – Director MacDonald informed no longer needed.
- Additionally, due to lack of quorum since March 27, several requested items were moved to October, November and December meetings - highlighted in yellow

RECOMMENDATION

The Environmental Sustainability Commission review and approve an update to the 2025 Environmental Sustainability Commission workplan with action items from prior meetings.

Prepared by: Stephanie Reyna-Hiestand, Assistant Director of Utilities

Reviewed by: Carla Sorch, Executive Assistant

ATTACHMENT

A - 2025 Environmental Sustainability Commission Workplan through September 14, 2025

Agenda Item 8.C

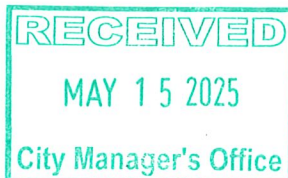
MEETING SCHEDULED DATE	WORKPLAN ITEMS	ITEM REQUESTED MEETING DATE	COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITY RELATION	TASKS/ACTION	ASSIGNMENT / SUBCOMMITTEE	TIMELINE	STATUS
2025							
APRIL 24, 2025 - Meeting Cancelled due to lack of quorum	ESC WORKPLAN FOR CY 2025		Good Governance	Action - Review and Approve	ESC	monthly	on-going
	ANNUAL REPORT - REVIEW, DISCUSS, AND APPROVE CONTENT OF PROPOSED PRESENTATION ITEMS	JANUARY 23, 2025	Good Governance	Action - Discuss, Review, and/or Approve	ESC	YEARLY	moved to Sept 2025
	INFORMATIONAL ITEM TO UPDATE COMMISSION ON GOALS IDENTIFIED IN THE SAP CHAPTERS 4 AND 5 RELATED TO SOLID WASTE	FEBRUARY 27, 2025	Good Governance	Informational Item	PUBLIC WORKS	ONE-TIME UPDATE	moved to Oct 2025
MAY 22, 2025 - CANCELLED (QUORUM)	SAP AD-HOC COMMITTEE - REPORT		Good Governance	Informational Item	ESC	monthly	on-going
	ESC WORKPLAN FOR CY 2025		Good Governance	Action - Review and Approve	ESC	monthly	on-going
	INFORMATIONAL ITEM TO UPDATE COMMISSION ON GOALS IDENTIFIED IN THE UFMP PAGES 3.4.30, AND 42-59 THAT INCLUDES ANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS OR DEFICIENCIES WITH EXPECTED COMPLIANCE DATES, IF ANY.	OCTOBER 24, 2024	Good Governance	Informational Item	PUBLIC WORKS	ONE-TIME UPDATE	Moved to Oct. 2025
JUNE 26, 2025 - CANCELLED (QUORUM)	SAP AD-HOC COMMITTEE - REPORT		Good Governance	Informational Item	ESC	monthly	on-going
	ESC WORKPLAN FOR CY 2025		Good Governance	Action - Review and Approve	ESC	monthly	on-going
	INFORMATIONAL ITEM TO UPDATE COMMISSION ON GOALS IDENTIFIED IN THE SAP CHAPTERS 4 AND 5 RELATED TO TRANSIT AND TRANSPORTATION	FEBRUARY 27, 2025	Good Governance	Informational Item	PUBLIC WORKS	ONE-TIME UPDATE	Moved to Nov 2025
JULY 24, 2025 - CANCELLED							
AUGUST 28, 2025 - Cancelled due to lack of quorum	SAP AD-HOC COMMITTEE - REPORT		Good Governance	Informational Item	ESC	monthly	on-going
	ESC WORKPLAN FOR CY 2025		Good Governance	Action - Review and Approve	ESC	monthly	on-going
SEPTEMBER 25, 2025	ANNUAL SELECTION OF OFFICERS		Good Governance	ACTION	ESC	ANNUAL	on-going
	SAP AD-HOC COMMITTEE - REPORT		Good Governance	Informational Item	ESC	monthly	on-going
	ESC WORKPLAN FOR CY 2025		Good Governance	Action - Review and Approve	ESC	monthly	on-going
	ANNUAL REPORT - REVIEW, DISCUSS, AND APPROVE CONTENT OF PROPOSED PRESENTATION ITEMS	JANUARY 23, 2025	Good Governance	Action - Discuss, Review, and/or Approve	ESC	YEARLY	MOVED FROM APRIL 24
OCTOBER 23, 2025	SAP AD-HOC COMMITTEE - REPORT		Good Governance	Informational Item	ESC	monthly	on-going
	ESC WORKPLAN FOR CY 2025		Good Governance	Action - Review and Approve	ESC	monthly	on-going
	INFORMATIONAL ITEM TO UPDATE COMMISSION ON GOALS IDENTIFIED IN THE SAP CHAPTERS 4 AND 5 RELATED TO SOLID WASTE AND GREEN FLEET POLICY	FEBRUARY 27, 2025	Good Governance	Informational Item	PUBLIC WORKS	ONE-TIME UPDATE	moved from April 2025
	INFORMATIONAL ITEM TO UPDATE COMMISSION ON GOALS IDENTIFIED IN THE UFMP PAGES 3.4.30, AND 42-59 THAT INCLUDES ANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS OR DEFICIENCIES WITH EXPECTED COMPLIANCE DATES, IF ANY.	OCTOBER 24, 2024	Good Governance	Informational Item	PUBLIC WORKS	ONE-TIME UPDATE	Moved from May 2025
	PRESENTATION - QUEST - HEAT MAPPING			Informational Item	Quest	One Time	
NOVEMBER 4, 2025 - CITY COUNCIL MEETING	ANNUAL REPORT PRESENTATION	JANUARY 23, 2025	Good Governance	Informational Item	ESC	ANNUAL UPDATE	ON-GOING
NOVEMBER 17, 2025	SAP AD-HOC COMMITTEE - REPORT		Good Governance	Informational Item	ESC	monthly	on-going
	ESC WORKPLAN FOR CY 2025		Good Governance	Action - Review and Approve	ESC	monthly	on-going
	INFORMATIONAL ITEM TO UPDATE COMMISSION ON GOALS IDENTIFIED IN THE SAP CHAPTERS 4 AND 5 RELATED TO TRANSIT AND TRANSPORTATION	FEBRUARY 27, 2025	Good Governance	Informational Item	PUBLIC WORKS	ONE-TIME UPDATE	Moved from June 2025
DECEMBER 9, 2025	SAP AD-HOC COMMITTEE - REPORT		Good Governance	Informational Item	ESC	monthly	on-going
	ESC WORKPLAN FOR CY 2025		Good Governance	Action - Review and Approve	ESC	monthly	on-going

COMMISSION MEETING ACTION DATE	COMMISSION REQUESTS - TBS	STATUS	ESC MEETING DATE
11/27/2023	CITY SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES - STANDARDS FOR DUAL USE BASINS, RECYCLED WATER USE, IRRIGATION	REQUESTED PRESENTATION FROM ENGINEERING/PARKS	possibly August?
1/25/2024	PLANNING DIVISION - GENERAL INFORMATION ON ZONING, CEQA, ETC	REQUESTED INFORMATION FROM DIRECTOR EBBS	TBD
1/25/2024	AVA ENERGY AND CITY PARTNERSHIP PRESENTATION	RESEARCHING WHICH DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE THE PRESENTATION	TBD
6/27/2024 and 10/24/2024	INFORMATIONAL ITEM FROM VALLEY LINK PROJECTIONS AND OVERALL ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFIT TO THE CITY OF TRACY AND THE AREA IN GENERAL.	EMAIL SENT TO MR. RIDDER REQUESTING A PRESENTATION ON FEBRUARY 18, 2025 - No Response. Sent a follow-up email on April 10.	TBD
9/26/2024	INFORMATIONAL ITEM TO UPDATE COMMISSION ON SECTION 3 OF THE SAP TARGETS 4-1, MEASURES 5-7 TO 5-16 AND INCLUDE ANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS OR DEFICIENCIES WITH EXPECTED COMPLIANCE DATES, IF ANY.	PLANNING STAFF ASSIGNED FROM DIRECTOR EBBS GENEVIEVE F.	possibly 2nd Qtr?
10/24/2024	INFORMATIONAL ITEM TO UPDATE COMMISSION ON SECTION 2 EXISTING CONDITIONS - B ENERGY OF THE SAP TARGETS ON PAGE 4-1, AND MEASURES ON PAGES 5-1 TO 5-7 AND INCLUDE ANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS OR DEFICIENCIES WITH EXPECTED COMPLIANCE DATES, IF ANY.	PLANNING STAFF ASSIGNED FROM DIRECTOR EBBS GENEVIEVE F.	possibly 3rd Qtr?
1/23/2025	ANNUAL REPORT TO COUNCIL	CHAIR WOOD PREPARING PRESENTATION AND AGENDA FOR COMMISSION DISCUSSION	7/1/2025 COUNCIL MEETING
	INFORMATION FOR CONSIDERATION OF AN AD-HOC COMMITTEE TO ATTEND AQUATIC CENTER CONCEPTUAL PLANNING	DIRECTOR, BRIAN MACDONALD WILL PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION	1/23/2025



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Mayor Nancy Young
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Boyd Service Center
Tracy, CA 95376

Dear Mayor Nancy Young,

On behalf of the Arbor Day Foundation, I'm happy to extend my warmest congratulations to Tracy on successfully achieving 2024 Tree City USA status. This well-deserved recognition is a testament to your community's unwavering commitment to the planting, care, and celebration of trees.

In an era where cities and towns are facing increasing challenges related to air quality, public health, and climate resilience, nurturing urban forests has never been more important. By prioritizing tree stewardship, you've not only helped enhance Tracy's beauty and livability, but you've also invested in a healthier, more sustainable future for your residents.

The Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City USA program has a long legacy of supporting a nationwide network of passionate organizers and tireless tree planters. Since 1976, we've connected with more than 3,500 communities of all sizes to create and maintain green spaces. While we may all work in different corners of the country, we are all working in unison to create positive change through trees.

To be named a Tree City USA is to be part of something bigger.

Whether Tracy is newer to the Tree City USA recognition program, or you've been part of our network for decades, we hope you are as excited as we are to share this accomplishment with your local media and your residents. To that end, we've included a press release for you to distribute at your convenience. A digital copy of the press release and other materials can be found in the Tree City USA Resource Center online at arborday.org/TreeCitytoolkit.

Once again, congratulations on this outstanding achievement and thank you for your dedication to Tracy's tree canopy. We believe cities that take care of their trees, take care of their people.

Best Regards,

Dan Lambe
Chief Executive of the Arbor Day Foundation



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TRACY EARNS 2024 TREE CITY USA RECOGNITION FROM ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION

TRACY, California (4/21/2025) – The Arbor Day Foundation named Tracy a 2024 Tree City USA in honor of its commitment to plant, grow, and maintain trees to benefit its community.

The Arbor Day Foundation is a global nonprofit with a mission to inspire people to plant, nurture and celebrate trees. Its network of more than a million supporters and partners has helped the organization plant more than 500 million trees in forests and communities across more than 60 countries since 1972. The Tree City USA program has recognized cities and towns that leverage urban forestry to enhance the livability and sustainability of their local area for over 40 years.

"We all have a role to play in shaping our future and tree champions like Tracy are leading the way," said Michelle Saulnier, Vice President of Programs at the Arbor Day Foundation. "Trees are critical infrastructure, building resiliency and fostering good health in our nation's cities. We're proud Tracy is among the Arbor Day Foundation's growing network of communities dedicated to creating positive impact through trees."

In cities and neighborhoods, trees are proven to help mitigate the urban heat island effect, reduce stormwater runoff, improve air quality, and boost mental and physical health. When the right trees are planted in the right places, they can also reduce traffic noise, increase property values, and lower energy costs for homeowners.

{OPTIONAL QUOTE FROM CITY OFFICIAL/LOCAL TREE CITY REPRESENTATIVE}

To earn Tree City USA recognition, a city must uphold four core standards including maintaining a tree board or department, having a community tree ordinance, spending at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry, and participating in an Arbor Day celebration.

The Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City USA program is operated in partnership with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service. To learn more about the program or how to apply, visit arborday.org.

About the Arbor Day Foundation

The Arbor Day Foundation is a global nonprofit inspiring people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees. They foster a growing community of more than 1 million leaders, innovators, planters, and supporters united by their bold belief that a more hopeful future can be shaped through the power of trees. For more than 50 years, they've answered critical need with action, planting more than half a billion trees alongside their partners. And this is only the beginning.

The Arbor Day Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit pursuing a future where all life flourishes through the power of trees. Learn more at arborday.org.

