

# City of Alpena

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## Alpena Named Tree City USA

The City of Alpena has been named a Tree City USA community by The National Arbor Day Foundation to honor its commitment to community forestry. It is the nineteenth year Alpena has received this national recognition.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by The National Arbor Day Foundation, in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.

The City of Alpena has met the four standards to become a Tree City USA community; a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

A Tree City USA designation recognizes the work of elected officials, City staff, and citizens who plant and care for the urban forest. This designation is also an excellent indication that the City of Alpena has a solid foundation for community forestry.

National Arbor Day Foundation officials note that an effective community forestry program will cool and beautify a community, increase property values, help clean the air and water, and conserve energy.

In recognition of Arbor Day, April 27, 2018, the City of Alpena will raise the Tree City USA flag at City Hall. Due to the weather, Arbor Day tree planting will be postponed until further notice.