

## From the Desk of Dan Lambe

*Chief Executive, Arbor Day Foundation*

Harry, thank you for being a Tree City USA leader. Your commitment to trees makes Ely a greener, healthier, more resilient place to live, work, and thrive.



Are you working with local schools as you gear up for Arbor Day? [Seventy K-12 schools in 35 states](#) earned Tree Campus K-12 recognition for the very first time for their achievement of four program goals, including a celebration of Arbor Day, during the 2021-2022 school year. Now it's time to encourage schools to apply for 2022-2023 recognition.

The vision of our [Tree Campus K-12 program](#), built upon the 47-year legacy of Tree City USA, is to inspire the next generation of tree stewards through experiences that bring the benefits of trees to life both inside and outside the classroom.

We know that partnering with schools is a hallmark of many annual Arbor Day celebrations. If your community does this, you're already working toward the goals of Tree City USA and Tree Campus K-12 — together.

**Any K-12 school that applies for recognition by the end of the 2022-2023 school year**

has the opportunity to be among the first in the world to earn this designation and fly the Tree Campus K-12 flag. You can learn more about the program via these resources:

[Tree Campus K-12 Program Overview](#)

[2022-2023 Tree Campus K-12 Application](#)



I urge you to forward this message to any K-12 school or district leaders in your community and encourage them to establish a legacy of tree stewardship just like Ely. You may also direct them to [www.TreeCampusK12.org](http://www.TreeCampusK12.org) to learn more and begin an application for recognition.

Sincerely,

Dan Lambe  
Chief Executive  
Arbor Day Foundation