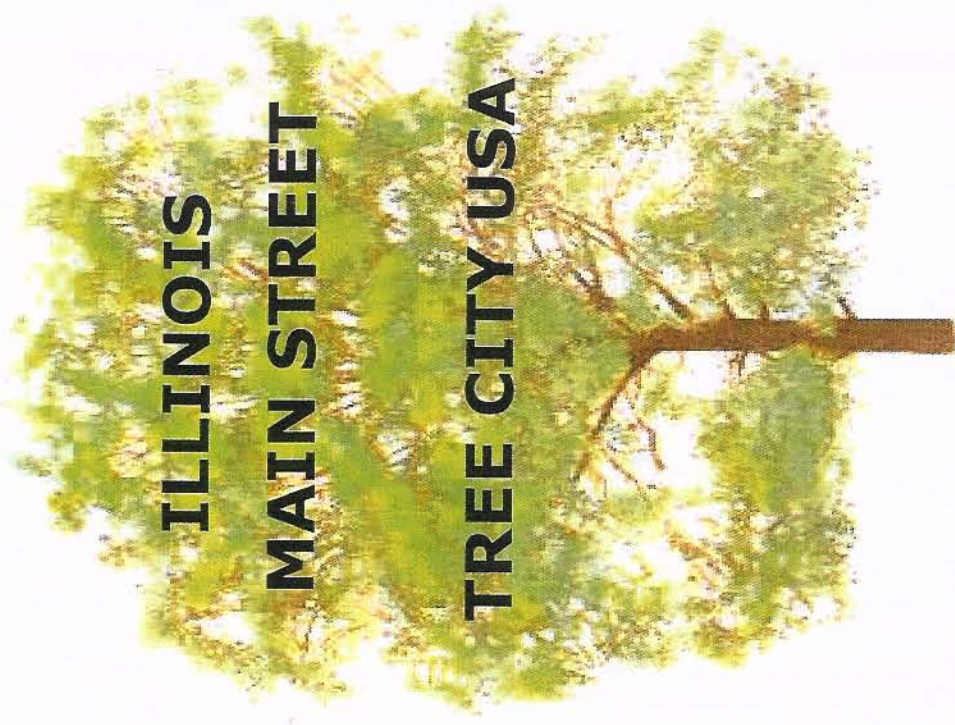


## Tree Facts

- In one year, a single tree can absorb as much carbon as is produced by a car driven 26,000 miles.
- Trees provide shade and shelter, reducing yearly heating and cooling costs by 2.1 billion dollars.
- The average tree in metropolitan areas survive about 8 years!
- Trees cut down noise pollution by acting as sound barriers.
- Trees improve water quality by slowing and filtering rain water as well as protecting aquifers and watersheds.
- Trees located along streets act as a glare and reflection control.
- Shade trees can make buildings up to 20 degrees cooler in the summer.



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**“Tree City USA builds awareness of the benefits of trees while revitalizing Illinois communities.”**

In communities across Illinois, civic leaders are working to bring life back to their downtown districts through this nation-wide program.

Illinois Main Street will now partner with Tree City USA to further strengthen community revitalization. Main Street communities rely on trees to create a welcoming atmosphere, stimulating economic growth and promoting nature-based tourism. Trees located in business districts of Main Street communities attract shoppers and nature-enthusiasts, as well as beautify commercial areas.

**Tree City USA** provides guidance, technical assistance, public attention, and national recognition for urban and community forestry programs in thousands of towns and cities where more than 93 million Americans call home.

**WHY SHOULD YOUR MAIN STREET COMMUNITY PARTNER WITH TREE CITY USA?**

**Illinois Main Street Program**, administered by the Office of Lieutenant Governor Pat Quinn, is a comprehensive community revitalization program designed to promote the historic preservation and economic development of the state's traditional business districts.

In Illinois alone, there are over 174 Tree City USA communities. There are over 7 million citizens in Illinois living in Tree City, USA communities.

Participating in Tree City USA helps present the kind of image that most citizens want their home or business to reflect. The Tree City USA signs at community entrances tell visitors that here is a community that cares about its environment.

Gaining Tree City USA recognition is an honor to the community. Citizens can then share a sense of pride in being a Tree City USA town.

For more information, contact Lieutenant Governor Quinn's office at 312-814-5220.