



ARBNET ACCREDITATION FOR A CITY/TOWN/COMMUNITY -FAQ'S

- Can a city with labeled species apply for an arboretum accreditation? **Yes**
- Do all of our species have to be labeled to become accredited? **No, not every tree needs to be labeled, however if they are not, a map will need to identify at least enough to qualify for the level of accreditation that you are applying for.**
- Do we need a formal database of our collection to become accredited? **You will need your collection documented in some way preferably in a database.**
- Does a city, community or town arboretum mean a park? **No, the entire area is actually the arboretum that is used by the community to advance and encourage the planting, studying and conservation of trees.**
- Can we get approved at one level now and work up to the next level? **Yes, we encourage this.**
- Do you have to have an arborist or horticulturalist on staff? **No, however many do use one to become established as an arboretum in the documentation of the collection.**
- What are some differences between the ArbNet Accreditation Program and Tree City USA? **For Level I accreditation they are very similar.**

Some of the major differences appear to be that Tree City USA:

- Does not have a minimum number of species required
- Does not need the species to be labeled or in a database
- Requires a minimum budget
- Does not require an enhanced educational program at Level II & up
- Does not require an organizational or master plan referencing the trees.

