



Tree Campus



## HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES START WITH GREENER HOSPITALS

Tree Campus Healthcare is a national recognition program that honors healthcare institutions that make trees part of their approach to community wellness, resilience, and sustainability. With a clear, flexible framework, facilities of all sizes can demonstrate leadership by using trees to support health outcomes for patients, staff, and the neighborhoods they serve.



Why become a Tree Campus

### **WELLNESS BEGINS WITH THE WORLD AROUND US**

Trees support better outcomes for people and the planet. From reducing stress and improving patient recovery to filtering air and creating safe, shaded spaces, trees are a low-cost, high-impact solution to many healthcare challenges. Recognition shows your commitment to innovative, preventive, and greener care—rooted in the needs of the communities you serve.

#### **Get Recognized**

Earn physical and digital recognition materials for your healthcare facility, including a plaque and the Tree Campus Flag!

#### **Get Connected**

Join a network of healthcare facilities committed to a healthier future.

#### **Stay informed**

Access new tools, project ideas, and stories from other recognized healthcare facility across the country.



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How it works

## THE TREE CAMPUS JOURNEY

To become a Tree Campus Healthcare facility, you'll need to complete activities that meet the five program standards during the calendar year and submit an application by the end of the year. Applications open in the fall and must be submitted by December 31st.

### ELIGIBLE HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

Facilities in the U.S. delivering inpatient healthcare services are eligible for Tree Campus Healthcare recognition, including hospitals, senior care, and other residential rehabilitation properties.

Achieving Recognition

### BECOME A TREE CAMPUS

- **Prepare, Assemble, and Plan:** Take our quick online Readiness Quiz to see how close your facility is to meeting the Tree Campus Healthcare standards. Then, bring together a team of staff, clinicians, grounds leaders, and community partners to begin planning.
- **Meet the Goals:** Throughout the year, complete projects that meet the five standards of Tree Campus Healthcare recognition, like developing a tree care plan or hosting a community engagement event.
- **Submit:** Applications open in the fall and are due by December 31st. Document and upload activities and evidence as you go to make the application simple when the time comes.

Healthcare Standards

#### 1. ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Form a team that includes representatives from departments like facilities, sustainability, administration, clinical care, and the community. This group guides tree-related decisions and fosters campus-wide engagement.

#### 2. FACILITY TREE CARE PLAN

Develop a plan for planting, protecting, and maintaining trees on or near your healthcare campus.

#### 3. COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROJECT

Lead one or more community forestry projects during the year.

#### 4. CELEBRATE AND EDUCATE

Hold or participate in at least one event that celebrates and educates your facility and community about the connection between trees, nature, and human health.

#### 5. FINANCIAL INVESTMENT

Allocate dedicated funding for the campus tree program, including implementation of the tree care plan, tree projects, education events, and other costs.



### READY TO IMPROVE HEALTH THROUGH TREES?

For more information and to take our short readiness quiz, visit [arborday.org/our-work/tree-campus-healthcare](https://arborday.org/our-work/tree-campus-healthcare).