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The Arbor Day Foundation Names Goshen a 2022 Tree City USA and bestows the Tree City USA Growth Award for achievement in education, tree care, tree inventory, volunteer recognition, and tree risk management.

Goshen maintains a tree board, has tree care ordinances, allocates a forestry budget, and hosts an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

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

Goshen Arbor Board members donated time and equipment valued at over \$22,000 in 2022. This included 585 volunteer hours. These hours were planting and watering trees, removing invasive plants, identifying trees, and blazing trails to open Goshen's Mill Branch Park. The 104-acre park includes 35 native trees that are identified on the tree trail. The Arbor Board is partnering with Beaver Water District to develop education materials about the unique plants/animals, geology, history, and water resources of Mill Branch Park.

Dan Lambe, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation, stressed that trees being planted and cared for by Goshen ensure that generations to come will enjoy a better quality of life. Participation in this program brings residents together and creates a sense of civic pride, whether it's through volunteering or public education.

Goshen, a fast-growing community of 2,500 people, offers a blend of rural and suburban lifestyles with access to NW Arkansas. It is located where the White River and Richland Creek converge and become part of Beaver Lake. Its residents and visitors enjoy fishing and water sports, biking and hiking, gardening and horseback riding, and shopping at the Goshen Farmer's Market.

Communities worldwide are facing issues with air quality, water resources, personal health and well-being, energy use, and extreme heat and flooding. Goshen is doing its part to address these issues both now and in the future. Arbor Board members have taken a leadership role in promoting green space, planting native trees, and protecting water quality.

The Arbor Day Foundation, with more than a million members, is the largest non-profit membership organization dedicated to planting trees. With more than one million members, 500 million Arbor Day trees have been planted in communities, cities, and forests throughout the world. Our vision is to lead toward a world where trees are used to solve issues critical to survival.

More information is available at [arborday.org](http://arborday.org)