

STANDARD #3 For Tree City USA

Wellington Tree Board Annual Work Plan – 2026

The following is an annual work plan that has been developed by staff and the Wellington Tree Board. The work plan has been developed with the Tree City USA guidelines in mind and includes tree-related projects and tasks to increase the Wellington tree canopy.

Initiatives:

A) Education and Public Relations

- Offer informational brochures at City Hall (from County, Tree City USA, etc.)
- Work with staff to review and recommend F.L.O.W.E.R. Award (Fabulous Landscapes Of Wellington Earning Recognition) recipients.
- Distribute tree pruning brochure with utility bills biennially.
- Select at least one (1) location for wildflower planting and plant the wildflower seeds.
- Examine the feasibility of recognizing school gardens within Wellington, as recipients of an award.
- Implementing a program for a rain barrel giveaway for Wellington residents.

B) Partnerships

- Work with Wellington Garden Club to identify planting project opportunities on Village owned property and supply the number of trees planted in Wellington, in an annual "Tree Planting Report."
- Assist and help organize planting and awareness projects with local schools.
- Work with Wellington Garden Club to participate in National Public Lands Day (September).

C) Planning & Management

- Wellington to continue with its Urban Forestry Management Plan.
- Identify potential vendors for participation in the annual Arbor Day event.
- To review, as requested by the Planning, Zoning and Building Department, any changes to the Landscape Ordinance.
- Make recommendations to Planning, Zoning, and Building Department, on proposed changes to the vegetation ordinance within Wellington.
- Initiate Tree Canopy Study in 2024, complete in 2025.

D) Tree Planting and Maintenance

- Identify areas in need of trees and prioritize them.
- Tree Removals (hazardous, invasive exotics) and replanting.

Goals for 2026:

- 1) Participate in Florida Arbor Day Activities (January).
- 2) Participate in an Earth Day event (April).
- 3) Participate in National Public Lands Day Annual Tree Planting with Wellington Garden Club (September).
- 4) Initiate Tree Canopy Analysis.
- 5) Select at least one (1) location for wildflower planting.