Arizona Tree City Spotlight



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City of Tolleson

First year of recognition!

About the Community

The City of Tolleson is located on the west end of the Phoenix valley. Small in size but mighty in local significance, the six-square-mile-city has over 20 Fortune 500 companies. Home to 9,353 residents but employing more than 20,000, the City of Tolleson maintains an appreciation for diversity, leadership, and family in the midst of dramatic regional growth. For Tolleson, achieving Tree City recognition represents their commitment to create a greener, safer, and more sustainable place to live, grow, and thrive.



Images: Tolleson's Arbor Day planting!

How They Did It

Took Responsibility

By assigning authority for the care of all trees on community-owned property, Tolleson showed commitment and accountability for decisions that impact public trees.

Led by Example

This is the biggest program hurdle with the greatest impact. Tolleson Parks Staff worked hard to implement standards for the care of municipal trees in city code, legally protecting this community resource.

Invested in their Urban Forest

A healthy tree canopy requires investment. Tolleson soared over the requirement $2 per capita requirement - with tree management, maintenance, planting and volunteer hours equaling $30.41 spent per resident!

Celebrated with Community

On April 19th, 2025, the City partnered with Trees Matter to plant 25 shade trees with residents to celebrate their first Arbor Day!



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