

Town Awarded \$5,000 for Trees

Under the stewardship of Patagonia's Tree and Park Committee (Jason Bethany Brandt, Yunghi Choi, Barbarta Ellis, Susan Englebry, Ann Gosline, Harry Hower, Mary Mckay, Cornelia O'Connor, Andy Wood, Caleb Weaver), Patagonia has achieved the status of a Tree City USA. This national program provides the framework for community forest management.

Because Patagonia is a Tree City, it is eligible for state grants, and the town has just been awarded \$5,000 by a program administered by several Arizona agencies. This competitive grant program provides reimbursement of \$1,500 to \$5,000 to assist Tree City USA communities "with the management, improvement, or conservation of community trees."

The Tree and Park Committee will use the money to plant new trees and gradually remove old trees that are in decline. Congratulations to this volunteer organization for writing such a successful grant.



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