

Oregon Community Trees  
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Dear Chris John,

On behalf of Oregon Community Trees (OCT), I am pleased to inform you that you have been selected to receive a 2019 Oregon Urban & Community Forestry Award for outstanding leadership in promoting urban and community forestry. The mission of Oregon Community Trees is to promote healthy urban and community forests through leadership, education, awareness, and advocacy. Each year, we recognize outstanding individuals for their leadership and accomplishments in advancing urban and community forest projects and activities in the state of Oregon.

OCT has learned about your work on the City of Ashland's Tree Commission where you preserved urban trees and educated the public on the value of trees. You and your company (Canopy, LLC.) display the highest moral and ethical decision making when caring for trees, educating clients upon the value of retaining trees. Last winter during the Ashland festival of lights, you and your company donated 300 native conifers to any Ashland resident that promised to plant them. Your advocacy and support for the City of Ashland's trees has extended to assisting the city's Parks Superintendent with a highly visible and complex pruning job in time for holiday light installation. "Without any hesitation Chris said he would love to help the City prune trees in time for the festival of lights. He would be happy to bring his crew and lift truck down for the day and knock out the job pro bono!" said Mike Oxendine, City of Ashland Parks Superintendent.

Like you, Oregon Community Trees shares the value of promoting community forests not just as a benefit to people but also for the trees themselves. Your many contributions to the City of Ashland's community trees have helped to create a vibrant asset in your community and your dedicated service has provided a great example of Urban and Community Forestry leadership for our state.

We hope you will accept this award and allow us to present it to you during a Arbor Day event or other event of your choosing. An Oregon Community Trees board member will contact you soon to make arrangements for your presentation.

Thank you for all your work and dedication to the trees in the City of Ashland and to urban forestry in Oregon. Best wishes and congratulations!

*Samantha Wolf*  
Oregon Community Trees President

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