



**ARBOR CITY AWARDS**  
**2019**  
**JUDGING CRITERIA**



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<b>1. Policy and Strategy</b>	<p>Availability of Council policy on the protection of trees, creation of parks and green landscapes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Does the <b>Policy/Strategy</b> exist?</li> <li>- Is the <b>Policy/Strategy</b> approved adopted by council?</li> <li>- Is the <b>Policy/Strategy</b> implemented and how?</li> <li>- Does the <b>Policy/Strategy</b> recognise other legislation (e.g. CARA – removal of category 1 weeds; NFA – protection of protected tree) NEMA and other NEMA related policies</li> <li>- Are relevant stakeholders aware of the <b>Policy / Strategy</b></li> </ul>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>
	<p>Availability of a greening plan or equivalent document.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Availability of greening plan</li> <li>- Greening plan included in the IDP</li> <li>- Plan provided for planting at new developments</li> <li>- Implementation of the plan</li> <li>- Community participation in implementing the plan</li> </ul>	<b>5</b>	

2. <b>The conservation and protection of existing trees</b>	<p>Special efforts to conserve and protect existing trees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Availability of by-laws to protect trees</li> <li>- Physical protection against vandalism</li> <li>- Community involvement (to assist or boost protection)</li> <li>- Maintenance programme (pruning, weeding)</li> <li>- Tree awareness and education and other related programmes e.g. adopt a tree.</li> </ul>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>
	<p>General impression regarding trees: <b>(to be assessed/used during field trip)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Trees well maintained</li> <li>- Improvement of environmental conditions</li> <li>- Types of trees planted (shade, wind break, etc)</li> <li>- Ecological importance (attract birds, etc)</li> <li>- Maintenance of trees obstructing traffic signs</li> </ul>	<b>5</b>	
3. <b>Space for future planting of trees, planning and development of wide sidewalks with enough space for trees</b>	<p>Design of sidewalks for trees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Width of side walks</li> <li>- Structures of side walks (paving, tar, cement)</li> <li>- Planting spacing</li> <li>- Consideration for overhead and underground structures</li> <li>- Streets wide enough to allow tree planting</li> </ul>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>

<p><b>4. The supply and conservation of green belts, natural assets in new and existing suburbs, Industrial areas, conservation areas, townships and areas where trees and plant growth already exists and can be promoted.</b></p>	<p>Conservation of natural assets, open spaces, green belts, rivers etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SDF(Spatial Development Framework) makes provision for green belts and open spaces</li> <li>- Use of natural assets to promote tourism</li> <li>- Pollution, and dumping sites near natural assets</li> <li>- Conservation of protected and prominent trees</li> </ul>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>
	<p>The provision and creating of open spaces where trees and other natural plant growth can be promoted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Parks establishment, greening of sport grounds and town entrances</li> <li>- Conversion of illegal dumping sites into parks</li> <li>- Use of indigenous trees versus exotics</li> <li>- Container trees where services prohibits normal planting</li> <li>- Removal of overhead/underground services</li> </ul>	<b>5</b>	
<p><b>5. The progress that has been made especially in townships with the placement of services so as to allow the planting of trees.</b></p>	<p>Influence on planning for new settlement areas</p>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
	<p>Use of incentives for including trees at development projects</p>	<b>1</b>	

<b>6. Special efforts undertaken in previously disadvantaged communities in the municipal area, in terms of tree planting and planting programmes, public participation and sustainability of projects?</b>	<p>Trees planted with communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tree planting in homesteads and types of trees planted (indigenous, exotic, fruits)</li> <li>- Average number of trees planted per household, streets or community area</li> <li>- Street planting</li> <li>- Planting at Cemeteries</li> <li>- After care and maintenance</li> <li>- Community involvement</li> <li>- Successes achieved,</li> <li>- Training provided</li> <li>- Use of local residents.</li> <li>- Number of jobs created</li> <li>- Tree survival rate</li> </ul>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>
	<p>Special Projects initiated with communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Parks, Arboretum, etc</li> <li>- Schools and Public areas</li> <li>- Fruit trees/ orchards</li> <li>- Community based nurseries</li> <li>- Non-timber Forest products such as beekeeping, wood carving, firewood and thatch grass.</li> </ul>	<b>5</b>	
<b>7. General tree planting in Town/ City or Municipal area</b>	<p>Previous efforts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Quantity</li> <li>- Types of tree planted</li> <li>- Species – site selection</li> <li>- Place where trees are planted (schools, streets, parks)</li> <li>- Survival rate – Measures taken to improve it.</li> </ul>	<b>10</b>	<b>20</b>

	<p>Current programme (2017 to 2019)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Quantity</li> <li>- Types of tree planted</li> <li>- Species – site selection</li> <li>- Place where trees are planted (schools, streets, parks)</li> <li>- Incorporation of suitable trees into the programme</li> </ul>	<b>10</b>	
<b>8. Maintenance of newly planted trees (0-3yrs)</b>	Watering, fertilising, pruning etc.( <b>to be assessed during field trip</b> )	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>9. Tree administration</b>	Existence and maintenance of a street tree register.	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
	Availability of up-to-date reports.	<b>1</b>	
	Filing system regarding complaints, routine maintenance, frequency of complaints and reaction/response time.	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>10. Municipal involvement on trees on private property and industrial areas.</b>	Private gardens	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>
	Industrial areas	<b>1</b>	
	State institutions	<b>1</b>	
	Business centres	<b>1</b>	
<b>11. Programs for the eradication of undesirable and Invasive plant species.</b>	Evidence on eradication programs	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
	Adherence to legal requirements	<b>1</b>	
<b>12. Involvement in appropriate Government initiatives, Working for Water, Working</b>	Involvement and economic empowerment of the community.	<b>2</b>	

for Fire Clean and Green Cities Enterprise Development, EPW etc.	Successes achieved	1	4
	Sustainability	1	
13.The use of specific trees to give a definitive character to a town or city, as well as the use of specific trees to accentuate interests or historical significance.	Entrances	1	3
	Main routes	1	
	Place of historical interest/tourist attractions	1	
14.Tree awareness and Environmental education  Arbor Month, World Environment day, World food day, Wetlands day, Weed buster week, Water week etc.	Availability of awareness programmes	2	3
	Previous educational statistics/records	1	
15. Funding allocation to greening	More than 20% two points and less than 20% one point	2	2
<b>Total Points</b>			<b>100</b>