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## **COMMUNITY CANOPY NOW ACCEPTING “LANDSCAPE OF EXCELLENCE NOMINATIONS”**

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Nominations for “Landscape of Excellence” are being accepted by Community Canopy, an organization with the goal of sustainable community forests. The Landscape of Excellence award recognizes and encourages good tree care by highlighting those businesses or organizations in the local community who are doing things right. Nominations should be submitted by August 15<sup>th</sup> for recognition in September.

Nominated businesses or organizations should have landscapes within the view of the public. They will be reviewed for their landscape care practices, especially in regard to trees.

In 2010 the Village Condominiums, located on 4<sup>th</sup> Street at Knotty Pine Lane in Coeur d’Alene, were recognized because of their use of a meandering sidewalk in order to retain native trees, the variety of tree species present, protection of the trees from damage by turf care equipment, effective irrigation, and overall aesthetics.

### **About Community Canopy**

Community Canopy is a tree care partnership of the cities of Coeur d’Alene, Hayden, Post Falls, Spokane and the Spokane County Conservation District with the assistance of the University of Idaho Extension and Washington State University Extension. Community Canopy members work together toward the goal of healthy and sustainable community forests that provide maximum environmental and visual benefits. Community Canopy provides informational publications, exhibits, workshops, and in-the-field training.

To make a nomination for a Landscape of Excellence Award, please contact one of the following communities through the Community Canopy website at [www.communitycanopy.info](http://www.communitycanopy.info) or call them at:

City of Coeur d'Alene – 208.769.2266

City of Hayden – 208.209.0987

City of Post Falls – 208.292.2315

City of Spokane – 509.363.5495

### **About Urban Forestry**

City of Spokane Urban Forestry staff manages 50,000 street trees and another 28,000 trees on developed park land within the City of Spokane. City arborists help manage the urban forest by planting and maintaining trees throughout the City. The thinning of trees in some areas is also done to improve the overall health of various stands of trees in the City's park system. Improving the City's urban forest is an ongoing project that will take decades of work and careful management. In 2010 Spokane received its seventh year in a row designation as a Tree City USA. That program is sponsored by The National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters. For more information please call 509.363.5470 or go online to [www.spokaneurbanforestry.org](http://www.spokaneurbanforestry.org)

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