History

The Bettendorf Trees Are Us (TAU) Steering Committee planted its first trees in 1992. The Bettendorf City Tree Board was initiated by the Bettendorf Park Board in 1996 to manage funding that it provides to TAU.

Since 1992, the Bettendorf TAU and the Bettendorf Tree Board have accomplished the following:

- Planted a minimum of 1441 trees or approximately 90 trees per year.
- Pruned a minimum of 1005 trees or approximately 65 trees per year.
- Established an annual spring planting.
- Established an annual fall pruning.
- Celebrated successes at an annual picnic.
- Won several awards including Tree City USA and the Tree City USA Growth Award.
- Beautified Bettendorf.
- Increased citizen awareness of the benefits of trees.