The Bettendorf TAU Steering Committee has 15 members. Five of the members represent the Bettendorf City Tree Board. Appendix 1 includes current members. We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of every month and follow an agenda and issue meeting minutes. Guests are welcome at all meetings.

We receive $8,000 annually from the city to plant and maintain trees. The Terry Jay Memorial, Trees Please, and other interested citizens and businesses provide additional funds and trees. We also rely upon labor from our members, the Bettendorf Parks and Recreation Department, volunteers from a variety of groups such as the Master Gardener program and subcontractors. Our financial year runs from July 1 through June 30. We do not have a formalized budget or budgeting process at this time.

The Bettendorf TAU Committee/Bettendorf Tree Board has the authority to obtain funding, decide on tree location and species, buy trees and plant/maintain them throughout the city. The Bettendorf City Tree Board has the authority to spend available funds.

In 2007, we planted sixty-one 1” to 1¼” caliper trees, prune and mulch trees, remove and replace trees and apply protective tree wrapping.

We publish an annual calendar of events.

We will apply annually for the Tree City USA Award.

We hold an Arbor Day ceremony.

We have had partnership programs with Living Lands & Waters, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Master Gardeners, Community Resources, and local schools to increase the number of trees planted and maintained.

We publish tree-related articles in local publications such as The Bettendorf News.

We desire to increase the number of trees donated, planted, and maintained each year. To accomplish this we may need additional capable volunteers, funds and planting and pruning days.

We will decide if we should buy TreeKeeper 7.6, a tree inventory software. This software will allow us to catalogue our tree inventory and more easily plan future plantings.