



# SOUTH SUBURBAN COLLEGE

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*Pictured – Students of South Suburban College’s Green Club worked in collaboration with the College’s Sustainability Committee to achieve Tree Campus USA recognition.*

## **South Suburban College Announces Tree Campus USA® Recognition on Earth Awareness Day**

SOUTH HOLLAND, IL—In honor of Earth Awareness Day, South Suburban College is pleased to announce its 2019 Tree Campus USA® recognition. Tree Campus USA, an Arbor Day Foundation program, honors colleges and universities and their leaders for promoting healthy trees and engaging students and staff in the spirit of conservation. SSC was one of just 20 schools in Illinois to be recognized at the time of the award notification.

In a statement from Arbor Day Foundation, “to obtain this distinction, SSC met the five core standards for sustainable campus forestry required by Tree Campus USA, including establishment of a tree advisory committee, evidence of a campus tree-care plan, dedicated annual expenditures for its campus tree program, an Arbor Day observance and the sponsorship of student service-learning projects. Your entire campus community should be proud of this sustained commitment to environmental stewardship.”

If ever there was a time for trees, now is that time. Communities worldwide are facing issues with air quality, water resources, personal health and well-being, and energy use. SSC and its Sustainability Committee continue to work to do its part. The SSC Sustainability Committee was established in 2011 to coordinate SSC's efforts in sustainability leadership within its community. Its number one goal is to educate staff and students about how to practice environmental stewardship at home and in the community.

SSC's Main Campus has a diverse range of beautiful tree and plant species. The Main Campus is located at 15800 South State Street, South Holland, Illinois. Visit [ssc.edu](http://ssc.edu) for more information.

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