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## KANSAS FOREST SERVICE

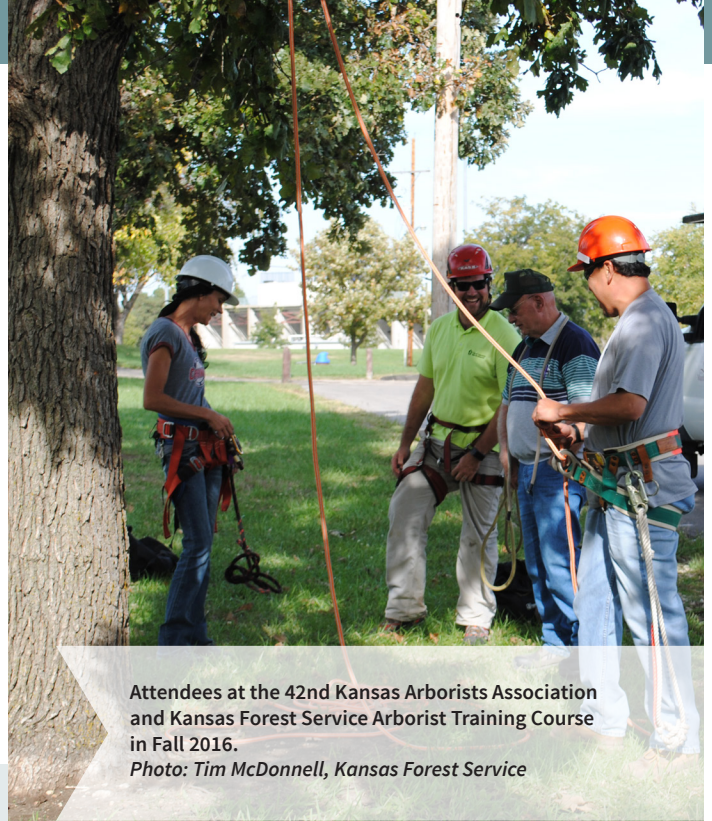
By partnering with the Kansas Arborists Association, the Kansas Forest Service can guarantee that every Certified Arborist not only is of the highest quality but also has been screened and trained with consistency. This key partnership between private and public organizations increases professional staff in both sectors, therefore increasing economic opportunities overall for both individuals and companies.

The Kansas Arborists Association and the Kansas Forest Service have a 42-year partnership through the Arborist Training Course that increases the professionalism, training, and education of local commercial and municipal arborists.

The Arborist Training Course fulfills the educational requirement to become a Kansas Certified Arborist. The course is a week-long class and is limited to 40 attendees. It is a mix of classroom and field demos and climbing. The course is usually an equal distribution of commercial and municipal arborists with a range of experience from one year to 30 years.

After passing the course, the attendees must apply to become certified. The application requires two years commercial experience or four years of governmental experience; their tree work requires an inspection process with two current Kansas Certified Arborists approving and signing their application. Applicants must also provide proof of insurance and sign a Code of Ethics.

Over the 42 years of this partnership, there have been over 1,800 attendees with currently 280 Kansas Certified arborists. The course encourages consistency between each arborist in knowledge, decision-making, and professionalism. The course also increases the number of Kansas Certified Arborists and requires Continuing Education Units (CEUs) to maintain the certification, which continues to advance the education and training element of the program.



Attendees at the 42nd Kansas Arborists Association and Kansas Forest Service Arborist Training Course in Fall 2016.

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The Arborist Training Course that partners together the Kansas Forest Service and the Kansas Arborist Association has standardized professionalism and education for arborists across the state. The partnership between public and private entities lends itself to an increase in staff in both sectors and increase in economic opportunities for the attendees of the course and companies looking to hire professional arborists.

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