David Jahn

David Jahn is presently the City Forester for the City of Des Moines. In this role, he manages the delivery of Forestry Section services for street and park trees citywide. He brings to his position a lengthy service record in both landscape management and forestry. For six years, Jahn served as City Forester in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Prior to that he was a Landscape Manager for County of Charlotte in southwest Florida for fifteen years. He is both a Certified Arborist and a Municipal Arborist with the International Society of Arboriculture. He is a Registered Consulting Arborist with the American Society of Consulting Arborists.

Jahn’s current projects in Des Moines include initiating an Urban Forest Master Plan, managing the emerald ash borer (EAB) action plan, education of local tree contractors, and working with neighborhoods to raise awareness of the environmental benefits of trees.

David Jahn has been a long-term and dedicated partner with Trees Forever since he began his work as city forester for Des Moines. He was instrumental in launching and developing the Des Moines-area TreeKeepers volunteer engagement program and co-taught the class for many years. He knows the value volunteers provide to the community forest. Jahn appreciates Trees Forever’s ability to help him and the city extend its reach so that more trees are planted and cared for in the community. He's always willing to provide city support for projects and helps fund nearly all of the TreeKeeper tree plantings in the community. He’s an eager partner in Trees Forever’s new Growing Futures pilot program and understands that we can do more together than separate.