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Arbor Day Foundation Recognizes Lawrence as a Tree City USA®

Lawrence Township was named a 2022 Tree City USA® by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management. In addition, this year Lawrence was awarded the Growth Award for demonstrating environmental improvement and an outstanding level of tree care.

Lawrence achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation. It is Lawrence Township's 27th year participating in the program.

"Tree City USA communities see the positive effects of an urban forest firsthand," said Dan Lambe, Chief Executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "The trees being planted and cared for by Lawrence are ensuring that generations to come will enjoy a better quality of life. Additionally, participation in this program brings residents together and creates a sense of civic pride, whether it's through volunteer engagement or public education." Lawrence Township Municipal Manager, Kevin P. Nerwinski, adds, "Achieving recognition from Tree City USA affirms our longstanding policy and commitment to preserving trees in our community and keeps us focused on making Lawrence Township a beautiful place to live and work."

Trees are assets to a community when properly planted and maintained. They help to improve the visual appeal of a neighborhood, increase property values, reduce home cooling costs, remove air pollutants and provide wildlife habitat, among many other benefits.

More information on the program is available at arborday.org/TreeCityUSA.