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**Norman Named Tree City USA for 8th Consecutive Year**

Norman has been named a Tree City USA community by the Arbor Day Foundation to honor its commitment to community forestry. It is the eighth year Norman has received this national recognition. The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.

Norman has met the four standards to become a Tree City USA community: a tree board or department, a tree ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance.

“Trees in our cities and towns help clean the air, conserve soil and water, moderate temperature and bring nature into our daily lives,” said John Rosenow, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. “Tree City USA designation recognizes the work of elected officials, staff and citizens who plant and care for the community forest.”

“Tree are a vital component of the infrastructure in our cities and towns, and provide environmental and economical benefits,” Arbor Day Foundation, Rosenow added. “A community, and its citizens, that recognize these benefits and provide needed care for its trees deserves recognition and thanks.”