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Arbor Day Foundation Names the Town of Beaufort a Tree City USA

BEAUFORT, NC- The Town of Beaufort was named a 2022 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters.

The Town of Beaufort 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. 2022 marks the 5th year the Town of Beaufort has been recognized with this designation.

"It is an honor for Beaufort to be named 2022 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation," said Mayor Sharon Harker. "People gravitate to green spaces. They boost our mood and overall health. I think maintaining and having a strong urban forest really is a great part of Beaufort and making sure we have a strong quality of life here."

"Everyone benefits when elected officials, volunteers and committed citizens in communities like the Town of Beaufort make smart investments in urban forests," said Dan Lambe, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Trees bring shade to our homes and beauty to our neighborhoods, along with numerous economic, social and environmental benefits."

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.



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ABOUT THE ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION: The Arbor Day Foundation is a million-member nonprofit conservation and education organization with the mission to inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees.