



CITY OF MANCHESTER

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Arbor Day Foundation Names Manchester Tree City USA® Community

MANCHESTER, NH - - The City of Manchester has been officially recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA® community for its commitment to urban forestry. This is the twenty-fourth consecutive year that Manchester has earned 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. There are four standards that municipalities must meet to be name a Tree City USA® Community and they are as follows: 1) tree board of development, 2) a tree-care ordinance, 3) a comprehensive community forestry program and 4) an Arbor Day observance and celebration.

John Rosenow, Chief Executive and Founder of the Arbor Day Foundation began, "We commend Manchester's elected officials, volunteers and its citizens for providing vital care for its urban forest. Trees provide numerous environmental, economical and health benefits to millions of people each day, and we applaud the communities that make planting and caring for trees a top priority."

Mayor Ted Gatsas added, "I am quite pleased that Manchester has received this honor. As a city we have always been committed to preserving our trees and green space as part of our economic development and revitalization plans. It's important that we maintain the beautiful landscapes we enjoy in Manchester for future generations."

More information about Tree City USA® can be found at www.arborday.org/TreeCityUSA.

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About the Arbor Day Foundation: *The Arbor Day Foundation is a nonprofit, environmental and education organization of nearly one million members, with a mission to inspire people to plant, nurture and celebrate trees. More information on the Arbor Day Foundation and its programs can be found at www.arborday.org.*