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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Rice Lake Named Tree City USA

Rice Lake has been named a Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation to honor its commitment to its community forest. It is the fourteenth year Rice Lake has received this national recognition.

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

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

"The trees we plant and care for today will cool and beautify our communities, increase property values, help clean the air and water, and conserve energy for years to come," said John Rosenow, President of The National Arbor Day Foundation.

"An effective community forestry program is an ongoing process of renewal and improvement—a program of tree planting and care that continues through the years," Rosenow added. "The Tree City USA award is an excellent indication that there is a solid foundation for that process of improvement."

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