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## Powell Named Tree City USA for 12<sup>th</sup> Year

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*Powell, OH:* The City of Powell has again been named a Tree City USA community by the Arbor Day Foundation.

The City earned this national recognition for the 12<sup>th</sup> year thanks to its ongoing commitment to community forestry.

In order to receive the Tree City USA community designation, Powell met the Arbor Day Foundation's four necessary standards: having a tree board or department; having a tree-care ordinance; having a comprehensive community forestry program; and having an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

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

David Betz, Powell's director of development, said the City takes pride in its Tree City USA designation.

"The planting and maintenance of our public trees is a top priority for our City Council," Betz said. "Our Arbor Advisory Committee, Share-the-Cost Tree Planting Program and the City of Powell staff all share the goal of planting the right tree in the right place. We are even available to advise residents and business owners on their own tree issues. We are proud of receiving our 12<sup>th</sup> straight award for being a Tree City USA Community."

To learn more about Tree City USA, log on to [www.cityofpowell.us](http://www.cityofpowell.us) and go to the scrolling news portion of the home page.

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