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Powell Named Tree City USA for 11th 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 11th 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.

“A community, its elected officials and its citizens that provide needed care for trees deserve recognition and thanks,” said John Rosenow, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. “Trees are a vital component of the infrastructure in our cities and towns, and they also provide environmental and economical benefits. Cities that are recognized with a Tree City USA designation go to great lengths to plant and care for the community forest.”

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

“The City Council has placed a priority on the planting and maintenance of our public trees,” Betz said. “Our Arbor Advisory Committee, the Share-the-Cost Tree Planting Program and the City of Powell Staff all continue to strive for planting the right tree in the right place, and even advise residents and business owners on their own tree issues. We thank the Arbor Day Foundation for giving us our 11th straight award for being a Tree City USA Community.”

To learn more about Tree City USA, log on to www.cityofpowell.us and go to the scrolling news portion of the home page.

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