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Harford County Named Tree City USA by Arbor Day Foundation

(Bel Air, MD) - - Harford County has been named a Tree City USA community by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to community forestry. This is the sixth year Harford County has received 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.

The county has successfully met the four standards to become a Tree City USA community including, having a tree board or similar department; a tree care ordinance; a comprehensive community forestry program and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

Communities that receive the Tree City USA recognition also recognize that trees promote healthier communities, help moderate climate, conserve water and provide habitat for wildlife. Additionally, trees in urban areas help reduce heat and provide a cooling affect to local residents.

“A community that provides needed care for its trees deserves recognition and thanks,” said John Rosenow, Chief Executive of the Arbor Day Foundation.

Commenting on the recent recognition, County Executive David R. Craig stated, “Trees are a valuable natural resource that add beauty to any community and provide for a healthier environment. We are proud of our environmental record in Harford County and appreciate the recognition bestowed upon us by the Arbor Day Foundation.”

For more information about Tree City USA, visit the website at www.arborday.org/TreeCityUSA.

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