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Arbor Day Foundation Names Lancaster Tree City USA

Lancaster, TX – The National Arbor Day Foundation designated the City of Lancaster a 2018 Tree City USA in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management. The City Council has worked several years to establish a strong tree preservation ordinance, provided funding for a comprehensive community forestry program as well as having an established tree board.

“Tree City USA communities see the impact an urban forest has in a community first hand, “ said Dan Lambe, president of the Arbor Day Foundation. “ Additionally, recognition brings residents together and creates a sense of community pride, whether it’s through volunteer engagement or public education.”

Trees provide multiple benefits to a community when properly planted and maintained. They help to improve the visual appeal of a neighborhood, increase property values, reduce home cooling costs, remove air pollutants and provide wildlife habitat, among many other benefits.

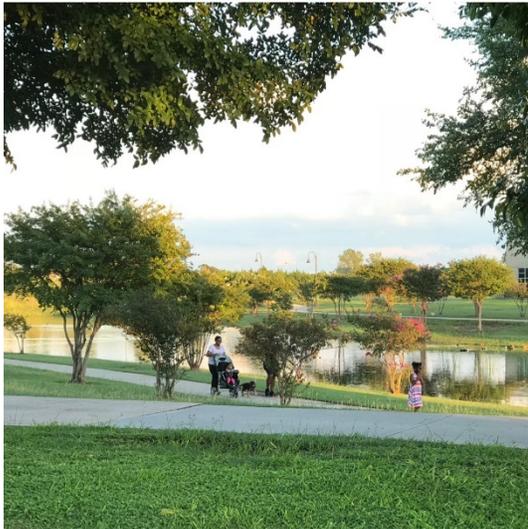
Mayor Clyde C. Hairston noted, “Lancaster is very fortunate to have such a large number of mature trees and we recognize the importance of trees to the environment and the value they add to property. The City is also home to two nature preserves, the Ten Mile Creek Preserve and the Bear Creek Nature Park, offering an opportunity for the young and old to enjoy the beauties of nature.”

The Arbor Day Foundation is a nonprofit conservation and education organization with the mission to inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees.

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