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Kirkwood Receives 20th Tree City Designation

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Kirkwood, Missouri: For the 20th year, the City of Kirkwood has again been recognized as a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation. The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the ADF in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.

Kirkwood met the four requirements for the program, which are: Have a tree board or department; have a tree-care ordinance; have a comprehensive community forestry program; and have an Arbor Day observance and proclamation. The City of Kirkwood has an Urban Forestry Commission and observes Arbor Day each year with a proclamation and a tree planting. In 2009, the tree was planted in Greentree Park (photo attached).

“We commend Kirkwood’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.”

More information about Tree City USA can be found at www.arborday.org/treecityusa.

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With 27,324 residents, the City of Kirkwood, Missouri, covers nine square miles and is home to turn-of-the-century homes, a vibrant business community, and cultural and educational institutions. Established in 1853, Kirkwood has long been known for its small-town charm, community pride, nationally recognized schools, diverse businesses, and involved residents.