



Legislation Text

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TITLE:

Receipt of the 30th Tree City USA Award

PURPOSE: The Town of Carrboro has been named a Tree City USA for 2014 by The National Arbor Day Foundation to honor its commitment to its community forest. This marks the 30th year that the Town of Carrboro has been given this award.

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

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INFORMATION: One of the goals of the Public Works department in providing for the reforestation of the Town is to continue the program level necessary to maintain the Town's recognition as a Tree City USA. Carrboro has met the four standards to become a Tree City USA: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance.

This year's Arbor Day was celebrated on Friday, March 13, 2015 with the students at Carrboro Elementary school. The celebration included comments from Mayor Pro Tem Sammy Slade, presentation of the Tree City USA Award by the NC Division of Forest Resources, and the planting of a Flowering Dogwood tree by the 3rd grade class. The Public Works Department donated a copy of "The Tree Book for Kids and Their Grown-ups" to each of the 3rd grade classrooms.

FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT: Purchase of promotional materials (\$150), Dogwood Tree (\$90), and 12 labor hours.

RECOMMENDATION: The town staff requests the Board of Aldermen receive the Tree City USA Award for calendar year 2014.