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Arbor Day Foundation Names Town of Middletown a 2023 Tree City USA® Growth Award Recipient

LINCOLN, Nebraska (3/20/2024) – Town of Middletown received a 2023 Tree City USA Growth Award from the Arbor Day Foundation for its commitment to effective urban forest management.

A Growth Award is bestowed to a community alongside their Tree City USA recognition for demonstrating environmental improvement and a higher level of tree care. The award recognizes major milestones and annual activities in five categories building a team, measuring trees and forests, planning the work, performing the work, and building the community framework.

"Tree City USA communities can experience the positive effects of a thriving urban canopy year after year," said Dan Lambe, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "The trees being planted and cared for by Town of Middletown are ensuring that generations to come will enjoy a better quality of life. Additionally, participation in this program helps cultivate a sense of stewardship and pride for the trees the community plants and cares for."

Trees are a vital part of every community. They help reduce energy consumption, cool temperatures, clean the air and water, raise property values, and provide a habitat for wildlife.

More information on the program is available at arborday.org/TreeCityUSA.

About the Arbor Day Foundation

Founded in 1972, the Arbor Day Foundation has grown to become the largest nonprofit membership organization dedicated to planting trees, with more than one million members, supporters and valued partners. Since 1972, almost 500 million Arbor Day Foundation trees have been planted in neighborhoods, communities, cities and forests throughout the world. Our vision is to lead toward a world where trees are used to solve issues critical to survival.

As one of the world's largest operating conservation foundations, the Arbor Day Foundation, through its members, partners and programs, educates and engages stakeholders and communities across the globe to involve themselves in its mission of planting, nurturing and celebrating trees. More information is available at arborday.org.