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“Norfolk Recognized for Tree Planting Efforts”



In the photo, from the left: Scott Josiah, Director of Nebraska Forest Service; Dr. G. Tom Surber, Chair of the City of Norfolk Tree Advisory Board; Governor Pete Ricketts; and Lyle Minshull, Chair of the Nebraska Community Forestry Council.

Norfolk was recently recognized by the Nebraska Forest Service and the Nebraska Community Forestry Council for the community's efforts to plant and care for trees. Dr. G. Tom Surber, chairman of the City of Norfolk Tree Advisory Board, attended the April 1 Tree City USA Recognition Day in Lincoln and received the Tree City USA award on the Norfolk community's behalf.

According to Jessica Kelling, coordinator of the ReTree Nebraska Initiative, more than 100 cities, colleges and utilities invested \$6.5 million for tree promotion in their Nebraska communities in 2014.

The Nebraska Forest Service (NFS) and the Nebraska

Community Forestry Council acknowledged their work through awards for Tree City Growth, Tree City, Tree Campus and Tree Line USA. Nebraska

“Communities are realizing they have to take a proactive role to protect and plant trees that offer beauty, shade, diversity, energy savings and so many other benefits,” said Kelling.

Other eastern Nebraska recipients of the 2014 Tree City USA award were Atkinson, Battle Creek, Creighton, Crofton, Hartington, Laurel, Neligh, O'Neill, Pender, Pierce, Pilger, Plainview, South Sioux City, Wakefield, Wausa, Wayne and Wisner.

The Nebraska Forest Service, an affiliate of the University of Nebraska, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources (IANR), works to enrich lives by protecting, restoring and utilizing Nebraska's tree and forest resources. For more information about tree-related efforts and awards, contact Kelling at 402-472-0220 or visit nfs.unl.edu.