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Communities, Individuals Recognized for Community Forestry Achievements

LINCOLN, Neb. & Communities and individuals across Nebraska were recognized for their work with tree resources during the Nebraska Community Forestry Conference and Tree City USA Recognition Day.

Tree City USA, Tree Campus USA, Tree Line USA and Nebraska Community Forestry Award recipients were recognized.

Nebraska Community Forestry Award winners were presented in five categories: Bob Feurer, Educator Award; Hastings Highland Park Arboretum, Community Enhancement Award; Jim Haas, Outstanding Tree Care Award; Great Plains Nursery, Green Industry Award; Community of Lexington, Paul Bunyan Traveling Trophy and Kathryn Cates Moore of the Lincoln Journal Star, Media Award.

Tree Line USA Awards were given to Omaha Public Power District, 11; Nebraska City Utilities, 9; Nebraska Public Power District, 6; and Lincoln Electric System, 6.

Tree City USA Awards were given to 109 communities. Bellevue, Milford and Norfolk were certified as Tree City USAs for the first time, while Stromsburg received a 30-year recognition award.

Growth Awards and Tree City USA Awards were presented to communities that have shown exceptional advancement in their dedication to tree enhancement.

Communities receiving Tree City USA and Growth Awards and number of years in the Tree City USA program include: Arapahoe, 23; Battle Creek, 21; Farnam, 4; Gering, 22; Gretna, 24; Hastings, 21; Lincoln, 34; North Platte, 28; Offutt Air Force Base, 24; Papillion, 22; South Sioux City, 19; Sutton, 22; and Valley, 17. North Platte received the Sterling Award recognizing 10 consecutive Growth Awards.

Other Nebraska communities receiving Tree City USA Awards with longevity in the program were: Allen, 18; Alliance, 19; Ashland, 11; Atkinson, 11; Auburn, 35; Bassett, 12; Bayard, 18; Beatrice, 24; Beaver City, 22; Benkelman, 16; Bennington, 22; Blair, 28; Boys Town, 25; Brady, 18; Broken Bow, 34; Cambridge, 15; Central City, 15; Chadron, 21; Chappell, 20; Columbus, 24; Cook, 25; Cozad, 18; Creighton, 20; Crete, 20; Crofton, 18; Curtis, 23; David City, 26; Dodge, 8; Doniphan, 17; Fairbury, 24; Falls City, 19; Fremont, 33; Friend, 28; Fullerton, 10; Gothenburg, 23; Grand Island, 25; Grant, 15; Hartington, 20; Hickman, 19; Holdrege, 18; Humboldt, 26; Imperial, 26; Julian, 4; Kearney, 25; Kimball, 20; La Vista, 20; Laurel, 8; Lexington, 14; McCook, 26; Minden, 21; Mitchell, 8; Morrill, 12; Nebraska City, 34; Neligh, 24; Nelson, 16; Nemaha, 8; Odell, 17; Ogallala, 27; O'Neill, 26; Omaha, 33; Ord, 14; Palisade, 17; Paxton, 16; Pender, 17; Pierce, 19; Pilger, 11; Plainview, 20; Potter, 18; Ralston, 25; Red Cloud, 16; Rushville, 16; Schuyler, 23; Scottsbluff, 23; Scribner, 5; Seward, 29; Shelton, 2; Sidney, 25; Snyder, 19; Stella, 18; Sutherland, 15; Tekamah, 24; Trenton, 26; Waco, 18; Wahoo, 3; Wakefield, 21; Wallace, 11; Wauneta, 18; Wausa, 15; Waverly, 11; Wayne, 20; Wisner, 16; and York, 21.

Tree Campus USA recipients were: Creighton University, 3; Nebraska Wesleyan University, 3; University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 3; Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture-Curtis, 2; Central Community College-Hastings, 2; and University of Nebraska-Omaha, 1.

The event was April 13 in Lincoln. For more information on Tree City USA Awards or the Nebraska Community Forestry Awards Program, contact Jessica Kelling at (402) 472-0220 or visit [Nebraska Forest Service \(http://www.nfs.unl.edu\)](http://www.nfs.unl.edu).

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