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## **City of Delaware a “Tree City” for 37<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Year**

**DELAWARE** – The City of Delaware has been named a Tree City USA community for the 37th consecutive year by the National Arbor Foundation in honor of its commitment to urban forest management.

In granting Tree City status, the National Arbor Day Foundation noted the work of the city’s Shade Tree Commission, as well as Delaware’s Arbor Day observance. Delaware has an urban forest of more than 17,000 trees valued at more than \$17 million. These trees provide shade, reduce pollution, soften urban noise and provide shelter for a multitude of wildlife.

“Residents of Delaware should be proud to live in a community that makes the planting and care of trees a priority,” the foundation said.

National Arbor Day is April 27. The City of Delaware’s Shade Tree Commission will mark the occasion Saturday, April 28, with a ceremonial tree planting ceremony at the Delaware Community Center YMCA, 1121 S. Houk Road.

More information on the Tree City program is available at [arborday.org/TreeCityUSA](http://arborday.org/TreeCityUSA).

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