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CITY OF SAGINAW RECEIVES TREE CITY USA RECOGNITION

April 24, 2020 SAGINAW, MI – The Arbor Day Foundation has once again honored the City of Saginaw with its Tree City USA recognition.

This year marks the 14th year that Saginaw has received this award. Saginaw joins more than 3,400 other communities that earned the distinction from the national community forestry program.

To be named a Tree City, Saginaw met the program's four requirements: to have a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an annual Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

Saginaw works to promote the role of trees in the community in hopes of preserving a healthy environment and improving the quality of life for all. "Tree City USA communities see the impact an urban forest has in a community first hand," said Dan Lambe, president of the Arbor Day Foundation. "The trees being planted and cared for by Saginaw are ensuring that generations to come will enjoy a better quality of life. Additionally, participation in the program brings

residents together and creates a sense of civic pride, whether it's through volunteer engagement or public education.”

Mayor Floyd Kloc stated, “If ever there was a time for trees, now is the time. Tree City USA communities enjoy a number of benefits, including cleaner air, improved storm water management, energy savings, increased property values, and growth of commercial activity. I am proud of this recognition and what it provides for Saginaw residents now and in the future.”

[Arbor Day](#) is observed on Friday, April 24. Arbor Day is a national holiday created to recognize the importance of trees. Although citizens are unable to join together in groups this year to plant trees, citizens are encouraged to celebrate Arbor Day in their own special way. This may include planting their own personal tree, read a book on trees, or simply take a walk to observe the trees around you.

Mayor Kloc commented, “It is my hope that this effort will reinforce the importance and benefit of trees in a community, but more importantly, it can raise the awareness that we can all play a part in restoring the beauty and hope throughout our city.”

The Arbor Day Foundation sponsors the Tree City USA program in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters. The Arbor Day Foundation is a million member nonprofit conservation and education organization with the mission to inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees.

Further information about this award and the **Tree City USA** program can be found here: <https://www.arborday.org/programs/treecityusa/?Trackingid=404>