



*City of Beverly, Massachusetts*

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**RE: BEVERLY NAMED TREE CITY USA BY ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION**

BEVERLY – The City of Beverly was recently named a 2017 Tree City USA in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management. The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day foundation in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters.

Beverly achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program’s four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation. Beverly Arborist Phil Klimowicz commented, “This is the 17<sup>th</sup> year that Beverly has been named a Tree City. We are proud and honored to receive this recognition.”

“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. Trees help to improve the visual appeal of a neighborhood, increase property values, reduce home cooling costs, remove air pollutants and provide wildlife habitat, among many other benefits.

For more information on the program, please visit [www.arborday.org/TreeCityUSA](http://www.arborday.org/TreeCityUSA).