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CITY OF WINTER PARK RECEIVES TREE LINE USA® UTILITY CERTIFICATION

WINTER PARK, Fla., an internationally recognized ICMA Excellence Award winner with accredited fire, police, and parks & recreation agencies

(March 6, 2015) – The City of Winter Park has recently been certified as a **Tree Line USA® Utility** by the National Arbor Day Foundation®. The certification will be presented at the City Commission meeting on Monday, March 23, by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services', Florida Forest Service.

The Tree Line USA program exists to recognize best practices in public and private utility arboriculture, demonstrating how trees and utilities can co-exist for the benefit of communities and citizens. The certification recognizes that Winter Park has met the five requirements for protection and enhancement of community trees including:

-  Quality tree care
-  Annual worker training
-  Community tree planting and public education
-  Tree based energy conservation program
-  Arbor Day observance

The Tree Line USA program benefits communities by providing healthier and more abundant community forests, reduced tree mortality, increased reliability of service and reduced energy costs to consumers. The program benefits utility companies by providing lower line clearance costs, improved rights of way management, lower peak energy demand, collaborative urban forest management opportunities, and more trees to help absorb carbon monoxide.

This certification adds to the city's current designations as a Tree City USA® for the past 34 years, and recipient of the Tree City USA Growth Award for the past 24 years.

For more information regarding the Tree Line USA program, please visit arborday.org/programs/treelineUSA.

For more information regarding the City of Winter Park, please visit the city's official website at cityofwinterpark.org. Like us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/cityofwinterpark)®, follow us on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/cityofwinterpark)®, and watch us on both [Vimeo](https://www.vimeo.com/cityofwinterpark)® and [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/cityofwinterpark)®.

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