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## **CITY OF WINTER PARK RECEIVES TREE CITY USA, TREE CITY USA GROWTH, AND TREE LINE USA UTILITY RECOGNITION**

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**WINTER PARK, Fla., an internationally recognized ICMA Excellence Award winner with accredited fire-rescue, police, and parks & recreation agencies (March 21, 2016) –** The City of Winter Park has recently received its 36<sup>th</sup> **Tree City USA®**, 26<sup>th</sup> **Tree City USA Growth®**, and second **Tree Line USA® Utility** recognition by the National Arbor Day Foundation®. The awards will be presented at the City Commission meeting on Monday, March 28, by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services', Florida Forest Service.

The Tree City USA program recognizes communities which meet specified criteria including an official tree preservation board, forestry program with an annual budget of at least \$2 per capita, and observation of Arbor Day with a mayoral proclamation.

The Tree City USA Growth program recognizes communities that implement higher levels of tree care and demonstrate innovative programs/projects focused on increased commitment to its tree canopy.

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. 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, and official observance of Arbor Day. 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.

For more information regarding the Tree City USA, Tree City USA Growth, and Tree Line USA programs, please visit [arborday.org/programs/](http://arborday.org/programs/).

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