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Zionsville named a 2017 Tree City USA

Zionsville, known for its tree lined streets and sprawling parks, has been named a 2017 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation. This is the 16th consecutive year Zionsville has achieved this distinction, which honors the Town's commitment to effective urban forest management.

In achieving the Tree City USA recognition, Zionsville met the program's four standards of having a tree board or department; a tree-care ordinance; an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita; and an Arbor Day proclamation. Deputy Mayor Ed Mitro and Street & Stormwater Department Supervisor Lance Lantz applied for the program last December.

"The Town and community places a high priority on being named a Tree City, knowing that trees provide numerous benefits," Mayor Tim Haak said. "The efforts of our tree board, our Street & Stormwater Department and our Parks Department show our commitment to beautifying and improving Zionsville and providing a high quality of life.

Cleaner air, improved storm water management, energy savings and increased property values and commercial activity are among the benefits enjoyed by Tree City USA communities.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation, in partnership with the United States Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters. As part of the program, the Mayor has named April 24 – 28, 2017 Arbor Week in Zionsville. Residents are encouraged to celebrate Arbor Day and support efforts to protect Zionsville's trees and woodlands by planting and caring for trees.

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