



# News Release

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## **City of Saratoga Springs Named 2014 Tree City USA**

Saratoga Springs – The City of Saratoga Springs was named a 2014 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment and effective urban forest management. This is the first year Saratoga Springs has received the designation of Tree City USA from the Arbor Day Foundation.

“We are thankful to be recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation by receiving the designation of Tree City USA,” said Mayor Jim Miller. “The City has worked hard to implement and strengthen our urban forest efforts over the past year and this recognition validates our efforts.”

To achieve Tree City USA status, Saratoga Springs was required to meet 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.

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.

“Everyone benefits when elected officials, volunteers and committed citizens in communities like Saratoga Springs make smart investments in urban forests,” said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation in a press release. “Trees bring shade to our homes and beauty to our neighborhoods, along with numerous economic, social and environmental benefits.

For more information about the Tree City USA program visit [www.arborday.org/treecityusa](http://www.arborday.org/treecityusa).

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