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Town of East Hartford Recognized as a “Tree City USA” for 2014

(April 24, 2015) **East Hartford, CT** – Mayor Marcia A. Leclerc is pleased to announce that the Town of East Hartford has been recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation as a 2014 Tree City USA honoree. East Hartford joins more than 3,400 Tree City USA honorees across the country, with a combined population of more than 140 million. East Hartford is one of 19 communities across the state of Connecticut to receive this designation and has been a Tree City USA honoree for the past 19 years.

According to the Arbor Day Foundation website, The Tree City USA program is a national program that provides the framework for community forestry management for cities and towns across America.

Each year, an East Hartford school hosts an Arbor Day celebration, in association with the Beautification Commission, with this year’s celebration being hosted at O’Connell Elementary School. Mayor Leclerc gave a proclamation to the school and the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection also presented this year’s Tree City USA flag, which is now flying on the school’s flagpole.

Mayor Marcia Leclerc said that the designation was a sign of the town’s continued mission to preserve and protect the myriad of trees in East Hartford.

“The trees that are present in our parks and lining our streets are important to our town ecosystem,” Mayor Leclerc said. “They provide cleaner air, bring shade to our residents and they increase property values.”

To learn more about the Tree City USA program and all the other municipalities in Connecticut that were also awarded this designation, please visit arborday.org/TreeCityUSA.

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