



April 14, 2011

The Honorable David Phillips  
75 North Main Street  
Heber City, UT 84032

Dear Tree City USA Supporter,

The Arbor Day Foundation congratulates Heber City on being named a Tree City USA® community for 2010. Residents of Heber City should take pride in the fact that they live in a community where planting and nurturing trees is a priority.

You already know that trees are a vital component of the infrastructure in cities and towns, providing environmental and health benefits for your citizens. In fact, trees are a rare component of a community's infrastructure in that they actually increase in value and service over time from a modest investment.

Enclosed is a press release for your convenience as you prepare to contact your local media to share this commendable achievement with the public. We hope you are excited to share the significance of this accomplishment. If you wish to receive this press release in electronic form, please email Mark Derowitsch, Public Relations Manager of the Foundation, at [mderowitsch@arborday.org](mailto:mderowitsch@arborday.org). We will send it to you within one business day.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service. Today, more than 3,400 cities and towns have been recognized as a Tree City USA community. State foresters are responsible for the presentation of the Tree City USA flag and other materials. We will forward your awards to Meredith Perkins in your state forester's office. They will be coordinating the presentation with you. It would be especially appropriate to make the Tree City USA award a part of your community's Arbor Day ceremony.

Again, we celebrate your diligence in improving the quality of life for the citizens of Heber City and thank you for creating a healthier, more sustainable world for us all.

Best regards,

  
John Rosenow  
Chief Executive

cc: Anthony Kohler

Enclosure

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

### **Arbor Day Foundation Names Heber City Tree City USA® Community**

Heber City, UT, was recognized by the nonprofit Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA community for its commitment to urban forestry.

Heber City has earned this national designation for 1 years.

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Heber City has met the four standards to become a Tree City USA community. Tree City USA communities must have a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

"We commend Heber City's elected officials, volunteers and its citizens for providing vital care for its urban forest," said John Rosenow, chief executive and founder of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Trees provide numerous environmental, economical and health benefits to millions of people each day, and we applaud communities that make planting and caring for trees a top priority."

Communities that earn Tree City USA recognition not only have taken the time to meet the four standards, they know that trees:

- Promote healthier communities by filtering the air we breathe by removing dust and other particles.
- Moderate climate, conserve water and provide vital habitat for wildlife.
- Reduce the heat island effect in urban areas caused by pavement and buildings.
- Increase property values and reduce energy use and add beauty to our homes and neighborhoods.

More information about Tree City USA can be found at [www.arborday.org/TreeCityUSA](http://www.arborday.org/TreeCityUSA).

### **About the Arbor Day Foundation**

The Arbor Day Foundation is a nonprofit, environmental and education organization of more than one million members, with a mission to inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees. More information on the Foundation and its programs can be found at [www.arborday.org](http://www.arborday.org).