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MICHIGAN CITY NAMED TREE CITY USA BY THE ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION

Michigan City, Indiana - Mayor Chuck Oberlie announced that Michigan City has once again been named as a Tree City USA. It is the ninth year Michigan City has received this national recognition.

“I would like to thank the Tree Board, the City Team and the citizens of our community,” said Mayor Oberlie, “for their contributions that resulted in Michigan City being honored with the Tree City USA designation again this year.”

“Michigan City has met the standards for achieving Tree City status since 2001,” said Mayor Oberlie. “These standards include having a tree board, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

“Michigan City’s Tree Board is comprised of concerned volunteer citizens charged by ordinance with developing and administering a comprehensive tree management program. They have developed an urban forest management program which protects, maintains and replaces trees on city property. The Tree Board has worked to regulate those who cut and prune trees in our community, and to compile a tree inventory, including size, species and condition of area trees, as well as a comprehensive tree maintenance plan,” Oberlie said. “Members of the Tree Board are William Bolton, Dave Morlan, Michael Wulff, Kathy Ceperich, Jeffrey Meyer, Rebecca Pelath, and Patricia Boy. I would like to commend them for their efforts in protecting our community’s trees and for their vision for the future of our urban forest.”

“A community, its elected officials and its citizens that provide needed care for its trees deserves recognition and thanks,” said John Rosenow, Chief Executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. “Cities that are recognized with a Tree City USA designation go to great lengths to plant and care for the community forest.”