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ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION NAMES GRAND JUNCTION A 2022 TREE CITY USA

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. April 14, 2023 – Grand Junction was named a 2022 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation to honor its commitment to effective urban forest management. This is the 40th year that this recognition has been received.

The community also received a Tree City USA Growth Award for demonstrating environmental improvement and an outstanding level of tree care.

Grand Junction achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: maintaining a tree board or department, having a tree care ordinance, dedicating an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita, and hosting an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

"Tree City USA communities see the positive effects of an urban forest firsthand," said Dan Lambe, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "The trees being planted and cared for by Grand Junction are ensuring that generations to come will enjoy a better quality of life. Additionally, participation in this program brings residents together and creates a sense of civic pride, whether it's through volunteer engagement or public education."

"Our trees contribute to improved air quality and conservation of water resources, help reduce the impacts of extreme temperatures, and positively impact our overall health and well-being," stated Ken Sherbenou, Parks and Recreation director. "We are very proud of our city's tree canopy, and of having received this recognition as a Tree City USA community for the past 40 years."

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. [More information](#)

About the Arbor Day Foundation

Founded in 1972, the Arbor Day Foundation has grown to become the largest nonprofit membership organization dedicated to planting trees, with more than one million members, supporters, and valued partners. Since 1972, almost 500 million Arbor Day Foundation trees have been planted in

neighborhoods, communities, cities, and forests throughout the world. Their vision is to lead toward a world where trees are used to solve issues critical to survival.

As one of the world's largest operating conservation foundations, the Arbor Day Foundation, through its members, partners and programs, educates and engages stakeholders and communities across the globe to involve themselves in its mission of planting, nurturing, and celebrating trees.

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