

# News Release

## Jefferson Parish, Louisiana

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**Steve J. Theriot**  
Parish President

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### JEFFERSON PARISH NAMED TREE CITY USA COMMUNITY FOR THE SEVENTH TIME

Jefferson Parish was recognized by the nonprofit Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA community for its commitment to urban forestry seven times.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.

Jefferson Parish 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 Jefferson Parish’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.”

As stated by the Chairmen of the Tree Preservation and Propagation Board, Bert Smith, Jefferson Parish Deputy COO and Guy Kai Adams, Jefferson Parish Director of Streets, “ Our thanks go to the many volunteers and citizens of our parish throughout the year. “Planting trees throughout our community has improved our environment, reduce erosion and leave an invaluable gift for future generations.”

#### About the Arbor Day Foundation

The Arbor Day Foundation is a nonprofit, environmental and education organization of nearly 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).

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