

Arbor Day Foundation Names Parkersburg a Tree City USA

Arbor Day Celebration held April 17th at Parkersburg Catholic High School



For the 21st year in a row, the City of Parkersburg was again named a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effectively manage the urban forest!

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. Parkersburg achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita, and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation. The investment in growing and maintaining our urban forests is of paramount importance, and the economic, social and environmental benefits of this investment are profound. Trees shade our neighborhoods and parks, beautify our streets, increase property values, protect our wildlife, and clean our air.

On April 17th at 2:30pm, the City of Parkersburg held its 2019 Arbor Day Celebration at Parkersburg Catholic High School. The Arbor Day Proclamation was given by Mayor Tom Joyce. Bob Hannah from the West Virginia Division of Forestry presented the award and PCHS students assisted with the tree planting.

A special thanks to everyone involved with organizing the event; and thank you to all the students who attended! For more information about the Arbor Day Foundation, visit arborday.org/TreeCityUSA.

