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Dear Tree City USA Supporter,

On behalf of the Arbor Day Foundation, I write to congratulate Hartsville on earning recognition as a 2020 Tree City USA. Residents of Hartsville should be proud to live in a community that makes the planting and care of trees a priority.

Hartsville is one of more than 3,600 Tree City USA communities, with a combined population of 155 million. 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.

If ever there was a time for trees, now is that time. Communities worldwide are facing issues with air quality, water resources, personal health and well-being, and energy use. Hartsville is stepping up to do its part. As a result of your commitment to effective urban forest management, you are helping to provide a solution to these challenges.

We hope you are excited to share this accomplishment. Enclosed in this packet is a press release for your convenience as you prepare to contact local media and the public.

State foresters coordinate the presentation of the Tree City USA recognition materials. We will forward information about your awards to your state forester's office to facilitate presentation. 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 commitment to the people and trees of Hartsville and thank you for helping to create a healthier planet for all of us.

Best Regards,



Dan Lambe
President

cc: Stephen Wild

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