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Arbor Day Foundation Names South Jordan Tree City USA

South Jordan, UT – South Jordan City was named a 2016 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management.

South Jordan 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. This is the eighth year South Jordan has received the Tree City USA recognition.

"Tree City USA communities see the impact an urban forest has in a community first hand," said Dan Lambe, President of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Additionally, recognition brings residents together and creates a sense of community pride, whether it's through volunteer engagement or public education."

Trees provide multiple benefits to a community when properly planted and maintained. They help to improve the visual appeal of a neighborhood, increase property values, reduce home cooling costs, remove air pollutants and provide wildlife habitat, among many other benefits.

More information on the program is available at arboday.org/TreeCityUSA.

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About the Arbor Day Foundation: The Arbor Day Foundation is a million member nonprofit conservation and education organization with the mission to inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees. More information is available at arboday.org.

The City of South Jordan, one of the fastest growing cities in the United States, is located 20 miles southwest of Salt Lake City, and home to more than 70,000 residents. In 2010, 2012, and 2014, South Jordan was named one of the Top 20 "Best Place to Live in America" by Money Magazine.