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## **Arbor Day Foundation Names Rhinebeck Tree City USA Community**

Mayor Jim Reardon announced that the Village of Rhinebeck was recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service as a Tree City USA community for its commitment to urban forestry.

Rhinebeck 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, comprehensive community forestry program and an Arbor Day program and proclamation.

“This award is the culmination of a tremendous amount of hard work by an extremely dedicated group of volunteers. The Village of Rhinebeck is a very beautiful example of what can be accomplished when trees are an integral part of the landscape. The Village Board is grateful for the efforts of Tree Commission Chairperson Cecily Frazier and members Meg Crawford, Svend Beecher, Nicholas Doyle, Cynthia Fennell, Tess McKellen and Jason Heimink. Working in concert with Trustee Howard Traudt the liaison to the commission, this group of individuals is responsible for this most prestigious recognition states Reardon”.

For more information about the Village of Rhinebeck visit [www.rhinebecknyvillage.org](http://www.rhinebecknyvillage.org) or about Tree City USA visit [www.arborday.org/TreeCityUSA](http://www.arborday.org/TreeCityUSA)