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KENNER NAMED TREE CITY USA

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Kenner, LA. – Kenner has been named a 2014 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management.

Kenner 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 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.

"Everyone benefits when elected officials, volunteers and committed citizens in communities like Kenner make smart investments in urban forests," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Trees bring shade to our homes and beauty to our neighborhoods, along with numerous economic, social and environmental benefits."

Cleaner air, improved storm water management energy savings and increased property values and commercial activity are among the benefits enjoyed by Tree City USA communities.

"Imagine a city with nothing but concrete from end to end," Mayor Michael Yenni said. "That isn't a place I think anyone would want to live. We are honored that Kenner continues to maintain its Tree City designation."

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

About 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 arborday.org.

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