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LOCAL LEADERSHIP AND SUPPORT FOR TREES RECOGNIZED

Chattahoochee Hills, GA (February 15, 2019) – Chattahoochee Hills was one of 20 Georgia cities recognized as a Tree City USA during the state Arbor Day celebration in Duluth, February 7.

Tree City USA provides the framework for community forestry management in cities and towns nationwide that meet certain requirements, including the establishment of a tree board or department, a community tree ordinance, specific spending levels for urban forestry and planned Arbor Day celebrations.

There are 155 Tree Cities USA in Georgia, and nearly 30 percent of the state's population lives in a Tree City. Nationwide, more than 3,400 Tree City USA communities serve as home to about 135 million Americans.



"Trees connect all of us," said Georgia Forestry Commission Director Chuck Williams. "Trees clean our air, filter our water, spur economic growth and provide countless opportunities to enjoy recreation, contributing to a better quality of life. Citizens in Tree Cities USA can be proud of their community leaders' commitment to trees and forested land - on Arbor Day and every other day of the year," Williams said.

Due to Georgia's ideal winter tree planting season, the third Friday in February is designated annually as Arbor Day in Georgia. Governor Brian Kemp will sign a proclamation naming February 15 as Arbor Day in Georgia for 2019.

Chattahoochee Hills Tree Commission Chairman and city arborist Hugh Tyre provided some brief opening remarks before turning the program over to Councilmember Alan Merrill on behalf of the Mayor and Council. "Trees are our friends, but historically it has not always been that way," commented Councilman Merrill. "What we are doing today is paying homage to all the people who value trees and recognize the benefits they bring us," continued Councilman Merrill.

For more information about Georgia's trees and services of the Georgia Forestry Commission, visit GaTrees.org. For information about becoming a Tree City USA and the Arbor Day Foundation, visit www.arborday.org.

Georgia Forestry Commission Director Chuck Williams congratulates Chattahoochee Hills for becoming a Tree City USA community. #GAarborday.

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