



The Village of Glenview

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GLENVIEW RECOGNIZED FOR TREE COMMITMENT

April 4, 2012 – Glenview was recognized by the nonprofit Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA community for its commitment to urban forestry.

It is the 27th year that Glenview has earned this national recognition.

Glenview also received a Tree City USA Growth Award for demonstrating progress in its community forestry program. The prestigious Growth Award honors environmental improvement and higher levels of tree care in Tree City USA communities.

In particular, Glenview received extra points to earn the Growth Award for:

- The river re-meandering and wildlife habitat improvements at one segment of the West Fork of the North Branch of the Chicago River;
- Improved emerald ash borer educational workshops, including a field component and posting a video of the workshops on the Village website; and
- An interpretive program for green infrastructure in the village, including a bicycle tour and a field trip to the Chicago Botanic Garden for residents interested in biological engineering techniques for stream bank stabilization.

Glenview has met four standards to become a Tree City USA community: It has a forestry team and Natural Resources Commission; a tree care ordinance; a comprehensive community forestry program with annual expenditures of at least \$2 per capita; and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

The proclamation was read at the April 3 Village Board meeting. The Arbor Day observance will take place Friday, April 27, when a European beech will be planted during a ceremony at Glenbrook South High School in conjunction with Project Earth, GBS' environmental club.

Village President Kerry Cummings commended Henrietta Saunders, chairman of Glenview's Natural Resources Commission, for "conducting our Arbor Day celebrations for our schools for the last couple of years. We appreciate her leadership on this."

Glenview's commitment to planting and caring for trees was applauded by John Rosenow, chief executive and founder of the Arbor Day Foundation.

"We also commend a community's elected officials, volunteers and its citizens for providing needed care for its trees. They recognize that trees provide numerous environmental, economic and health benefits for the community every day," he stated.

More information about Tree City USA can be found at www.arborday.org/TreeCityUSA.

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