

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. D(1)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT MEETING DATE: May 17, 2005

SUBJECT: Receipt of the Tree City USA Award for 2004

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| DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS | PUBLIC HEARING: NO |
| ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. News Release C. Arbor Day Proclamation | FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: George Seiz 918-7427 |

PURPOSE

The Town of Carrboro has been named a Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation to honor its commitment to its community forest. It is the 21st year Carrboro has received this national recognition. Student winners of the poster contest will attend the meeting and be recognized by the Town. Posters will be on display.

BACKGROUND

One of the goals of the Public Works department in providing for the reforestation of the Town is to continue the program level necessary to maintain the Town's recognition as Tree City USA. Carrboro has met the four standards to become a Tree City USA: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance.

Arbor Day was celebrated on Friday, April 15 with the students at Carrboro Elementary School. The celebration included comments from Mayor Pro Tem Diana McDuffee, presentation of the Tree City USA 2004 award by the N.C. Division of Forest Resources, planting of a Kousa Dogwood tree, and recognition of the school poster contest winners.

RECOMMENDATION

The town staff requests that the Board receive the Tree City USA award and recognize the student winners of the poster contest.