

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. D(1)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: May 18, 2010

SUBJECT: Receipt of the Tree City USA Award

DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.	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 for 2009 by The National Arbor Day foundation to honor its commitment to its community forest. Student winners of the poster contest have been invited to 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 a 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 Monday, April 19 with the students at Carrboro Elementary school. The celebration included comments from Mayor Mark Chilton, presentation of the 2009 Tree City USA Award by the NC Division of Forest Resources, planting of a Red Bud tree, and recognition of Carrboro Elementary poster contest winners.

RECOMMENDATION

The town staff requests that the Board receive the Tree City USA Award for calendar year 2009 and recognize the student winners of this year's poster contest.

