

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Item No. D(1)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT MEETING DATE: May 17, 2011

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 2010 by The National Arbor Day foundation to honor its commitment to its community forest. 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 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 Thursday, March 24, 2011 with the students at McDougle Elementary school. The celebration included comments from Mayor Mark Chilton, presentation of the 2010 Tree City USA Award by the NC Division of Forest Resources, planting of a crape myrtle tree, and recognition of 4 poster contest winners.

RECOMMENDATION

The town staff requests that the Board receive the Tree City USA Award for calendar year 2010 and recognize the student winners of this year's poster contest.

