

# BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. D(1)

## AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: May 20, 2008

**SUBJECT: Receipt of the Tree City USA Award**

<b>DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.</b>	<b>PUBLIC HEARING: NO</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b> A. Resolution B. News Release C. Arbor Day Proclamation	<b>FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:</b> 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 24<sup>th</sup> year Carrboro has received this national recognition. Student winners of the poster and poetry contest will attend the meeting and be recognized by the Town. Posters and poetry 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 Friday, April 25 with the students at Carrboro Elementary school. The celebration included comments from Mayor Mark Chilton, presentation of the Tree City USA Award by the NC Division of Forest Resources, planting of a Crab Apple tree, and recognition of the school poster and poetry contest winners.

### RECOMMENDATION

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

