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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **CITY OF EVERETT RECOGNIZED AS A 2016 TREE CITY USA**

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce that the City of Everett has earned recognition as a 2016 Tree City USA. Everett is one of more than 3,400 Tree City USAs, with a combined population of 140 million. The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters.

Dan Lambe, President of Arbor Day Foundation, stated, “Residents of Everett should be proud to live in a community that makes the planting and care of trees a priority. We celebrate your commitment to the people and trees of Everett and thank you for helping to create a healthier planet for all of us.”

To qualify as a Tree City USA community, you must meet four standards established by the Arbor Day Foundation and the National Association of State Foresters. These standards are a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a community forestry program with an annual budget of at least \$2 per capita, and an Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation.

In an effort to continue to beautify and prepare neighborhoods for spring and summer months, Mayor DeMaria has throughout his tenure as Mayor coordinated the planting of trees across the City. Mayor DeMaria stated, “Trees enhance the economic vitality of our city, increase property values, and beauty in our community.”

Every dollar spent on planting and caring for a community tree yields benefits that are two to five times the investment. These benefits include; cleaner air, lower energy costs, improved water quality, storm water control and increased property values. Among minor crimes, there is less graffiti, vandalism, and littering in outdoor spaces with trees as a part of the natural landscape than in comparable plant-less spaces.

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