# ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Oakland is extremely proud of its vast array of cherished natural resources, and the commemoration of Arbor Day serves as a fitting tribute to our beautiful trees and other treasures, and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Town Council of Oakland have attained the highest award level (Green) from the P.L.A.N.T Community Program, and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Town Council of Oakland have in the past, worked with organizations such as the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, the local Garden Clubs, and Garrett College to name a few to do "Plantings" in and around the Town of Oakland, and

**WHEREAS,** the Mayor and Town Council of Oakland adopted a Tree Maintenance Ordinance, to further pledge the Town's commitment to maintain and protect the natural beauty of the trees and to further designate and identify the importance of trees in the Town of Oakland.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED . . . .THAT THE MAYOR OF OAKLAND DOES HEREBY PROCLAIM APRIL 20, 2015 AS "ARBOR DAY" for the Town of Oakland, and does commend this observance to all of our citizens.**

DULY PROCLAIMED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE MAYOR AND
TOWN COUNCIL OF OAKLAND, MARYLAND,
THIS 20th DAY OF APRIL, 2015.

Ellen M. Evans
Attest

Peggy Johnson
Proclaimed: Mayor

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Arbor Day Foundation™

Mayor Peggy Jamison
15 South 3rd Street
Oakland, MD 21550

Dear Tree City USA Supporter,

On behalf of the Arbor Day Foundation, I write to congratulate Oakland on earning recognition as a 2014 Tree City USA. Residents of Oakland ought to be proud to live in a community that makes the planting and care of trees a priority.

Your community joins 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.

As a result of your commitment to effective urban forest management, you already know that trees are vital to the public infrastructure of cities and towns throughout the country, providing numerous environmental, social and economic benefits. In fact, trees are the one piece of community infrastructure that actually increases in value over time.

We hope you are excited to share this accomplishment. Enclosed in this packet is a press release for your convenience as you prepare to contact local media and the public.

State foresters are responsible for the presentation of the Tree City USA flag and other materials. We will forward information about your awards to your state forester's office to coordinate presentation. It would be especially appropriate to make the Tree City USA award a part of your community's Arbor Day ceremony.

Again, we celebrate your commitment to the people and trees of Oakland and thank you for helping to create a healthier planet for all of us.

Best Regards,

Matt Harris
Chief Executive

cc: Becky Wilson

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**Arbor Day Foundation Names Oakland Tree City USA**

Oakland, MD was named a 2014 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management.

Oakland achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least $2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

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"Everyone benefits when elected officials, volunteers and committed citizens in communities like Oakland make smart investments in urban forests," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Trees bring shade to our homes and beauty to our neighborhoods, along with numerous economic, social and environmental benefits."

Cleaner air, improved storm water management, energy savings and increased property values and commercial activity are among the benefits enjoyed by Tree City USA communities.

More information on the program is available at arborday.org/TreeCityUSA.

**About the Arbor Day Foundation:** The Arbor Day Foundation is a million member nonprofit conservation and education organization with the mission to inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees. More information is available at arborday.org.