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**NEWS RELEASE**

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**Haysville Recognized for 15 years as Tree City USA**

Haysville, KS (April 20, 2015) Haysville has been recognized for 15 years of participation in the Tree City USA program. 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 and encourages cities to make the planting and care of trees a priority. Approximately 100 cities in Kansas participate in the program.

Haysville achieves Tree City USA recognition each year 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.

As part of the recognition program, the Haysville Park Board received a special flag commemorating 15 years of participation. It flies below the Kansas state flag at PRIDE Park.

Although Arbor Day is nationally recognized on April 24<sup>th</sup>, Haysville's Arbor Day ceremonies occur on or around May 3<sup>rd</sup>, in honor of the anniversary of the 1999 tornado that devastated the city. The Haysville Park Board has planted 21 trees during Arbor Day ceremonies over the last 15 years.

This year's Arbor Day celebration will take place at Orchard Acres Park, where three trees will be planted on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

For more information about Haysville, visit us at [www.haysville-ks.com](http://www.haysville-ks.com) or [hellohaysville.com](http://hellohaysville.com). For more information about the Tree City USA program, visit [www.arborday.org/TreeCityUSA](http://www.arborday.org/TreeCityUSA).

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