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FRANKLIN PARK EARNS TREE CITY USA DESIGNATION

Franklin Park, IL –The Village of Franklin Park was named a 2013 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management.

“I am pleased that Franklin Park has achieved a Tree City USA designation,” stated Mayor Barrett Pedersen. “As a Village, we have made the planting and care of trees a priority. Trees are vital to the public infrastructure of a community. Trees offer numerous environmental, social and economic benefits, including helping to provide cleaner air, improved storm water management, energy savings and increase our property values.”

Franklin Park joins thousands of communities across the nation that have achieved Tree City status by demonstrating that tree conservation and the environment are an important part of life in their community. The Tree City USA program aims to educate people who care about their

community, to value tree resources by planting and caring for trees and to promote the importance of practicing sustainable tree management.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in partnership with the US Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters. To learn more, go to arborday.org/TreeCityUSA.