



# Arbor Day Foundation™

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*We inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees.*

March 8, 2010

The Honorable Dorothy Appleyard  
Mayor of the City of South Haven  
539 Phoenix St.  
South Haven, MI 49090

Dear Mayor Appleyard,

The Arbor Day Foundation congratulates South Haven on being named a Tree City USA® community for 2009. Residents of South Haven should take pride in the fact that they live in a community where planting and nurturing trees is a priority.

You already know that trees are a vital component of the infrastructure in cities and towns, providing environmental and health benefits for your citizens. In fact, trees are a rare component of a community's infrastructure in that they actually increase in value and service over time from a modest investment.

Enclosed is a press release for your convenience as you prepare to contact your local media to share this commendable achievement with the public. We hope you are excited to share the significance of this accomplishment. If you wish to receive this press release in electronic form, please email Mark Derowitsch, Public Relations Manager of the Foundation, at [mderowitsch@arborday.org](mailto:mderowitsch@arborday.org). We will send it to you within one business day.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service. Today, more than 3,400 cities and towns have been recognized as a Tree City USA community. State foresters are responsible for the presentation of the Tree City USA flag and other materials. We will forward your awards to Kevin Sayers in your state forester's office. They will be coordinating the presentation with you. 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 diligence in improving the quality of life for the citizens of South Haven and thank you for creating a healthier, more sustainable world for us all.

Best regards,

John Rosenow  
Chief Executive

cc: Aaron Priebe

Enclosure