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## **New Mexico Communities Nationally Recognized For Stewardship Efforts**

SANTA FE, NM – Several New Mexico communities have received national recognition for their outstanding community forestry programs through the National Arbor Day Foundation’s Tree City USA program, according to New Mexico State Forestry Urban and Community Forester Kelly Washburn.

“The Tree City USA program helps provide direction, technical support, and national recognition for community forestry programs across the country,” said Washburn. “We’re very proud of the dedication these communities have shown toward improving their quality of life and placing such importance on showing how beneficial trees can be.”

Congratulations to the following New Mexico communities for their dedication and participation in the national Tree City USA program:

Roswell	23 years	Kirtland Air Force Base	13 years
Cannon AFB	15 years	Holloman AFB	10 years
Tucumcari	14 years	Santa Fe	4 years
San Jon	14 years	Taos	3 years
Las Vegas	14 years	Carlsbad	3 years
Clovis	13 years	Corrales	3 years
		Red River	1 year

The cities of Las Vegas and Roswell and the Town of Taos also have received Tree City USA ‘Growth Awards’ for their exemplary efforts to plan and properly manage the trees within their communities.

Urban and community forests provide numerous values to communities throughout New Mexico including improved aesthetics, quality of life for community residents and increased property values. Urban and community forests provide numerous environmental benefits including reduction of heat intensity and building energy use; reduced soil erosion and storm water run-off; improved air quality and wildlife habitat. The New Mexico State Forestry Division’s Urban and Community Forestry Program is dedicated to empowering communities to develop and sustain their urban and community forests for the benefit of their citizens and the environment.

For information about Tree City USA and Urban and Community Forestry, contact Kelly Washburn, NM State Urban and Community Forestry Program Manager at 505-476-3332 or email [kelly.washburn@state.nm.us](mailto:kelly.washburn@state.nm.us) .

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