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Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Celebrates 30th Tree City USA Award

Fort Wayne, Ind. – The National Arbor Day Foundation has awarded the Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department with its 30th consecutive Tree City USA designation, and the department culminated a week-long celebration by planting trees in Brewer Park.

The Arbor Day Foundation recognized the City of Fort Wayne's commitment to its urban canopy by naming Fort Wayne a Tree City for the 30th year in a row. The city also received the Growth Award for the 15th consecutive year, which highlights innovative programs and projects as well as an increased commitment of resources for urban forestry.

The purpose of the Tree City USA program is to recognize communities across the country that are taking steps toward effective management of their public trees. Healthy trees "advertise" a healthy community, and the Tree City USA program helps a community "advertise" that it values improving its trees on behalf of its residents.

In addition to the planting, the department has also distributed hundreds of tree seedlings to citizens throughout the week. Dozens of residents visited area parks for safe, contactless, drive-thru pickups for the seedlings. Plus, Parks and Recreation social media featured several informative posts about the value of trees in our community.

"In previous years, we have been able to celebrate Arbor Day by planting trees with children from local schools, and unfortunately that couldn't happen this year," Parks and Recreation Department Director Steve McDaniel said. "However, we still wanted to recognize the value and importance of Arbor Day to our department and to our city. Trees provide tremendous benefit to a thriving, growing community, so please join me and the Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department in celebrating Arbor Day."

For more information about Fort Wayne urban forestry efforts, visit fortwayneparks.org/street-trees.



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Promenade Park Honored with Awards

Fort Wayne, Ind. – As the Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department continues to celebrate the first year of Promenade Park, several awards have recognized the park over the past 12+ months.

- 2019 Project of the Year by Fort Wayne Magazine. Promenade Park is the first local development to receive this distinction.
- 2020 Excellence in Construction award from the BCA (Building Contractors Association of Northeast Indiana) New Construction – Over \$6 million
- ASLA STL (American Society of Landscape Architects St. Louis) – Merit Award (2020) Design – Constructed Projects, Over \$500,000 Construction Budget
- ASLA IL (American Society of Landscape Architects Illinois) – Merit Award (2020) General Design – Constructed Projects
- ASLA (American Society of Landscape Architects) Central States – Award of Excellence (2020) // (Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota and North Dakota) Design (Built) *Awarded to only one (1) project
- INASLA (Indiana American Society of Landscape Architects) – Award of Excellence (2020) Design - Constructed Projects, Over \$500,000 Construction Budget * Awarded to only one (1) project
- Indiana ACEC (American Council of Engineering Companies) 2020 Engineering Excellence Honor Award
- Honorable Mention in Cities category for Fast Company's 2020 Innovation by Design Award

"Promenade Park has become a focal point as a world-class amenity for residents and visitors to enjoy," said Mayor Tom Henry. "The public and private sectors came together to build a tremendous park that provides our community and region with a unique gathering place that also serves as the launch for future riverfront development efforts and additional quality of place opportunities. Promenade Park is helping us turn our three rivers into a destination place for recreation, arts, and cultural activities."

Parks and Recreation Director Steve McDaniel added, "I would like to thank our Parks and Recreation staff, our design team, Riverworks Design Group, and construction manager, Hagerman Group for their vision, professionalism and commitment to making Promenade Park a world-class neighborhood park and destination. Without the support of Mayor Tom Henry, City Council and all of our generous funders, this accomplishment and these accolades would not have been possible."

For more information about Promenade Park and other Parks and Recreation awards and accomplishments, visit FortWayneParks.org.

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