



# Village of Scarsdale

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### **Arbor Day Foundation Names Scarsdale Tree City USA 2018 & First Ever Growth Award**

For the 36<sup>th</sup> year in a row, the Village of Scarsdale was named a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management.

Additionally, for the first time, our community is to receive the Tree City USA Growth Award for demonstrating environmental improvement and a higher level of tree care. The Village was eligible for this award based on its 2018 Tree Code Amendments, the joint efforts of the Friends of the Scarsdale Parks and Village to transform Harwood Park, and the creation of a replacement & protected tree list.

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.

"Tree City USA communities see the impact an urban forest has in a community first hand," said Dan Lambe, President of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Additionally, recognition brings residents together and creates a sense of community pride, whether it's through volunteer engagement or public education."

Trees provide multiple benefits to a community when properly planted and maintained. They help to improve the visual appeal of a neighborhood, increase property values, reduce home cooling costs, remove air pollutants and provide wildlife habitat, among many other benefits.

More information on the program and can be found at [arborday.org](http://arborday.org)

The Village of Scarsdale will hold its annual Arbor Day observance on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 1 P.M. (rain or shine) in Harcourt Woods, next to the woodchip path by the High School. The location has been selected as the Village and School District have embarked on a joint effort to eliminate knotweed along the South Fox Meadow Brook through a grant award from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. All residents of Scarsdale are invited to attend the ceremony.