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Oak Park Earns 25th consecutive Tree City USA community recognition award

The Village of Oak Park has been named a [Tree City USA community](#) by the Arbor Day Foundation for the 25th year in a row.

Urban Forestry Superintendent Jim Semelka was presented the award at the annual *Tree City USA* awards conference held recently in Springfield. Semelka also gave a presentation at the conference on best management practices for Emerald Ash Borer.

After 25 consecutive *Tree City USA* awards, Semelka said the award acknowledges the skill and commitment of his staff to providing the highest quality of care for the more than 18,000 trees on parkways throughout the Village.

“The Tree City USA award is recognition of Oak Park's commitment to the best management practices, principles and procedures that are so important to keeping the community safe, while also maintaining the health of our urban forest health,” he said.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the [Arbor Day Foundation](#) in cooperation with the [National Association of State Foresters](#) and the [USDA Forest Service](#).

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