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Peachtree Corners Receives ‘Tree City USA’ Recognition *It’s the young city’s fourth consecutive certification*

PEACHTREE CORNERS, GA, February 20, 2019 – Gwinnett County’s largest city, Peachtree Corners, was among 20 Georgia cities recently honored as one of the state’s “Tree City USA” communities. This is the fourth successive certification received by the 6-year-old city.

Peachtree Corners, which was incorporated July 1, 2012, was recognized February 7 during the 2019 State Arbor Day celebration at Trees Atlanta for its commitment to caring for and managing its public trees. Residents Lorri Backer and Hilary Wilson, along with Salim Maalouf, the city’s Land Development Inspector, represented the city during the event.

Tree City USA provides the framework for community forestry management in cities and towns nationwide that meet certain requirements, including the establishment of a tree board or department, a community tree ordinance, specific spending levels for urban forestry and planned Arbor Day celebrations.

“Our citizens who make up the city’s Green Committee are to be commended for their efforts, said Mayor Mike Mason. “It is indeed an honor that Peachtree Corners has been recognized for a fourth consecutive year.”

There are 155 Tree Cities USA in Georgia, and nearly 30 percent of the state’s population lives in a Tree City. Nationwide, more than 3,400 Tree City USA communities serve as home to about 135 million Americans.

“Trees connect all of us,” said Georgia Forestry Commission Director Chuck Williams. “Trees clean our air, filter our water, spur economic growth and provide countless opportunities to enjoy recreation, contributing to a better quality of life.”

Peachtree Corners will hold its annual Arbor Day celebration 11 a.m. April 26 at Paul Duke STEM High School.

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Pictured: Peachtree Corners Land Development Inspector Salim Maalouf, resident Lorrie Backer, Georgia Forestry Commission Director Chuck Williams and resident Hilary Wilson.