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City Earns Second 'Tree City USA' Recognition

PEACHTREE CORNERS, GA, March 2, 2017 – During a recent State Arbor Day celebration, Gwinnett's newest city was honored for the second year at Trees Atlanta for being one of the state's newest "Tree City USA" communities.

Peachtree Corners (incorporated July 1, 2012) was among 19 cities in Georgia recognized on February 14 for its commitment to caring for and managing its public trees. Residents Lorrie Backer, Hilary Wilson and city staff member Jennifer Howard represented the city during the event.

"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 second consecutive year."

Tree City USA provides the framework for community forestry management for cities and towns across America that meet certain requirements including:

- Establishing a tree board or department
- Establishing a community tree ordinance
- Meeting specific spending levels for urban forestry
- Planning an Arbor Day Celebration

"Trees clean our air, filter our water, spur economic growth and provide countless opportunities to enjoy recreation contributing to a better quality of life," said Robert Farris, Director of the Georgia Forestry Commission. "The citizens of Peachtree Corners can take pride in their community leaders' commitment to trees and forested land – on Arbor Day and every other day of the year."

The event also recognized Tree Campus USA colleges and Tree Line USA utilities. There are 135 Tree City USAs in Georgia and nationwide there are more than 3,400 Tree City USA communities. Visit www.GaTrees.org for more information about the Georgia Forestry Commission. And for more on the Arbor Day Foundation, visit www.arborday.org.

This year the City of Peachtree Corners will celebrate Arbor Day on March 24 at Peachtree Elementary School during an after-school event.

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