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March 27, 2006

The Honorable Joanne Todd
Mayor of the City of Griffin
P.O. Box T
Griffin, GA 30223

Dear Mayor Todd,

Congratulations to Griffin on being named as a 2005 Tree City USA!

Trees are a vital component of the infrastructure in our cities and towns, and provide environmental and economical benefits. A community, and its citizens, that recognize these benefits and provide needed care for its trees deserves recognition and thanks.

This year we are excited to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Tree City USA. From its humble beginning in 1976, the program has grown to be the leading community forestry recognition program in the country. Communities like yours, who emphasize the important role trees play to the well being of its citizens, have made this program such a success.

Tree City USA is sponsored in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service. State foresters are responsible for the presentation of the Tree City USA flag and other materials. We will forward your awards to John Merrill in your state forester's office. They will be coordinating the presentation with you. It would be especially appropriate to make the Tree City USA award a part of your Arbor Day ceremony.

Again, congratulations on receiving this national recognition for your tree-care program.

Best regards,

John Rosenow
President

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Griffin Named Tree City USA

Griffin has been named a Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation to honor its commitment to community forest. It is the fourteenth year Griffin has received this national recognition.

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

Griffin has met the four standards to become a Tree City USA: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance.

"Trees are a vital component of the infrastructure in our cities and towns, and provide environmental and economical benefits," said John Rosenow, President of The National Arbor Day Foundation. "A community, and its citizens, that recognize these benefits and provide needed care for its trees deserves recognition and thanks."

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