



Arbor Day Foundation™

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We inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees.

April 12, 2010

The Honorable Scott Spitzer
Mayor of the City of Bernards Township
One Collyer Lane
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Dear Mayor Spitzer,

The Arbor Day Foundation congratulates Bernards Township on being named a Tree City USA® community for 2009. Residents of Bernards Township should take pride in the fact that they live in a community where planting and nurturing trees is a priority.

You already know that trees are a vital component of the infrastructure in cities and towns, providing environmental and health benefits for your citizens. In fact, trees are a rare component of a community's infrastructure in that they actually increase in value and service over time from a modest investment.

Enclosed is a press release for your convenience as you prepare to contact your local media to share this commendable achievement with the public. We hope you are excited to share the significance of this accomplishment. If you wish to receive this press release in electronic form, please email Mark Derowitsch, Public Relations Manager of the Foundation, at mderowitsch@arborday.org. We will send it to you within one business day.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service. Today, more than 3,400 cities and towns have been recognized as a Tree City USA community. State foresters are responsible for the presentation of the Tree City USA flag and other materials. We will forward your awards to Erica Manderson 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 community's Arbor Day ceremony.

Again, we celebrate your diligence in improving the quality of life for the citizens of Bernards Township and thank you for creating a healthier, more sustainable world for us all.

Best regards,

John Rosenow
Chief Executive

cc: Mark Harabedian

Enclosure