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### **Scarsdale Recognized as Tree City USA for 42nd Year, to Mark Arbor Day with White Oak Planting**

In celebration of Earth Day, the Village of Scarsdale is proud to announce its 42nd year of recognition as a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation, an honor that reflects the Village's enduring commitment to cultivating a healthy and sustainable urban forest.

The Tree City USA program, sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation and run in partnership with the USDA Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters, honors communities that use urban forestry to improve sustainability and quality of life. To qualify, a municipality must meet four standards: maintain a tree board or department, enact a tree ordinance, invest at least \$2 per capita in tree care, and hold an Arbor Day observance.

"We all have a role to play in shaping our future, and tree champions like Scarsdale are leading the way," said Michelle Saulnier, Vice President of Programs at the Arbor Day Foundation. "Trees are critical infrastructure, building resiliency and fostering good health in our nation's cities. We're proud Scarsdale is among the Arbor Day Foundation's growing network of communities dedicated to creating a positive impact through trees."

More information on the program can be found at [arborday.org](http://arborday.org).

The Village of Scarsdale will hold its annual Arbor Day celebration on **Friday, April 25, 2025, at 11:00 A.M.** (rain or shine) in **De Lima Park**. This year, the Village will plant a white oak (*Quercus alba*)—a species recommended by the Friends of Scarsdale Parks for its ecological value and long-term contribution to Scarsdale's urban canopy. All members of the community are invited to attend the planting.

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