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## CITY RECEIVES TREE CITY USA® AWARD

Rockport, TX -- The City of Rockport was notified today by the Texas A&M Forest Service that it met the standards of certification in 2023 for the Tree City USA Award. This is the 25<sup>th</sup> year that the City has been recognized for this achievement.

The Tree City USA® program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters. Rockport is one of 85 communities to have been recognized within Texas – and the only one in the Coastal Bend.

To qualify, a town or city must meet four standards established by The Arbor Day Foundation and the National Association of State Foresters:

1. [A Tree Board or Department](#)
2. [A Tree Care Ordinance](#)
3. [A Community Forestry Program With an Annual Budget of at Least \\$2 Per Capita](#)
4. [An Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation](#)

A special presentation will take place at the May 14<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.