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## NEWS RELEASE

### Hinesville Name 2018 “Tree City USA”

**HINESVILLE, Ga. (February 28, 2019)** – In honor of its commitment to urban forest management, the Arbor Day Foundation has named Hinesville a 2018 Tree City USA.

Designation as a Tree City USA is achieved by meeting four criteria set by the organization: a tree board or department; a tree care ordinance; an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita; and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

“Tree City USA communities see the impact an urban forest has in a community first hand,” said Dan Lambe, president of the Arbor Day Foundation. “Additionally, recognition brings residents together and creates a sense of community pride, whether it’s through volunteer engagement or public education.”

Trees provide multiple benefits to a community when properly planted and maintained. They help to improve the visual appeal of a neighborhood, increase property values, reduce home cooling costs, remove air pollutants and provide wildlife habitat, among many other benefits.

To learn more about the Arbor Day Foundation and the Tree City USA program, please visit [arborday.org/TreeCityUSA](http://arborday.org/TreeCityUSA).

**ABOUT THE CITY OF HINESVILLE:**

The [City of Hinesville](http://CityofHinesville) was established in 1837 and is recognized as one of the fastest growing cities in the State of Georgia in both size and population. As the largest city in Liberty County, it serves as the county seat and is home to more than 35,000 people. For more information, visit [cityofhinesville.org](http://cityofhinesville.org).

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