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CITY MANAGERS OFFICE  
LAWRENCE, KS

March 23, 2004

Mr. Mike Wildgen  
City Manager  
P.O. Box 708  
Lawrence, KS 66044

Dear Mr. Wildgen,

Congratulations to Lawrence on being named as a 2003 Tree City USA and Growth Award recipient!

This year's record number of Tree City USA communities shows a growing level of dedication and care for our urban forest. It shows the people of Lawrence value trees for the beauty, grace, comfort, and practical blessings they bring.

The trees in Lawrence help clean the air, conserve soil and water, and reduce heating and cooling costs by moderating temperatures. Tree City USA honors the countless men, women, and children in Lawrence who are working hard to ensure a greener, healthier tomorrow for us all. Lawrence's Growth Award recognizes your commitment to this process of environmental improvement and higher levels of tree care.

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 Eric Berg in your state forester's office. They will be coordinating the presentation with you. It would be especially appropriate to make the presentation of the Tree City USA award part of your Arbor Day celebration.

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

Best regards,

John Rosenow  
President

cc: Crystal Miles