

To: Village Council May, 2008  
From: Tree & Landscape Commission

As chairperson for the Tree & Landscape Commission, I wish to thank Council for the funding we received during the 2007 fiscal year, which helped make possible our achieving the Tree City USA Award for the Village.

At the recent national Arbor Day awards ceremony in Delaware, Ohio, Granville received it's 17<sup>th</sup> consecutive designation as a Tree City making us one of only 249 municipalities in the State of Ohio. We are the only Tree City in Licking County. In addition to the Tree City Award, Granville applied for and received the Growth Award, which is a designation over and above that of a Tree City. This year 5 of 39 Tree City awardees in this region received a Growth Award.

In Ohio, 249 communities are designated Tree Cities. Those cities, with a population of 5,547,229 people, reported that they had planted 39,255 trees, pruned 110,381 trees, removed 21,655 trees, and expended \$37,810,455.

Our 5<sup>th</sup> grade student poster contest also went well as we celebrated Arbor Day at the intermediate school. Five students were awarded Whits gift certificates for their winning posters. Three trees were also donated by AEP and planted at the school. The Arbor Day proclamation was read by Molly Roberts.

For 2007, Granville planted 32 trees, pruned 859 trees and removed 172 trees. Granville's total forestry expenditure for Village labor, volunteer hours, equipment depreciation, the Davey Tree Survey and trees was \$95,638.

With your continued support, we will endeavor to make Granville an 18 year Tree City USA award winner.

Thank you.