



## Regular Council **AGENDA ITEM REPORT**

**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Approve a resolution proclaiming April 28, 2023 as Arbor Day in the City of East Lansing.  
**Meeting:** Regular Council - 18 Apr 2023  
**Department:** Public Works  
**Staff Contact:** Cliff Walls, Environmental Specialist

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

This annual resolution proclaims April 28th, 2023 as Arbor Day in the City of East Lansing in recognition of the City's status as a Tree City USA recipient for the 36th year, the City's tree planting efforts, and our Arbor Day celebration planting trees in Henry Fine Park.

By Council adopting this resolution, Council fulfills a criteria for the City's Tree City USA designation by the National Arbor Day Foundation.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

[Arbor Day Resolution 2023](#)

**City of East Lansing, Michigan**

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 28, 2023 AS ARBOR DAY IN  
THE CITY OF EAST LANSING**

**April 18, 2023**

**WHEREAS, the City manages 55 genus and 118 species of trees in the urban forest totaling over 10,000 trees that capture over 43 million gallons of stormwater annually, and**

**WHEREAS, trees in our community increase property values, enhance the vitality of our business areas and neighborhoods, beautify our community, provide wildlife habitat, clean the air we breathe, moderate temperatures, produce oxygen, and sequester carbon dioxide; and,**

**WHEREAS, the City has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation for 36 years; and,**

**WHEREAS, John Rosenow, Chief Executive and Founder of the National Arbor Day Foundation stated "We all benefit when communities like East Lansing place a high priority on planting and caring for trees, one of our nation's most beautiful resources. We applaud East Lansing's elected officials, volunteers and citizens for providing vital care for its urban forest."**

**WHEREAS, Arbor Day is observed throughout the United States and the world; and,**

**WHEREAS, the City will observe Arbor Day by planting trees in Fine Park, and will continue tree planting throughout the City through October;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the East Lansing City Council hereby proclaim, Friday, April 28, 2023 as Arbor Day in the City of East Lansing in recognition of this event.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we urge all citizens to plant, protect and care for trees so that they may be enjoyed by this and future generations.**

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**Ron Bacon**  
Mayor

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**Marie Wicks**  
Interim City Clerk

**Adopted: April 18, 2023**