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City of Montgomery Hosts Tree City USA Program & Luncheon

(MONTGOMERY, Ohio) – On April 23, 189 representatives from the Southwest Ohio Region attended the 2010 Tree City USA Program, hosted by the City of Montgomery at the Montgomery Inn in the Heritage District. Thirty-nine municipalities were honored with a 2009 Tree City Award for their commitment to urban forestry. The City of Cincinnati holds the longest record, receiving their first award in 1981 while the City of Woodlawn and Anderson Township were first-time award recipients. In addition, six of the 39 municipalities (Cincinnati, Glendale, Montgomery, Silverton, Springboro and Tipp City) received a distinguished “Growth Award” that honors environmental improvement and higher levels of tree care. Drew Todd and Wendi Van Buren, Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry presented the awards.

This is the 11th year that the City of Montgomery has been recognized with a Growth Award in addition to receiving a Sterling Award in 2009 signifying ten consecutive years of Growth Award status. The keynote speaker, Tom Smith, Vice President of Operations, Spring Grove Cemetery and Arboretum, presented an interesting and informative presentation “Excite and Delight Your Community with Trees: The 10 Best Natives for our Region.”

In 2011, the City of Troy will have the opportunity to host the annual Tree City Program and Lunch event.

PHOTO of Montgomery Event Team:

Back Row, Left to Right: *Terry Willenbrink, City Arborist; *Joyce Yock, Volunteer Coordinator; *Jodi Keith, Beautification & Tree Commission & Task Force Chair; Jacquie Webb, Beautification & Tree Commission Member

Front Row, Left to Right: *Lynda Roesch, City Council Member; *Lee Levy, Judy Feltner, Jane Hohn (Beautification & Tree Commission Members); *Chelsey Bridgewater, Customer Service Representative and Phil Schwartz Beautification & Tree Commission Auxiliary Member.

*Tree City Task Force

Not Present: Helen Grimes & Renie Taylor, Beautification & Tree Commission Members

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