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## City of Dallas awarded for Arbor Day contributions

COLLEGE STATION, Texas – Texas Forest Service and Texas Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture presented the 2007 Gold Leaf Arbor Day award to the City of Dallas at the annual Texas Tree Conference in Waco, October 11.

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The annual tree conference awards celebrate the accomplishments of those who are dedicated to help Texas build stronger communities by planting, maintaining, protecting, and educating about trees.

“These awards recognize the best of urban and community forestry in Texas,” said James Hull, state forester and director of the Texas Forest Service. Dallas was recognized for the multi-stage group of activities planned for their Arbor Day celebrations.

The day started with planting trees along the Katy Trail to kick-off the national campaign, *Making America a Little Greener*, a partnership of the National Arbor Day Foundation and Frito-Lay Corporation. During this time, professional



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arborists were being trained at Reverchon Recreation Center and Park to perform aerial rescue by the Texas Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture.

At noon a formal ceremony took place in celebration of Dallas Arbor Day. There, the National Arbor Day Foundation presented the City of Dallas with the Tree City USA award. The ceremony culminated Dallas Mayor Laura Miller's Tree Climbing Challenge to other area mayors.

“The citizens of Dallas exemplify that one group’s dedication can be the driving force for change within a community and an innovative example of how a city can bind together to celebrate the significance of trees in America,” said Jordy Hagen, president of the Texas Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture.

Outcomes from the events included over 120 trees planted and more than \$30,000 donated.

Texas Forest Service’s urban forestry programs develop and improve the capacity of communities to plant and care for trees in parks, along streets and in other urban settings.