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## **Sturbridge Selected for “Tree City USA” Award**

**BOSTON – Representative Todd M. Smola (R-Warren, Ranking Member, Committee on Ways & Means)** is pleased to announce that the Town of Sturbridge has been chosen to receive a Tree City USA Award from the Department of Conservation and Recreation and the National Arbor Day Foundation. 88 Massachusetts communities were recognized at an awards ceremony on Wednesday, May 29 at Old Sturbridge Village.

There are four criteria that are required to earn the award. A town must have a tree board or department, an ordinance governing the planting, maintenance and removal of public trees, a minimum community forestry budget of \$2 per capita, and must officially observe Arbor Day in late April.

“I would like to congratulate Sturbridge and Warren for earning this prestigious national award,” said Representative Smola. “Our local officials put in a lot of work throughout the year to ensure that our community is such a beautiful place to live and work.”

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