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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Mount Vernon Arbor Day Celebration 2022 Planting Season kicks off with a new Tree Advisory Board

On Saturday, April 30th, at 11 a.m., Mount Vernon will acknowledge the 150th year of the National Arbor Day holiday and honor the 50th anniversary of the Arbor Day Foundation with a community tree planting at South 4th Avenue and West 8th Street, near the Rebecca Turner Elementary School.

A line of flowering cherry trees will enhance the local residential neighborhood and serve as an enduring symbol of growth, beauty and hope to the younger generation.

Last year Mount Vernon, at its first community tree planting, declared the beginning of its Green Renaissance with the passage of a revised Tree Ordinance, and a return to its former status as a Tree City USA®.

Since then, the city has been committed to the restoration and expansion of its former rich suburban landscape. To build a solid community framework, the city established by new tree ordinance an active citizen tree board, with a clear mission and duty to provide input into the city's tree management program and contribute to policy and planning.

The city's achievements were celebrated at a NYS/DEC Urban Forestry state-wide recognition event where Mount Vernon was presented as an example of an evolving story of advocacy on behalf of our city's invaluable tree assets and its efforts to overcome existing environmental inequities.

The Tree Advisory Board's positive impact is reflected in the motivation of neighborhood associations and growing interest of residents to improving their tree canopies, land-use boards, to incorporate ordinance guidelines and environmental groups, to engage in and support its endeavors.

The upcoming celebration on **April 30th at 11am will be located at South 4th Avenue (at West 8th Street)**. This joyous occasion is the culmination of the collaborative work of many dedicated to the greening of Mount

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When: April 30, 2022, at 11 a.m.

Where: South 4th Avenue (at West 8th Street)

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