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BGMU NAMED 2021 TREE LINE USA UTILITY BY ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION

(Bowling Green, Ky.) The Arbor Day Foundation has named Bowling Green Municipal Utilities a 2021 Tree Line USA® in honor of its commitment to proper tree pruning, planting and care in the provider's service area. This is BGMU's 14th consecutive year receiving this designation.

Tree Line USA, a partnership between the Foundation and the National Association of State Foresters, recognizes public and private utilities for pursuing practices that protect and enhance America's urban trees. Tree Line USA promotes the dual goals of delivering safe and reliable electricity while maintaining healthy community forests.

"Trees are a critical part of urban landscapes all across the United States," said Dan Lambe, president of the Arbor Day Foundation. "They provide important benefits to residents, including clean air, clean water and a tolerable climate. Service providers like Bowling Green Municipal Utilities demonstrate that it's possible for trees and utilities to co-exist for the benefit of communities and citizens."

Bowling Green Municipal Utilities achieved Tree Line USA by meeting five program standards. Utilities must follow industry standards for quality tree care; provide annual worker training in best tree care practices; sponsor a tree planting and public education program; maintain a tree-based energy conservation program; and participate in an Arbor Day celebration.

"BGMU recognizes that a healthy, vibrant urban forest adds to the quality of life for our community," stated Mark Iverson, General Manager of BGMU. "BGMU also recognizes that trees can conflict with the community's need for reliable electric power. We appreciate the opportunity to work with the Arbor Day Foundation to develop and follow best practices in quality tree care."

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About BGMU

Bowling Green Municipal Utilities provides electricity, water, wastewater services and high speed commercial data services to the Bowling Green area. The utility serves approximately 30,000 electric customers, 20,000 water/wastewater customers and 550 commercial fiber customers. For more information, please visit our website, www.bgmu.com.

About Arbor Day Foundation

The Arbor Day Foundation is a million-member nonprofit conservation and education organization with the mission to inspire people to plant, nurture and celebrate trees. Its recent launch of the Time for Trees initiative marks an unprecedented effort to plant 100 million trees in forests and communities and inspire 5 million tree planters by 2022. More information on the Foundation and its programs can be found at arborday.org. More information about Tree Line USA can be found at www.arborday.org/TreeLineUSA.
