

News Release

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KUB Receives 20th Arbor Day Tree Line USA Award And Celebrates Arbor Day with City of Knoxville

At an event today at West Hills Park in Knoxville, KUB along with City of Knoxville, Tennessee Division of Forestry, and Trees Knoxville, gathered to celebrate Arbor Day by planting five trees in the park. At the event, KUB received the Tree Line USA® award from the Arbor Day Foundation for the 20th consecutive year. KUB earned the award by following best practices in utility arboriculture in the areas of quality tree care, annual worker training, tree planting, and public education.

“Trees are such an important part of the beauty of our community and add to our quality of life,” said Derwin Hagood, KUB Senior Vice President of Operations. “KUB remains committed to quality tree care to ensure both the health of our trees and safe and reliable utilities.

Trees also support clean air and water and can also help reduce energy consumption when planted appropriately. KUB plants approximately 250 trees throughout the community every year. Maintaining a strong vegetation management program allows KUB to provide safe, reliable electric services to our community while also preserving the health of our community’s trees.

KUB encourages the community to plant the right tree in the right place to enhance our environment and maintain utility safety. KUB appreciates its customers’ cooperation as it continues its vegetation management responsibilities. KUB serves more than 210,000 electric customers and maintains more than 5,000 miles of electric lines. For more information on KUB’s tree pruning and vegetation management services, and how to plant the right tree in the right place, visit www.kub.org/plantsmart.



KUB received its 20th consecutive Tree Line USA® award from the Arbor Day Foundation today at West Hills Park. Pictured from left to right at the event are Barry Jones - Manager, KUB System Operations; Michael Pauley - KUB Utility Forester; Elaine Reed - KUB Vegetation Management; Derwin Hagood - KUB Senior Vice President of Operations; Indya Kincannon – Mayor, City of Knoxville; Diane Warwick – East Tennessee Regional Urban Forester.

KUB is a municipal utility serving Knox and parts of seven adjacent counties and provides electric, gas, water, and wastewater services to more than 468,000 customers.

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