

2018 PROJECTS PAY OFF

CITY RECOGNIZED WITH TREE CITY OF THE YEAR IN NORTH CAROLINA



Late in 2018, the North Carolina Forest Service designated the Hendersonville community as Tree City of the Year in North Carolina. Because of citizen support and an active Tree Board, made up of volunteers appointed by the City, Hendersonville is proud of its tree-oriented projects and programs.

Oct. 14 – NeighborWoods Tree Planting in Towne Forest on Blythe St. 33 trees chosen by Towne Forest residents were distributed for planting to participants during the neighborhood's annual meeting. Trees were provided at no charge through the Tree Board's NeighborWoods project. This project helps sustain our urban tree cover.



Late Sept – Monarch Migration Celebration. Locally, programs were presented in cooperation with Hendersonville's Bee City USA program and other organizations. On Sept. 24 "A Monarch's Journey" at Bullington Gardens sold out and Sept. 27 "Flight of the Butterflies" film at Blue Ridge Community College was well attended. A monarch conservation mini-symposium at NC Arboretum and film screening on Sept. 22 were at

capacity. Several public school classrooms participated with presentations and student projects during the week, and Hands On! Children's Museum on Main Street Hendersonville held a symbolic migration event. Monarchs are vitally important to pollination and tree health.



July 22 – *"See How It's Done: Shade Garden Tour."* This private garden that is mostly shade with bright sunny spots was the site of guided tours to see how this Certified Backyard Habitat and two-time landscape-award-winning garden has been arranged and constructed for pleasure, beauty, and preservation of trees. The event attracted both local and regional attendees in spite of severe-weather predictions. The rain stopped to accommodate the 12 visitors. We are hoping to repeat this event in 2019.