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Environmental Quality Commission Meeting Date: March 9, 2017

To: Environmental Quality Commission

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Earth Day and Arbor Day Update

Action Requested:

The Northfield Environmental Quality Commission receives and files this report on the official City Council designation of Earth Day and Arbor Day.

Summary Report:

At the March 7, 2017 City Council meeting there are agenda items for the official designation of Earth Day and Arbor Day. This process allows for the City to retain its Tree City USA status, along with raising awareness of environmental factors through participation in the Earth Day celebration.

Earth Day will be celebrated on Saturday, April 22, 2017. The EQC will participate in the Northfield Earth Day Celebration held at the Carleton Weitz Center for Creativity. At the event, the EQC will conduct a tree giveaway via a raffle. The trees for this raffle are provided by Dicks Sanitation Inc. The two species of trees being raffled are a Honeycrisp Apple and Autumn Blaze Maple. A total of 16 trees will be raffled, 8 of each species. The EQC will also be promoting organic composting along with other earth friendly tips.

Arbor Day will be celebrated on Friday, April 28, 2017. Arbor Day brings attention to the City of Northfield's urban forest, and the great amenity that it provides for its citizens. In celebration of Arbor Day, the City of Northfield will be holding a Shade Tree Sale. This sale will run from April 3rd through April 28th. The trees can be ordered by stopping by the Street and Park Maintenance Facility, 1710 Riverview Drive, Monday thru Friday from 7:00AM to 4:00PM. The trees ordered through the Shade Tree Sale have the option to be planted by the Men of Northfield volunteer group along with Cannon Valley Tree Service. The trees will be planted, weather permitting, Saturday, May 13, 2017. Also, the official designation of Arbor Day is a key component to satisfy the requirements of the 2017 Tree City USA application.

The Shade Tree Sale order form will be placed on the website for residents to view the type of tree species available.

Financial Impacts:

Minimal staff time to take orders for the Shade Tree Sale.