



**Stoughton Utilities**

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*Serving Electric, Water & Wastewater Since 1886*

# News Release

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### **Stoughton Utilities named 2017 Tree Line USA By Arbor Day Foundation**

The Arbor Day Foundation has named Stoughton Utilities a 2017 Tree Line USA in honor of its commitment to proper tree pruning, planting and care in the provider's service area for the sixteenth year.

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. "Service providers like Stoughton Utilities demonstrate that it's possible for trees and utilities to co-exist for the benefit of communities and citizens."

Stoughton 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.

More information about Tree Line USA can be found at [www.arborday.org/TreeLineUSA](http://www.arborday.org/TreeLineUSA).



*Stoughton Utilities employees Brandi Yungen, Cory Hestekin, and Tyler Harding after planting a Dawn Redwood at the 2017 Stoughton Arbor Day event, held April 28 at Bjoin Park.*

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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. More information on the Foundation and its programs can be found at [www.arborday.org](http://www.arborday.org).

Founded in 1886, Stoughton Utilities serves electric customers in Stoughton and the surrounding area; and wastewater and water customers in Stoughton.