

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

### Amherst Named Tree City USA for 13<sup>th</sup> Year

The Town of Amherst has been named a Tree City USA for 2008 by The National Arbor Day Foundation to honor its commitment to its community forest. It is the 13<sup>th</sup> year that Amherst has received this national recognition. “An effective community forestry program is an ongoing process of renewal and improvement – a program of tree planting and care that continues through the years,” said John Rosenow, President of The National Arbor Day Foundation. The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.

Amherst observed Arbor Day on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009, at Fetto Park on Harlem Road with the planting of a Crimson King Maple donated by Woodstream Nurseries. NYSDEC Regional Forester Patrick Marren presented Amherst officials with the Tree City USA Flag. Amherst planted more than 1,000 new street and park trees in 2008. The Town of Amherst earned the Tree City USA designation through the hard work of the Town of Amherst Division of Forestry which is under the direct supervision of the Superintendent of Highways, Robert Anderson.