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GLENDALE RECEIVES AZ TREE COUNCIL AWARD FOR NEW TREE TRAIL INSTALLMENT AT XERISCAPE GARDEN

Glendale, Ariz. — The City of Glendale Conservation and Sustainable Living Program received an award from the Arizona Community Tree Council (ACTC) recently for the Glendale Tree Trail, which was installed at the city's Xeriscape Garden earlier this year.

The newly-constructed Glendale Tree Trail project provides a location for educational programs for homeowners, training opportunities for municipal staff, and a tree resource page on the City's website, found at www.glendaleaz.com/trees. The project was funded by a Council-approved grant from the Bureau of Reclamation.

This award was recognized in ACTC's volunteer category. Volunteers are vital to this program, expanding the division's staffing capacity and acting as garden ambassadors by providing tours of the Xeriscape Demonstration Garden and Tree Trail, helping with ongoing garden maintenance, and offering support at special events. As a Tree City USA, the city of Glendale hosted a Tree Trail Opening/Arbor Day celebration this past April. At the celebration, volunteers assisted with education and distribution of more than 100 trees.

The Tree Trail enhances the existing landscape programs by providing a visual teaching tool. The trail provides a location for hands-on demonstrations and regional educational opportunities. The signage provides an opportunity for a self-guided educational experience for thousands of visitors touring the Glendale Xeriscape Demonstration Garden each year. In addition, the Tree Trail continues as a host location for the SRP and APS shade tree workshops. To date, more than 500 West Valley homeowners have received trees to plant around their homes.

Additional workshops, demonstrations and resources are planned for residents. For additional information on this program, visit www.glendaleaz.com/trees or www.glendaleaz.com/green.

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