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Spring Grove Nursery is proud to announce several new certifications recently attained for our nursery. Becky Thomas, President and Grower at Spring Grove Nursery, has successfully achieved Woman-Owned Business status with several state & federal agencies. Our goal is to provide nursery customers with more tools and purchasing options when it comes to projects requiring top quality trees grown by a certified nursery. We look forward to growing new relationships with companies that specialize in this type of contract work. Please see the listing below of the certifications now available at Spring Grove Nursery:

## • WBE - Women's Business Enterprise

- Granted by the WBENC (Women's Business Enterprise National Council) 5-15-18
- WOSB Women-Owned Small Business
  - o Granted by the WBENC (Women's Business Enterprise National Council) 5-15-18
- BEP Business Enterprise Program
  - Granted by the State of Illinois 6-6-18
- DBE Disadvantaged Business Enterprise
  - o Granted by Illinois Department of Transportation 10-1-18
  - Participating agencies IDOT, City of Chicago, Chicago Transit Authority, Metra, & Pace

Spring Grove Nursery is a wholesale tree nursery located in North Central Illinois. Growing on 100 acres in Grundy County just south of the Chicagoland suburbs, our nursery holds a diverse and superior selection of Shade, Ornamental, and Evergreen trees. Ready for pick-up or delivery, we offer landscape contractors, garden centers, municipalities, park districts, and landscape architects a collection of healthy specimen trees to utilize in their projects. The nursery offers over 144 different variety of trees harvested at a target size of 2-3" caliper.

Becky Thomas graduated from University of Illinois in 1993 with a B.A. in Landscape Architecture. In 1999, Spring Grove Nursery took root as Becky and her husband Jamie planted their first crop of trees. Becky currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Illinois Green Industry Association as a Past-President. Her nursery is also a member of the Ornamental Growers Association of Northern Illinois where she also serves on the Board of Directors.

Spring Grove Nursery is proud to offer these new certifications to our customers. We invite you to stop by anytime for a nursery tour or a visit. We welcome the opportunity to show you our farm, our quality, and our service.

Sincerely, Becky Thomas, President & Grower

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