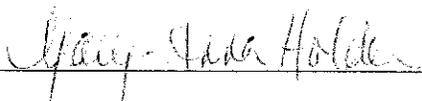


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Accomplishment Report**

ANNUAL ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT FORM

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REPORT NARRATIVE OUTLINE: BOROUGH OF MADISON

COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION:

The Madison Shade Tree Management Board was staffed at 7 regular and 2 alternate members for 11 of 12 months in 2010. One new member was added in February 2010. The Board met each of the 12 months and minutes were placed on the Municipal web site. Michael Kopas, a Board member since 2008 and a Certified Tree Expert was chair for 2010. The Borough Council Liaison participated in 4 of 12 meetings but representatives from the Department of Public Works and the Parks Advisory Committee were at most of the meetings.

TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

Members from the Madison Department of Public Works and the Shade Tree Management Board completed 25 CEU credits. All 9 members of the Shade Tree Management Board and the Mayor of Madison have completed CORE training. Two members attended the 2010 New Jersey Shade Tree Federation's Conference.

PUBLIC EDUCATION, AWARENESS AND OUTREACH:

Arbor Day Celebration:

- Led the planning and implementation for Arbor Day, which is held in conjunction with Madison's May Day celebration (May Day involves over 1000 Madison residents - members of the Shade Tree Management Board pruned and cleaned parks as part of the May Day volunteer activities).
- Arbor Day ceremonies took place at the newly renovated and re-landscaped Madison train station.
- Received recognition on Arbor Day for our 25th year as a "Tree City USA".
- Madison was awarded its 3rd Tree City USA Growth Award.
- Submitted articles to local newspapers regarding Arbor Day.
- The Garden Club of Madison participated in Arbor Day by handing out specially designed growing kits for the official state tree, quercus borealis maxima.

STATEMENT OF TREE BUDGET:

The Borough of Madison continues strong support of the Shade Tree Management Board with an annual budget of \$112,900, though due to borough financial constraints, it was reduced 3.5% from 2009. There continues to be thousands of hours of in-kind volunteer services from members of the Shade Tree Management Board, the Friends of Madison Shade Trees, Parks Advisory Committee and May Day Committee.

PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

TREE INVENTORY AND ASSESSMENT:

- Continued using computerized tree inventory database to verify trees in public right of way, available tree planting sites and specie diversity.
- Conducted 2 windshield surveys - results used to update the tree inventory and direct the tree maintenance program.

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TREE PLANTING:

- Planted 120 new borough trees of varying specie types.
- Specie diversity mix continues to improve by the removal of older, dominant Norway maples and replacing them with newer specie types.
- See Special Projects for additional tree plantings.

TREE MAINTENANCE:

- Responded to all 167 resident's requests to assess and maintain public trees.
- Removed 141 trees.
- Tree Pruning: Streets-16, additional individual trees-179 and special pruning at 2 municipal parking lots.
- Continued fertilization program for trees involved with road construction.
- Continued developmental pruning program of trees planted in the last 5 years (89 in 2010).

SPECIAL PROJECTS:

- Madison applied for **Sustainable New Jersey** certification and was awarded the Bronze level. The Shade Tree Management Board submitted documentation on Tree Canopy Goals and Objectives, Tree Planting Programs, Tree Maintenance and Tree Hazard and Health Assessment Inventory Program. As part of this program, Madison established for the 1st time tree canopy goals. To sustain the Borough of Madison's current 37%, the goal is to maintain a 1:1 ratio for tree removals to tree plantings.
- Madison initiated a **Greening of the Rose City** campaign whose goal is to plant additional hardwoods throughout Madison. The Garden Club of Madison, the Shade Tree Management Board, Parks Advisory Committee and the Friends of Madison Shade Trees have each pledged a total of \$4000 per year for the next 4 years to improve the Madison canopy.
- Under a \$100,000 DOT grant the Madison Train Station was re-landscaped. Fifty new trees, of various species, were planted as part of this project.
- Reviewed and commented on all (7) tree related land use applications.
- Assessments were provided for road construction with a special tree installation of 9 *carpinus betulus fastigiatas* for Madison's downtown Lincoln Place.
- Madison is participating in the American Chestnut revitalization program, which includes plantings at Madison schools and borough parks.

COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP INCENTIVE PROGRAM:

A 2009 Business Stimulus Fund Grant in the amount of \$7000, will be used to plant trees in spring, 2011.