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New Jersey Shade Tree and Community Forestry Assistance Act Annual Accomplishment Report Annual accomplishment report form

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Accomplishment Report for Calendar Year 2011

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BOROUGH OF MADISON

Shade Tree Management Board

COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION:

The Madison Shade Tree Management Board was staffed at 7 regular and 2 alternate members for the entire year. Reappointments were completed and the Board stayed intact. The Borough Council Liaison participated in the meetings, as did representatives from the Department of Public Works and the Parks Advisory Committee. The Board met 11 of the 12 months and minutes were placed on the Municipal web site. (August had no quorum so an official meeting was not held)

TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

Course Participant	Course Title	Course	Date	CEU Credits
David Maines	Rutgers Tree Day		1/5/2011	5
Philip Cervone	Rutgers Tree Day		1/5/2011	5
Christine Hammitt	Shade Tree Federation Meeting Day 2		10/22/2011	5
Nancy Bruce	Shade Tree Federation Meeting Day 2		10/22/2011	4.5

PUBLIC EDUCATION, AWARENESS AND OUTREACH:

Arbor Day Celebration:

Participated in planning and presentation at Madison’s Arbor Day/May Day ceremony; May Day involves over 1000 Madison residents; members of the Shade Tree Management Board pruned and cleaned parks as part of May Day ceremonies

- Initiated and publicized a ‘Reforestation Program’ on Borough open space
- Submitted articles to local newspapers regarding Arbor Day
- Received recognition on Arbor Day for our 27th year as a “Tree City USA”
- Madison was awarded its 5th annual Tree City USA Growth Award

STATEMENT OF TREE BUDGET:

The Borough of Madison continues strong support of the Shade Tree Management Board with an annual budget of \$107,250 but this represents a 5% reduction from 2010. 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:

- The Board continues to use its 2007 tree inventory data for the management of Madison’s street trees.
- Completed 2 windshield surveys - results used to update the tree inventory.
 - Also conducted an additional survey after the October snowstorm to assess damage

TREE PLANTING:

- Planted 145 new street trees of 12 different specie types
- Specie diversity mix is being changed by the continued removal of older dominant Norway maples and replacing them with new specie types.

TREE MAINTENANCE:

- Responded to 194 residents requests to assess and maintain public trees
- Removed 104 trees
- Total Trees Pruned: 420
 - Trees on streets that were pruned 340 (Estimated)
 - Homeowner/other requests for pruning 80
 - Training prune (young trees) 87
 - Provided on-site assessment of each tree needing pruning or removal
 - Continued developmental pruning program of trees planted in the last 5 years.
- Responded to extensive tree damage resulting from the October snow storm. Cleanup and corrective action started in 2011 and is continuing today.

SPECIAL PROJECTS:

- Reviewed and commented on all tree related land use applications; additional assessments were provided for road construction & electric tree pruning.
- Provided tree protection support and pruning to the Madison Recreation Complex project.
- Eight trees were planted at Memorial Park by the Garden Club of Madison as part of the Centennial Project
- Contracted with an independent arborist to help Madison tree assessments.
- As a result of Hurricane Irene, an article was submitted to local newspapers to educate the public as to what to look for before taking down a tree, indicating additional resources and evaluations before snapping to judgment. A lesson learned from Hurricane Irene is that Madison came through the storm well because the Borough trees are monitored and maintained.
- Participated in a Day of Service project at the high school where we inventoried the campus trees and reported on their benefits alongside or participating students.