

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

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Municipality Borough of Madison

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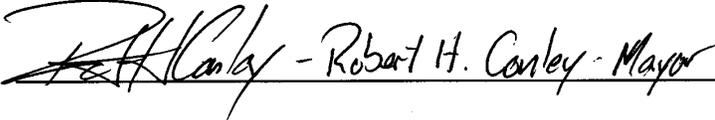
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Accomplishment Report for Calendar Year 2014

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REPORT NARRATIVE OUTLINE: BOROUGH OF MADISON

COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION:

The Madison Shade Tree Management Board was staffed at 7 of 7 regular and 2 alternate members for 12 of 12 months in 2014. The Board met each of the 12 months and minutes were placed on the Municipal web site. Alan Andreas, a Board member since 2011 was chair for 2014. The Borough Council Liaison participated in 0 of 12 meetings. Representatives from the Department of Public Works and the Parks Advisory Committee attended most of the meetings.

TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

Course Participant	Course Title	Date	CEUs
Penny Garman	The Right Tree in the Right Place-NJ Tree Foundation/PSEG	9/26/14	2
Nancy Bruce	The Right Tree in the Right Place-NJ Tree Foundation/PSEG	9/26/14	2
Christine Hammitt	The Right Tree in the Right Place-NJ Tree Foundation/PSEG	9/26/14	2
Gene Cracovia	North Jersey Ornamental Horticulture Symposium – Tree Day	1/7/14	5
David Maines	North Jersey Ornamental Horticulture Symposium – Tree Day	1/7/14	5
Vince Licari	North Jersey Ornamental Horticulture Symposium – Tree Day	1/7/14	5

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, cleaned and mulched parks as part of the May Day volunteer activities).
- Received recognition on Arbor Day for our 29th year as a "Tree City USA".
- Received recognition on Arbor Day for our 7th Tree City USA "Growth Award".
- Submitted articles regarding Arbor Day and on-going press releases to local newspapers and online Patch to educate and raise awareness of the public.
- Maintained a tree nursery in the new community garden as part of Madison's celebration of Arbor Day with help from the Friends of the Madison Shade Tree, Madison Boy Scout Troop 7, the Garden Club of Madison and the Madison Community Garden Committee.

Additional Community Events (where tree issues were presented):

- Madison Bottle Hill Day : September 27, 2014
- Green Fair: April 24, 2014

STATEMENT OF TREE BUDGET:

The Borough of Madison continues strong support of the Shade Tree Management Board with a 2014 budget of \$108,205. This was an increase of 6% over the 2013 budget. The increase focused on tree removal/replacement and tree pruning. 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, The Garden Club of Madison and the May Day Committee.

PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

Tree Inventory and Assessment

- Continued using a computerized tree inventory database to verify trees in the public right-of-way, available tree planting sites and species diversity.
- Conducted 2 windshield surveys - results were used to update the tree inventory and direct the tree maintenance program in terms of hazardous conditions and pruning needs.

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Tree Planting

- Planted 105 new Borough trees of varying specie types.
- Continued to improve species diversity mix by the removal of older, dominant Norway Maples and replacing them with newer specie types (Pin Oak, Red Oak, Ginkgo, Red Sunset Maple, Japanese Lilac, Accolade Elm, Linden, Amelanchier, Black Gum, October Glory Maple, Yellowwood, Sweet Gum, Zelkova, Valley Forge Elm, and Redspire Pear).

Tree Maintenance

- Responded to all 210 residents' requests to plant, assess, and maintain public trees.
- Removed 145 trees.
- Street Tree Pruning: 5 streets
- Continued training pruning program of trees planted in 2010 –75 trees.

COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP INCENTIVE PROGRAM:

- Met CORE and CEU training requirements.
- Met with Borough staff to review the land use ordinance and tighten tree protection enforcement during construction.
- Reviewed and commented on 11 Planning and Zoning Board applications.
- Submitted press releases to publicize Arbor Day, Landmark trees, free street trees and free private trees.
- Organized and led the celebration of Arbor Day.
- Invited the Public to submit Landmark tree nominations, to be announced Arbor Day, 2015.
- Successfully applied for Tree City USA recognition.
- Successfully applied for the Tree City USA Growth Award.
- Continued windshield surveys to update our tree inventory.
- Utilized the tree inventory to identify hazardous trees and the need for pruning, street pruning, young tree pruning and tree guards.
- Initiated the assessment and comparison of Arbor Pro and iTree.
- Subscribed and disseminated national tree alerts.
- Monitored the brush in the Parks.
- Refined the list of trees to plant under wires.
- Reviewed options with Dr. Sara Webb (Drew University) and the Fire Department to determine a policy concerning man-made vs. natural debris in parks.
- Advised homeowners with private tree questions and concerns.
- Transplanted, with the Garden Club of Madison and Friends of the Madison Shade Trees, tree nursery seedlings into the newly deer-fenced forest at the Madison Recreation Complex.
- Organized a guided walk through the Drew University Forest Preserve with Dr. Sara Webb who described Drew's invasive/reforestation program.
- Distributed, in partnership with Drew University, over 500 free NJ Forestry tree seedlings to Madison residents as part of the NJ Tree Recovery Campaign.
- Joined the North Carolina Urban Forest Council 2014 Tree Board Webinar: Tree Care Ordinances, Part 1