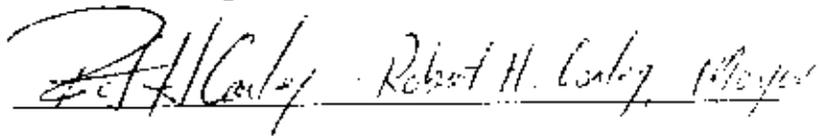


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ANNUAL ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT FORM

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Date Second Management
Plan Approval: January 10, 2008
Time Period Covered in
Management Plan: April 2008 - March 2013
Date of Annual
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Submission: March 18, 2013
Accomplishment Report
For Calendar Year: 2012

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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 12 of 12 months in 2012. 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 2012. The Borough Council Liaison participated in 0 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:

Course Participant	Course Title	Date	CEUs
David Maines	Rutgers Tree Day	1/4/12	5
Philip Cervone	Rutgers Tree Day	1/4/12	5
Penny Garman	Rutgers Tree Day	1/4/12	5
Christine Hammitt	Rutgers Tree Day	1/4/12	5
Vince Licari	Rutgers Tree Day	1/4/12	5
Steve Miller	NJ Shade Tree Conference	10/27/12	7
Eugene Cracovia	NJ Shade Tree Conference	10/27/12	7

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).
- Received recognition on Arbor Day for our 27th year as a "Tree City USA".
- Madison was awarded its 5th Tree City USA Growth Award.
- Submitted articles to local newspapers regarding Arbor Day.

Additional Community Events (Where Tree Issues were presented):

- Madison Green Fair – Shade Tree Management Board teams with the Friends of Madison Shade Trees, The Garden Club of Madison and the Parks Advisory Committee to display tree information.
- Madison Bottle Hill Day – town wide event held on the 1st Saturday in October where the Shade Tree Board teamed with the Friends of Madison Shade Trees and the Parks Advisory Committee to display current tree topics.

STATEMENT OF TREE BUDGET:

The Borough of Madison continues strong support of the Shade Tree Management Board with a 2012 budget of \$101,850 though due to borough financial constraints, it was reduced 5% from 2011. Most of this money was spent on Sandy related tree cleanup. With budgeted funds being exhausted, an additional \$110,000 has been spent by the Borough of Madison on tree removals/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 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 1 windshield survey and a special windshield survey to identify trees damaged by Sandy - results used to update the tree inventory and direct the tree maintenance program.

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TREE PLANTING:

- Planted 66 new borough trees of varying specie types.
- Species diversity mix continues to improve by the removal of older, dominant Norway maples and replacing them with newer specie types (Sugar Maple, Zelkova, Linden, Pin Oak, October Glory Maple, Redspire Pear and Willow Oak).

TREE MAINTENANCE:

- Responded to all 264 resident's requests to assess and maintain public trees.
- Removed 193 trees.
- Stumps removed due to Sandy - 92
- Tree Pruning: Streets-3, additional individual trees-322 plus the special removal of hanging branches on over 300 trees
- Continued fertilization program for trees involved with road construction.
- Continued developmental pruning program of trees planted in the last 5 years (92 in 2012).

SPECIAL PROJECTS:

- Hurricane Sandy caused major damage to Madison's tree canopy. As stated above, special tree surveys and major additional funds had to be used to clear the most critical situations. There is still substantial damage in Madison Parks that will require additional resources to remediate.
- Reviewed and commented on all (4) tree related land use applications.

COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP INCENTIVE PROGRAM:

Awarded 2013 Green Communities Grant for \$2200 to develop Madison's 3rd 5 year Community Forestry Plan.