

## **Community Forestry Management Plan**

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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  
Accomplishment Report  
Submission:

January 27, 2010

Accomplishment Report  
For Calendar Year:

2009

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**Community Forestry Program  
501 East State Street  
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Attn: Todd Wyckoff**

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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 2009. One member resigned in December 2009. The Borough Council Liaison participated in most of the meetings, as did representatives from the Department of Public Works and the Parks Advisory Committee. 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 and was elected chair for 2010.

**TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:**

Members from the Madison Department of Public Works and the Shade Tree Management Board completed 12 CEU credits. All 9 members of the Shade Tree Management Board and the Mayor of Madison have completed CORE training.

**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 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
  - Continued publicity on a 'Reforestation Program' on Borough open space
  - Submitted articles to local newspapers regarding Arbor Day
  - Received recognition on Arbor Day for our 24<sup>th</sup> year as a "Tree City USA"
  - Madison was awarded its 2nd Tree City USA Growth Award
- Proposed and submitted additional tree protection checklist items for preliminary Planning and Zoning Boards' completeness reviews (Madison's Technical Coordinating Committee).

**STATEMENT OF TREE BUDGET:**

The Borough of Madison continues strong support of the Shade Tree Management Board with an annual budget of \$116,650, which is about the same from the previous year. 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.

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### **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
- Completed 2 windshield surveys - results used to update the tree inventory.

#### **TREE PLANTING:**

- Planted 120 new street trees of varying specie types. Based on 2009 planting problems, conducted a review of Madison's new tree planting program and made a number of recommendations to improve the process in 2010 and beyond
- Specie diversity mix continues to improve by the removal of older, dominant Norway maples and replacing them with newer specie types.

#### **TREE MAINTENANCE:**

- Responded to 208 (100%) residents requests to assess and maintain public trees
- Removed 122 trees
- Tree Pruning:
  - Streets (9)
  - Additional Individual Trees (142)
  - Special pruning at the Madison Library and Rose Garden and Memorial Parks
  - Special pruning/removal at new Madison Recreation Center (18 Large Oaks)
- Instituted fertilization program for trees involved with road construction
- Provided on-site assessment of each tree needing pruning or removal
- Continued developmental pruning program of trees planted in the last 5 years (81 in 2009).

#### **SPECIAL PROJECTS:**

- Teamed with the Parks Advisory Committee to utilize individuals who have required community service time to remove invasive barberry in newly acquired open space land
- As part of the Madison train station NJDOT re-landscaping grant, Shade Tree Management Board funds were used to remove and prune trees on NJ Transit property (part of the in-kind services used for matching grant dollars)
- Reviewed and commented on all (18) tree related land use applications
- Assessments were provided for road construction & electric tree pruning.

### **COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP INCENTIVE PROGRAM:**

In 2009, Madison applied for and was awarded a Business Stimulus Fund in the amount of \$7000.