

2012 ANNUAL WORK PLAN ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

I. Community Forestry Program Administration

The Borough of Glen Ridge's Shade Tree Commission continues to be a viable entity in support of the Borough's shade tree population. The Shade Tree Commission members include:

- Tim Delorm, Chair
- Elizabeth K. Baker, Councilwoman
- Lawrence Stauffer
- Sally Ellyson
- Elisabeth Ginsberg

The Shade Tree Commission meets on the 4th Wednesday of every month. Richard Wolowicz is the Borough Forester to assist in municipal tree resources.

II. Training

The town is current in their required CEU Requirements. The Deputy Administrator, Michael Zichelli, attended the NJ Shade Tree Federation's Annual Meeting held in October, 2012. Also attending were Shade Tree Commission members Sally Ellyson and Lawrence Stauffer.

The low limb elevation training project was held earlier in the year. Key Public Works personnel trained in what to look for, what to trim and how to trim to train the future growth of the trees. It is anticipated that more elevation work will be conducted during the winter of 2013.

III. Public Education/Awareness/Outreach

The Borough's Arbor Day Celebration was held on May 3, 2012, at the plaza at Forest Avenue School. The community was invited through the public relations and the Community website. The grade school children assisted in the planting and formerly adopted the Flowering plum by naming the tree Penelope. The students participated in reading various poems and stories relating to the importance of trees.

The Shade Tree Commission participated in the Borough's Eco-Fair, by staffing a booth. Tree questions were answered by the Borough Forester, seedlings were distributed, proper mulching of trees was demonstrated and the Commission publicized the new 600 Tree Campaign. Donations were taken for the tree planting initiative. An enlarged picture of the town showing the results of the recent tree inventory was also on display.

Information for Shade Tree issues were posted on the Borough's website as well as in the local paper on a regular basis.

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The Shade Tree Commission is also soliciting public involvement in the formation of a Shade Tree Conservancy to further advance, promote and education the activities of the Borough's Shade Tree Program.

IV. Statement of Tree Budget

As of December 2012, the expenditures for the Shade Trees totaled \$191,928. Breakdown of expenditures are listed below:

• Conferences/Subscriptions	\$ 1,094
• Consulting Services	\$ 30,203
• Tree Maintenance	\$ 23,563
• Tree Planting	\$ 15,704
• Tree Removals	\$ 54,665
• <u>Storm Clean-up/Chipping</u>	<u>\$ 66,700</u>
Total	\$ 191,929

V. Plan Implementation

Accomplishments for 2012 include the following:

Unfortunately, Hurricane Sandy wreaked havoc on maintenance schedules for the Borough. Approximately 50 street trees fell and/or were damaged during the storm.

The Tree Inventory was finished the prior year and the system is being updated to reflect planting locations and tree removals. The town's objective is to keep the inventory current to utilize as a management tool. Data from the inventory is also being incorporated into Google Earth to show town wide tree conditions

The Shade Tree Commission is still promoting the 600 Tree Campaign. Donations are coming in at a seasonal pace. In 2012, the NJ Tree Foundation won the planting bids.

VI. Plans for 2013

In conjunction with the Community Forestry Management Plan, the goals for next year include:

- Initiate a five-year systematic trimming rotation program for the Borough's street trees. Due to the volume of storm work in 2012, this program had to be shifted to next year.
- Continue with the removal of dead/declining/hazardous trees.
- Continue/participate in annual events: Arbor Day, Glen Ridge Eco-Fair, Tree City and attendance at conferences.

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- Maintain a positive press exposure for the Borough's Shade Tree Program.
- Perform low limb elevation on new/older trees to maintain public safety. This is anticipated to be done through Public Works, the NJ Tree Foundation and/or town arborist.
- Support a planting program.
- Maintain tree inventory.
- Perform inspections for diseased/declining and hazardous trees.
- Implement the new shade tree ordinance.
- Educate public on tree care, i.e. watering...
- Develop a sidewalk policy/procedure, in terms of having a contractor on call to utilize root shaving services.

Continuing these activities will provide a future benefit to the Community and to the Borough's residents.