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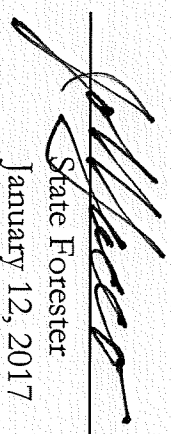
*Hereby presents the*

# *Certificate of Approval*

awarded to

## *Village of Ridgewood*

*For the successful completion of an approved  
Community Forestry Management Plan in accordance with the  
New Jersey Shade Tree and Community Forestry Assistance Act,  
P.L. 1996, Chapter 135.*

  
State Forester  
January 12, 2017



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Dear Mr. Cronin:

Congratulations! On behalf of New Jersey Forest Services, I am pleased to inform you that the Village of Ridgewood's Community Forestry Management Plan (CFMP) is approved for 2017-2021.

A major goal of the state's Community Forestry Program is to educate all municipalities and counties in the state about the benefits of developing their own distinctive Community Forestry Management Plan. As these plans develop, the health of the tree cover will improve, the number of trees will increase and the awareness of our state's residents will rise.

A management plan is an essential guide to successfully achieving a healthy and safe community forest. One of the major points of the Shade Tree and Community Forestry Act is to enable New Jersey's communities to reduce or eliminate their exposure to litigation due to the drastic decline and poor condition of the community tree resource. The basis for this protection is a properly planned local community forestry program implemented through a state approved management plan – as well as a municipal or county participation in the Training skills and Accreditation Program.

If you are a participant in the Green Communities grant program, NJFS will follow-up with you on the documentation required for the reimbursement request.

Please find the enclosed certificate of approval and a signed certification by the State Forester within your management plan.

Sincerely,

Brian McDonald  
Forester, Urban & Community Forestry Program

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eCC: Mayor Susan Knudsen, Heather Mailander, Manish Shrimali, Carrie Sargeant NJFS, Patricia Shapella NJFS