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Rich Resavy  
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Transmitted via email: rresavy@hillsborough-nj.org

Dear Mr. Resavy:

Congratulations! On behalf of New Jersey State Forest Service (NJFS), I am pleased to inform you that Hillsborough Township's third 5-year Community Forestry Management Plan is approved for 2017 - 2021.

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

Sincerely,

Carrie A. Sargeant  
Urban & Community Forestry Coordinator

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eCC: Carl Suraci; Anthony Ferrera; Pamela Borek; Carrie Sargeant, NJFS; Patricia Shapella, NJFS

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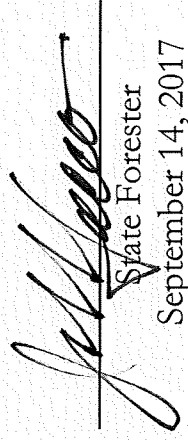
*Hereby presents the*

# *Certificate of Approval*

awarded to

## *Township of Hillsborough*

*For the successful completion of an approved  
3<sup>rd</sup> 5-year Community Forestry Management Plan in accordance with the  
New Jersey Shade Tree and Community Forestry Assistance Act,  
P.L. 1996, Chapter 135.*

  
State Forester  
September 14, 2017