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## **ALPINE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION WORK SHEET – 2013**

Alpine remains committed to tree preservation in our borough. As our town continues to grow the Environmental Commission continues to actively safeguard our tree population. The E.C. visits each site where multiple tree removal is requested in order to evaluate the necessity for such removal. The Alpine E.C. maintains a strong reputation re. tree preservation with local contractors, builders and professional tree removal organizations, who by and large respect the E.C. recommendations.

Alpine also has a strong tree ordinance which dictates a specific formula for tree replacement should a permit for removal be granted, and which at times can become quite costly.

The Alpine E.C. remains exceedingly active and continues to meet for site inspections and formal meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month. Additionally we.....

- Celebrated Arbor Day on April 27, 2013 by greeting residents at our Borough Hall with seedlings and posters.
- Displayed Arbor Day posters created by our school children in Borough Hall as well as putting them up on the Alpine Web-Site.
- Distributed Arbor Day seedlings with planting instructions to residents and school children and encouraged residents to submit photos of prior years successful plantings.
- Planted an Arbor Day seedling during a celebration in the Church Street park.
- Held 3 formal meetings.
- Visited 9 sites where tree removal was requested and worked closely with the town engineer to monitor tree replacement requirements.
- Visited 5 sites where Tree Bonds were requested to be returned in order to verify compliance with tree replacement.
- Visited Monument Street in order to inspect Landmark Trees that were showing signs of decay and becoming dangerous. The E.C. in cooperation with our DPW will look into replacing these trees in early Spring.

- Continued to monitor all tree removal permits approved by the building department that did not require E.C. on-site inspections.
- Continued to update the E.C. Web-Site [www.alpinenj07620.org](http://www.alpinenj07620.org) in order to remain current.
- A huge tree (see pictures) adjacent to the Alpine Fire House was relocated in order to preserve it. It was threatening to obstruct the fire truck driveway.
- Informed all residents in a town-wide mailing of achieving the TREE CITY USA award for the 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive year as well as the TREE CITY GROWTH award for the 5<sup>th</sup> time.