



**ALPINE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
WORK SHEET- 2015**

The Alpine Environmental Commission, EC, remains committed to be actively involved in keeping our community treed and green. We are fortunate to have a Tree Ordinance that supports the EC's commitment of preserving this valuable asset. The EC visits every potential site to be developed and/or developed sites that request additional tree removal. The EC then issues a written report to the Building Department to Approve, Approve with conditions or Disapprove tree removal. We are particularly sensitive to seeing that the tree buffer is maintained on side and rear yards to maintain our treed atmosphere. Should trees have to be removed in these areas for septic installation (Alpine has no sewer system) or building engineering challenges there is a tree replacement formula, which is enforced. The EC continues to have the support of the Mayor and Council, DPW, Building Department, Town Engineer and all other Borough Officials and staff to assist the EC in achieving it's goal.

The EC communicates it's on going activities to Alpine residents via the Alpine EC Web Site, www.alpinenj07620.org, as well as with posters and displays in the Borough Hall lobby where all residents visit to pick up there mail.

EC Arbor Day activities for 2015

Mayor Tomasko issued a Proclamation to celebrate Arbor Day April 25, 2015.

Celebrated Arbor Day by greeting Alpine residents in Borough Hall and distributing Arbor Day seedlings with book mark planting instructions.

The celebration was announced in the Mayor and Council Newsletter.

A poster promoting the celebration was placed on display in Borough Hall weeks before.

The Tree City Flag was hung In Borough Hall

Tree seedlings with bookmark planting instructions were also distributed to the Alpine School Children.

Arbor Day Posters with the theme "Tree Facts", created by the Alpine School children were placed on display in Borough Hall and endorsed by proud parents.

EC tree related activities

The EC meets on the 4th Thursday of each month for formal meetings and/or site inspections followed by a formal meeting. This year we had 5 formal meetings plus 15 site visits.

Visited 10 sites where potential tree removal was requested and then submitted written reports to approve, disapprove with conditions, or disapprove of the requested tree removal.

Visited 7 sites where the property owner requested return of the Tree Bond to verify compliance with tree replacement. The EC Chair is required to co sign The Tree Bond return form.

Continues to monitor all tree removal permits approved by the Building Dept that did not require an EC site visit such as for dead, diseased, or dangerous trees.

The EC chair sits on the Alpine Planning Board to keep apprised of Borough site development activity and to report EC activities.

Is available to all Alpine residents with tree concerns through Borough Hall employees or the Web Site.

EC Tree City Extra Growth Application Activities

Publication of the hazards of Improper volcano tree mulching with a poster in Borough Hall and EC web site information.
A 1—2 points

Worked with the Alpine school children to have them participate in the Arbor Day celebration by creating tree posters. A 7—4 points

3 Tree Board members attended a Continuing Education Program on Hazardous Tree Identification, Growth Regulators and the Emerald Ash Borer. A 10—6 points

Respectfully Submitted,
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Chair, Environmental Commission