



ALPINE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION WORK SHEET 2016

The Alpine EC remains committed to Tree preservation. In spite of the fact our community continues to be developed, it still remains a very green treed community. We are fortunate to have a very good Tree Ordinance that protects trees on properties to be developed. All trees in the buffer zones on each site are protected, both in the side yards and rear yard. In a situation where a protected tree has to be removed there is an excellent formula for tree replacement depending on the size of the tree to be removed. Tree replacement as specified in the ordinance is enforced. Our Tree Ordinance is dedicated to saving trees and is strongly supported by all town officials.

ARBOR DAY ACTIVITIES

Mayor Tomasko issued a Proclamation to celebrate Arbor Day in Alpine on April 30, 2016.

The Arbor Day celebration was promoted in the Mayor and Council newsletter.

A poster promoting Arbor Day was displayed in Borough Hall.

The Tree City Flag was displayed in Borough Hall.

Posters created by the Alpine school children with the theme "Why Are Trees Important" were displayed in Borough Hall.

Tree seedlings were distributed to the Alpine school children and residents.

EC TREE RELATED ACTIVITIES

**Please see the Alpine EC web site for additional information,
www.alpinenj07620.org/ec**

The EC had 7 formal meetings in 2016, did 14 site visits for tree removal permission or rejection and did 7 property site visits for Tree bond Return. If replacement trees were not adequate, the tree bond is not returned.

Created a Field Guide pamphlet and short intro video that received an “ANJEC Environmental Achievement Award”. The Field Guide promotes awareness and appreciation of our local trees in our public Borough Hall area. The Field Guide is available on the EC web site.

Created a Boro Pathway Map to identify existing paths through wooded areas. These pathways were created without cutting down any trees to help residents get around but never mapped, distributed and publicized. The map is available from Borough Hall. The Mayor promoted the map with a “Walk with the Mayor” tour of the boro pathway connections for residents.

EC Activities submitted for Extra Growth

Field Guide A2 – 2 points, Promo Video, New method of literature distribution.

Boro Pathway Map A3 – 3 points, Walking tour for residents.

Arbor Day Posters, A7 – 4 points, Youth education - Worked with the Alpine school children to have them participate in the Arbor Day celebration by creating posters depicting Why Are Trees Important.

Land Use Planning B8 – 5 Points, Landscape plans for tree replacement on individual sites done by professionals must be approved by the EC and town engineer.

**Respectfully submitted,
Lorraine Mattes
Chair, Environmental Commission**