

ALPINE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION WORK SHEET 2017

The Alpine EC keeps its main focus on maintaining the green treed environmental feel of our town by protecting our treasured trees. We are fortunate to have an excellent Tree Ordinance that protects trees and is respected and enforced by all. A tree removal permit issued by the Building Dept is required to remove trees. The Alpine EC conducts a site visit to approve or disapprove tree removal. Trees removed without permission require mitigation and replacement as specified by our Tree Ordinance.

Alpine celebrated Arbor Day with Mayor Tomasko issuing a Proclamation dedicating April 29, 2017 as Alpine's official day.

The day was advertised in the Mayor and Council newsletter, a poster promoting the celebration was placed in Borough Hall and the Tree City Flag was displayed above the EC Arbor Day poster.

The school children created posters celebrating the importance of trees which were hung in Borough Hall and put on the EC website.

www.alpinenj07620.org/ec



Seedlings were distributed to the school children and Alpine residents.



OTHER EC ACTIVITIES

The EC had 5 formal meetings plus met 11 times to do site visits to either approve or disapprove of tree removal requests or grant Tree Bond returns.








The EC created a poster----“Alpine’s Tree Bill of Rights”, which was very, very well received by the community. Many residents requested a copy of the poster. The rights were taken directly from the Alpine Tree Ordinance, depicted by a picture and the tree’s right.

Alpine’s TREE Bill of Rights

Know your tree ordinance



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<p>I have the right to protection when the caliper of my trunk is 6 inches or more.</p>  <p>Ordinance Chapter 205-1B Definition: Regulated trees. 6 inches or more</p>	<p>I have the right to remain until a tree removal permit is issued.</p>  <p>Chapter 205-1(D)(1) Tree removal permit required. Permit Approved ✓</p>	<p>I have the right for a tree expert to certify my condition as being dead, diseased, or a public safety danger before being removed.</p>  <p>Chapter 205-1(D)(2) Exceptions.</p>	<p>I have the right to remain in side & rear buffers and you will thank me for giving you privacy.</p>  <p>Chapter 205-1(E)(1) Buffer areas. depths depend on zoning</p>										
<p>I have the right to remain if I am more than 15 ft from a building, driveway, drainage field, septic tank, or recreational area.</p>  <p>Chapter 205-1(F)(4) Limits of removal. 15ft</p>	<p>I have the right to protective fencing up to my drip line during demolition, excavation, construction & grading.</p>  <p>Chapter 205-1(F)(1) a Protection of regulated trees. stop!</p>	<p>If IMPROPERLY removed, I have the right to be mitigated based on the size of my caliper.</p> <table border="1" style="font-size: small;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Caliper of tree removed</th> <th># of trees required as replacement</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>6" to > 12"</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>12" to > 18"</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>18" to > 30"</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>30" or ></td> <td>6</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Chapter 205-1(G) a Formula for # of replacements.</p>	Caliper of tree removed	# of trees required as replacement	6" to > 12"	2	12" to > 18"	3	18" to > 30"	4	30" or >	6	<p>I have the right to be mitigated with 4" caliper trees if deciduous or 8" tall trees if coniferous.</p>  <p>Chapter 205-1(H)(2) e, d Size of replacements. 4 inches deciduous 8 foot evergreen</p>
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Before choosing replacement trees, check out our Tree Buffer Guidelines at alpinenjo7620.org/ec

The EC collaborated with the Alpine DPW to educate the community about the Emerald Ash Borer. The DPW attended a seminar on the Emerald Ash Borer presented by Bergen County at the James A McFaul Environmental Center on 3/17/17 for 2 CEUs.

The EC also created a poster with pictures and descriptions of the EAB destruction. This info was also displayed on the EC web site.

The EC, along with the DPW, planted a lovely large Spruce Tree on a baron island to celebrate Earth Day. There were also 3 deciduous trees planted on municipal property in Memory of an Alpine citizen.



The Alpine EC will continue to respect and protect our trees.

EC Activities submitted for Extra Growth

Continuing Education A10 – 6 points, EAB Seminar attended by DPW

Youth Education A7 – 4 points, Alpine public school teachers instructed 80 pupils in grades K thru 4 regarding the significance of Arbor Day and the development of posters which were displayed at Borough Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Lorraine Mattes
Chair, Environmental Commission