



ALPINE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT 2018

The Alpine Environment Commission (EC) continues to maintain a very active role in our community, preserving and protecting our trees and cherished environment. In 2018 The Arbor Day Foundation designated Alpine a Sterling Tree City for achieving the Extra Growth Award for the last 10 years. Alpine is one of only 10 other communities in New Jersey that has earned this distinction.

The Alpine E.C. has total support of the Mayor & Council, DPW, Building Dept, Town Engineer and Borough Hall staff to assist the EC in achieving their goals.

EC Activities for 2018

Mayor Tomasko proclaimed April 28, 2018 as Arbor Day in Alpine. The school children created 78 posters using the theme, "Treasure our Trees". The posters were all displayed in Borough Hall along with The Tree City Flag. Tree seedlings along with planting instruction book marks were distributed to the school children and Alpine residents.

The EC had 7 formal meetings. One was a lecture delivered by Ken Barber, BS in Forestry and numerous certifications. Ken presented the NJ revised licensing scheme for tree care providers with titles "Licensed Tree Expert" and "Licensed Tree Care Operator".

Nine site visits were conducted for potential tree removal. Tree removal requires the approval by the Alpine EC. One site presenting some challenges required 3 visits.

Five sites were visited by the EC for Tree Bond return. Tree Bonds are posted when the owner applies for tree removal. The bond is returned when the site is complete, if the site conditions on the EC site report were adhered to and the EC approved.

Posters depicting tree preservation were displayed throughout the year.

The EC created calling cards with contact access to the EC and the Alpine EC web site providing information involving the EC activities.

The Alpine EC maintains an active membership in the Association of NJ Environmental Commissions.

Respectfully submitted,
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Chair, Environmental Commission