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## **ALPINE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION WORK SHEET 2019**

**The Alpine EC remains focused on maintaining Alpine's green treed environment by protecting our treasured trees. We have an excellent Tree Ordinance that was revised this year regarding tree replacement requirements. A tree removal permit issued by the Building Dept is required prior to removal of all trees in Alpine. The Alpine EC conducts a site visit to approve or disapprove of requested tree removal. Trees removed may require mitigation and replacement as specified by our Tree Ordinance.**

**Alpine celebrated Arbor Day with Mayor Tomasko issuing a Proclamation dedicating April 27, 2019 as Alpine's official day.**

**The Arbor Day celebration was published in the Mayor and Council newsletter April 1, 2019.**

**A poster promoting the celebration was placed in Borough Hall and the Tree City Flag was displayed above the EC Arbor Day poster.**

**Alpine's school children created posters celebrating the importance of trees under the theme, Trees and Storm Water Management, "Trees Are Thirsty".**

**The Posters were displayed in Borough Hall for 3 weeks and put on the EC website. [www.alpinenj07620.org/ec](http://www.alpinenj07620.org/ec).**

**Seedlings were distributed to the school children on Arbor Day and to the Alpine residents in Borough Hall April 27th.**

## **EC ACTIVITIES**

The EC held 6 formal meetings and 1 informal. The EC visited 21 property sites requesting tree activity, 14 for tree removal and 7 for Tree Bond return. Site reports on these visits are issued to The Alpine Building Dept with copies to property owner, the Mayor, town engineer and the licensed tree remover. These reports either approve or disapprove with recommendations of the work requested.

The EC collaborated with the DPW to plant a large Spruce Tree on a barren piece of land where Suez Water was renovating a water pump building.

The Alpine EC collaborated with the town engineer to revise the Alpine Tree Ordinance to change and update the tree replacement requirements after tree removal.

We again worked for and are applying for “ The Extra Growth Award”.

Please see the Alpine EC web site for additional information,  
[www.alpinenj07620.org/ec](http://www.alpinenj07620.org/ec)

### **EC Activities submitted for Extra Growth**

Youth education A7, 4 points The school children created posters that were hung in Borough Hall focusing on the topic trees and storm water management. The theme was “Trees are Thirsty”.

Improved tree ordinance C8, 6 points The EC revised the Alpine tree ordinance 205 with Ordinance 790 to enhance Alpine’s tree replacement requirements.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Chair, Environmental Commission