

**ALPINE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
 WORK SHEET 2020**

The Alpine EC activities for 2020 were affected by COVID19. We adjusted our routine procedures to respect all safety and health guidelines set forth by local and state officials. With these guidelines in place the EC continued enforcing our Tree Ordinance to protect and retain Alpine’s green treed visual appearance and appeal.

Alpine’s Arbor Day celebration was cancelled. However, the EC did offer the community some stay at home activities in place of the usual planned Arbor Day Celebration. These activities were promoted by displaying a poster in Borough Hall, where all Alpine citizens come daily, to pick up their mail.

The poster promoted;

- Craft projects, Coloring activities, Virtual tours, and more from the NJ Dept of Environmental Protection.
- Plantings, Social Posts, Kids Corner, and more from the Arbor Day Foundation.
- Alpine Environmental Comm projects which were posted to our web site.



**EC ACTIVITIES**

The EC held 4 formal meetings and met an additional 6 times to inspect properties for possible tree removal requests or tree bond returns. One property was visited twice, one time for tree removal without the proper tree removal process and the second for tree removal with tree replacement mitigation. 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 is in the process of reviewing the Tree Ordinance with the town engineer.

The EC is also in the process of reviewing trees in Alpine with unique characteristics & plans to produce and present an educational pamphlet next year.

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

- E6 New Environmental Commission Member----2 points**  
The EC now has its full complement of seven members & two alternates. All are volunteers appointed by the Mayor.
- D15 Tree Debris Recycling----4 points**
- Residents were advised that brush is picked up from the sides of roadways by the DPW from May thru September followed by leaf pickup thru December 6, 2020.
  - Alpine recycles wood by regular chipping, this year it was necessary to rent a tub chipper to chip all the debris from hurricane (Isaias) in August.
  - Leaves are collected and stored where they turn into mulch.
  - The wood chips & leaf mulch are available to residents free.
  - Excess mulch is under contract to go to a near by town,
  - All the wood chips stay in Alpine.
  - The Standard-3 Worksheet for 2020 reflects a cost of \$12,050 for rental of a tub grinder, shipper truck, and leaf vacuum.
- D25 Open Space Acquisition being finalized ----5 points**  
Alpine acquired a plot of land designated “Open Space” BK 47 Lot 9. This land site is undeveloped & adjacent to an existing Open Space parcel that the Borough already owns. There are few vacant buildable lots left in Alpine & the borough wishes to preserve open space & maintain as natural an environment as possible.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
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