

## **Red Bank – 2008**

### **Shade Tree Activities**

#### **Maintenance**

- ✓ Continued the implementation of the New Jersey Cool Cities grant (Year 2) by watering and maintaining the 96 trees.
- ✓ Removed 12 hazardous trees.
- ✓ Continued the pruning program throughout the borough.
- ✓ Applied for the NJ Forestry maintenance grant (CSIP)

#### **Planting**

- ✓ Continued the tree planting program by adding a total of 63 street and park trees to the Borough forestry.

#### **Inventory**

- ✓ Inventoried Zone 2: 299 existing trees, 121 potential planting locations.
- ✓ Added the information to the GIS database.
- ✓ Updated the inventory on the Web using Google Maps.
- ✓ Analyzed species diversity and made a recommendation to the Borough Engineer.

#### **Community Outreach**

- ✓ Held an official Arbor Day celebration with the Red Bank Middle School.
- ✓ Engaged the Green Team from a local church in inventorying trees in a local park.
- ✓ Received Tree City USA designation for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year.
- ✓ Distributed information at the Red Bank Jazz and Blues Festival, Farmers Market.
- ✓ Had articles published on tree-related issues in the local publications:
  - ✓ <http://hub.gmnews.com/news/2008/0403/Letters/011.html>
  - ✓ <http://www.redbankgreen.com/redbankgreen/2008/03/shade-tree-budg.html>
  - ✓ <http://www.redbankgreen.com/redbankgreen/2008/04/go-ahead-hug-on.html>
- ✓ Responded to residents' requests and questions.
- ✓ Kept the [STC website](#) updated

#### **Working with Other Entities**

- ✓ Worked with the Planning Board to include Community Forestry Management Plan in the Master Plan update.
- ✓ Worked with the Borough Engineer to widen planting strips on two streets.
- ✓ Continued cooperative programs with the Special Improvement District.
- ✓ Continued a close working relationship with the Monmouth County Shade Tree Commission, which resulted in 6 new trees being planted on county roads, and additional plantings planned for next year.
- ✓ Worked with the electric utility to minimize the damage to the trees being pruned.
- ✓ Continued to hold monthly Shade Tree Committee meetings with site plan reviews.

#### **Education and Training**

- ✓ Two STC members attended the New Jersey Shade Tree Federation training.
- ✓ The Borough Arborist continued training the DPU crew on proper pruning and planting techniques.