

Red Bank – 2013 Shade Tree Activities

Maintenance

- ✓ Removed 47 hazardous trees (28 by Monmouth County).
- ✓ Mulched and watered trees.
- ✓ Continued the pruning program throughout the borough.

Planting

- ✓ Continued the tree planting program by adding 57 street and park trees to the Borough forestry.
- ✓ Applied for CSIP and NJ Tree Foundation planting grants. The CSIP grant for \$20,000 was awarded, with planting planned for 2014.
- ✓ Hosted NJ Tree Foundation tree giveaway, at which over 200 trees were distributed to Monmouth County residents.
- ✓ Estimated the current canopy coverage to be 23.6% using i-Tree Canopy, and set the canopy goal at 25%.

Inventory

- ✓ Inventoried 242 trees - on State and County roads and new street trees.
- ✓ Added the information to the GIS database.
- ✓ Updated the inventory on the Web using Google Maps.

Community Outreach

- ✓ Held an [Arbor Day celebration](#) with the Green Team of the United Methodist Church. Arbor Day Proclamation read at the Council meeting.
- ✓ Received Tree City USA designation for the 7th consecutive year.
- ✓ Distributed information at Riverside Gardens Park and Drs. Parker Pocket Park events
- ✓ Had articles published on tree-related issues in the local publications:
 - ✓ <http://redbank.patch.com/announcements/celebrating-earth-and-arbor-days>
 - ✓ http://hub.gmnews.com/news/2013-08-29/Bulletin_Board/Shade_Tree_Committee_to_host_tree_giveaway.html
- ✓ Responded to residents' requests and questions.
- ✓ Updated the [STC website](#) on redbanknj.org.

Working with Other Entities

- ✓ Provided input on the road construction plans through the Borough Engineer.
- ✓ Continued cooperative programs with the Special Improvement District.
- ✓ Continued a close working relationship with the Monmouth County Shade Tree Commission, which resulted in the removal of 28 hazardous trees, replacing 8, and pruning 9.
- ✓ Continued coordinated activities with Environmental Commission members.
- ✓ Continued to hold monthly Shade Tree Committee meetings with site plan reviews.

Education and Training

- ✓ 2 STC members and 3 Env. Comm. members attended 3 tree-related seminars (8 CEUs total)
- ✓ 1 STC member learned how to use i-Tree.