

Red Bank – 2009 Shade Tree Activities

Maintenance

- ✓ Removed 31 hazardous trees.
- ✓ Mulched trees planted this and last year.
- ✓ Continued the pruning program throughout the borough.
- ✓ Applied for the NJ Forestry Green Communities grant for the 2nd 5-year Community Forestry Management Plan.
- ✓ Applied for the Business Stimulus Fund for tree maintenance.

Planting

- ✓ Continued the tree planting program by adding a total of 55 street and park trees to the Borough forestry.

Inventory

- ✓ Inventoried Zone 4: 308 existing trees, 84 potential planting locations.
- ✓ Added the information to the GIS database.
- ✓ Updated the inventory on the Web using Google Maps.

Community Outreach

- ✓ Held an Arbor Day celebration. Arbor Day Proclamation read at the Council meeting. Tree City USA banner flown over the Borough Hall.
- ✓ Engaged the Green Team from a local church in maintaining new trees at the Primary School.
- ✓ Received Tree City USA designation for the 3rd year.
- ✓ Distributed information at Red Bank Community Day, Riverside Gardens Park events
- ✓ Had articles published on tree-related issues in the local publications:
 - ✓ <http://hub.gmnews.com/news/2009/0416/letters/011.html>
 - ✓ Asbury Park Press, November 16, 2009
 - ✓ <http://www.redbankgreen.com/2009/10/y-expansion-stalled-by-facade-design.html>
- ✓ Responded to residents' requests and questions.
- ✓ Provided content for the new [STC website](http://redbanknj.org) on redbanknj.org.
- ✓ Distributed the *Return to the Forest Where We Live* video to the Council Members.

Working with Other Entities

- ✓ Had Community Forestry Management Plan added to the Master Plan
- ✓ Worked with the Borough Engineer to include STC in the road construction review process
- ✓ Started discussing an ordinance to protect significant specimen trees.
- ✓ Continued cooperative programs with the Special Improvement District.
- ✓ Continued a close working relationship with the Monmouth County Shade Tree Commission, jointly identifying locations for future plantings.
- ✓ Testified at the Planning and Zoning Board hearings.
- ✓ Continued to hold monthly Shade Tree Committee meetings with site plan reviews.

Education and Training

- ✓ One STC member completed the CORE training
- ✓ One STC member and the STC Council Liaison viewed the *Return to the Forest Where We Live* video.
- ✓ The Borough Arborist continued training the DPU crew on proper pruning and planting techniques.