

Community Forestry Management Plan  
2011-2016

**Florence Township, Burlington County  
New Jersey**



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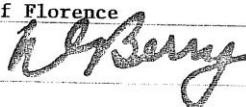
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## Municipal/County Information Form

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Mayor/County Freeholder's Signature   
Date of Management Plan Submission December 3, 2010  
Time Period Covered in Management Plan 2011 - 2016  
Community Stewardship Incentive Program (CSIP) Practices Identified in Management Plan  
☒ CSIP #1 Training  
☒ CSIP #2 Community Forestry Ordinance Establishment  
☒ CSIP #3 Public Education and Awareness  
☒ CSIP #4 Arbor Day  
☒ CSIP #5 Tree Inventory  
☒ CSIP #6 Hazard Tree Assessment  
☒ CSIP #7 Storm Damage Assessment  
☒ CSIP #8 Tree Maintenance and Removals  
☒ CSIP #9 Insect and Disease Management  
☒ CSIP #10 Wildfire Protection  
☒ CSIP #11 Tree Planting  
☒ CSIP #12 Tree Recycling  
☒ CSIP #13 Sidewalk Maintenance Program  
☒ CSIP #14 Storm Water Management  
☒ CSIP #15 Other

### Official Use Only Certification

The above named municipality/county has made formal application to the New Jersey Forest Service. I am pleased to advise you that after our review, the NJ Forest Service has concluded that this plan meets the standards set forth by the State and the NJ Community Forestry Council and is approved for the period covered.

Signed

  
State Forester

1/13/2011  
Approved date

## **INTRODUCTION**

Healthy trees are an asset to the Community. It is inevitable that as they mature, they will require care, maintenance and eventual replacement. Care and maintenance, in addition to *“planting the right tree in the right place”* can ensure that community trees not only contribute to the environmental and economic vitality of the town, but also reduce the potential hazards to public safety.

The implementation of this plan will stimulate the public's appreciation for trees and the knowledgeable but voluntary protection of trees on private lands for the benefit of the entire community.

This Community Forestry Management Plan demonstrates that Florence Township is devoting reasonable levels of resources in a planned manner to reduce the number of tree related accidents thereby, reducing its exposure to liabilities and increasing public safety.

## **EXISTING FORESTRY MANAGEMENT**

Florence Township's Community Forest management program consists of a Partnership of the Assistant Township Administrator, the Public Works Department and the Shade Tree Commission. Contractor services are sometimes utilized as required based upon the specific conditions. Trees that are cut down or pruned and chipped are recycled through firewood or chips.

Resident complaints/concerns are reviewed by the Assistant Township Administrator and the Public Works Department or their designee.

Replacement plantings or new plantings in public open space and recreation areas are planned as recommended by staff, consultants or the public and considered as part of the operating budget for Public Works or Recreation Departments or as part of capital projects.





Species for all new plantings along Township Roads are selected based upon a preferred species planting list found in the eCode as ordinance Chapter 91 Section 82. Existing soil and growing conditions are inspected prior to species selection.

A public works staff of 13 is available to perform basic tree maintenance and new tree installation.

The Township has no formal systematic program for the inventory of street trees but has an interest to explore this option in the next 5-year plan.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

It is the mission of the Shade Tree Commission and the Township of Florence to be responsible stewards of the inherited tree resources in the community and to provide for new and proper tree resources while maintaining the health and safety of all trees in the community.

## **GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

Preserving and protecting our trees and forests is necessary to preserve and protect the quality of life in Florence Township. Our street trees and parks are not only habitat; they also serve to recharge critical groundwater supplies and can naturally help to regulate storm water runoff.

The goals and objectives by which tree resources within the Township of Florence will be managed are detailed in the following sections. Short-term objectives and tasks are provided for the initial five-year management period 2010-2015. Each year accomplishments of the previous year will be evaluated and tasks for the following year will be adjusted, as necessary, to maintain progress toward the overall goals and objectives. At the end of each five-year management period, new short-term objectives and work tasks will be formulated for subsequent five-year periods.

These goals and objectives



Roebling Village has a magnificent tree canopy of London plane trees that require proper management.

focus on trees within Township open spaces, parks and other Township-owned properties including street rights-of-way.

### **1. PROPERLY MANAGE THE MATURE FOREST CANOPY IN ROEBLING VILLAGE.**

Roebbling Village has several avenues with a mature tree canopy of London plane-trees that require pruning, some removals and replacement with suitable species that retain the aesthetics of the Village and will reduce maintenance costs. .

These goals can be met by:

- i. Objective 1: Obtain a CSIP grant to remove the hazardous mature trees within the Village (2011)
- ii. Objective 2: Obtain a CSIP grant to accomplish proper pruning to the existing trees. (2012)
- iii. Objective 3 Encourage planting of tree species that retain the character of the Village and are urban tolerant. (2010-2015)
- iv. Objective 3: Develop a recommended Village tree list and make accessible to the public using all available means. (2011)

### **2. Monitor and Maintain the Mature Trees in Roebbling and Wilkie Parks**

Florence Township has two Parks with mature tree canopy. Wilkie Park is the primary park with dozens of mature trees that require pruning and possible hazard tree removal.

***The goal of the Wilkie Park maintenance program is to ensure the safety of the residents using the park and the proper management of the mature tree resource.***

- i. Objective 1: Assess and Identify hazard trees within Wilkie Park. (2011)
- ii. Objective 2: Identify and prioritize hazardous trees to be removed or pruned and write a CSIP grant for the project. (2012)
- iii. Objective 3: Implement the grant funded removal/pruning plan. (2014)

### **3. Reforestation of Broad and Front Streets**

- i. Objective 1: Develop a planting plan to restore the American Elm along Broad/Front Streets. (2011)

- ii. Objective 2: Write a Community Stewardship Incentive Plan grant to plant these commercial areas. (2011)

#### **4. Systematic Inventory of Florence's Public Tree Resource**

- i. Write a successful CSIP grant to complete an inventory and assessment. (2015)
- ii. Hire the Consultant to complete the work. (2016 next management plan)

#### **5. Development of Subdivision Tree Planting Specifications**

- i. Develop new tree planting specifications and codify in Township ordinance. (2011)

### **TREE HAZARD AND LIABILITY STATEMENT**

The Township of Florence values trees as an environmental resource that adds character and charm to the community. Inherent in any tree is the possibility of failure due to natural causes like disease, decay, age, environmental and other factors that are injurious to the structure. Manmade factors also play a role in the health of trees. These factors can usually be controlled and include; automobiles, vandalism, construction, and mismanagement during maintenance. Natural and manmade factors play a role in the decline and failure of trees. To combat damage and the possibility of failure, the Township of Florence and its staff are constantly vigilant of signs that can be indicative of a problem with a tree. Proper management of community trees depends upon available information as well as financial factors. Though information can be obtained by staff, more often than not it is obtained from residents since they typically see things real-time due to their proximate relationship with trees in their neighborhood. Florence Township views residents to be a partner in action when it comes to trees and their care. In order to engage the public, the township uses media such as the municipal website, township television channel, newsletters, and flyers.

By following the Community Forestry Management Plan, the Township of Florence has identified a number of goals to achieve in the near future. Achieving these goals will help reduce the number of tree related accidents, and thereby, reduces the township's liability exposure while increasing public safety and awareness.

## **ORDINANCES**

Forestry management in Florence Township shall be governed by updated ordinances which shall be adopted in 2010.

## ***PRESENT POLICIES***

Florence Township does not presently have written policies on forestry management. Until such time as formal policies and ordinances are adopted by the Township Council, the Township shall be guided by the procedures as described in the following sections:

### **Tree Service Requests**

- 1) Any calls regarding trees shall be screened by the Public Works Director or Supervisor in charge.
- 2) Tasks shall be assigned on a priority basis with safety being a primary concern.
- 3) Emergencies services shall be as need dictates.

## **COMMUNITY OVERVIEW**

In 1849, an association of New York financiers organized the Florence City Company and purchased 600 acres of land that was laid out as city lots. The original Constitution of the Florence City Company called for the issuance of five thousand shares of stock. Four thousand shares were used to pay for a tract of land in Mansfield Township along the Delaware River. This tract consisted of 1000 lots measuring 16 feet by 100 feet and one 1000 lots of not less than 100 feet square. These lots, together with land for public streets, parks, and public landings, were all part of what Florence today. In addition, 1000 shares of company stock were issued for the purpose of constructing wharves, water works and a city hall. They built the magnificent Florence Hotel and wharf on the banks of the Delaware River where the municipal boat launch is now located. Front Street was the main residential street, intersected by Broad Street, the main commercial road in Florence.



The hotel was a mainstay for visitors, social gatherings and eventually served as the Municipal Complex until it was destroyed by fire in February 1979. A hotel register of visitors who stayed at the hotel during the 1800s is stowed safely away at the new Municipal Building on Broad Street.

Despite the promise of the area, the Florence City Company eventually succumbed to poor management and fell into bankruptcy. Despite the demise of the company, the town and its inhabitants remained.

The Florence Iron Works was established along the Delaware River in 1857 near present day Foundry Street. In 1867, Richard D. Wood purchased the plant which became the driving force behind the continued development of the community. Homes, recreation facilities, stores and a library were erected for the company's workers. In addition to providing reading rooms and books, the library also housed game rooms and conducted classes on home making.

Mr. Wood established his residence next to his foundry which is now the H. Kenneth Wilkie Memorial Park. The R. D. Wood mansion, as it was known, stood until the mid-1900s when it was eventually demolished to make way for public use of the land that surrounded it. The R. D. Wood Company created most of the present day water and sewer systems in the community. Some of the company's valves and fire hydrants are still in service today. The company was also responsible for exporting pipe, fittings, hydrants and valves to Europe. Much of Paris, France is fitted with equipment forged at the R. D. Wood Company in Florence. IMO and Amstead Industries are now located on the site of the R.D. Wood Company. IMO creates nuclear submarine components for the United States military and Amstead creates pipe as the R.D. Wood Company had done.

Florence was also a noted vacation spot along the Delaware River. Young couples paying a visit to the area were a common scene, sitting along the Delaware's sandy beaches enjoying the day far from the hot and overcrowded cities of Philadelphia and New York. Florence was a short and pleasant boat ride from the cities. An advertising circular from 1850 said:

"the town is laid put on a gradually rising slope while overhanging the town is an elevation which for its natural beauty and adoption to elegant improvement, is wholly unrivaled by any spot accessible to Philadelphia."

In 1850, Florence was billed as an ideal place to spend carefree days or to invest in real estate to profit from vacationers. Boats such as the Pekenoket, Columbia, Springfield, Burlington, John A. Warner, and the steamer Florence all served vacationers flocking to our shores. Chartered ships would moor for the day just off the banks to allow their riders to partake in the town's offerings.

Dr. Trall of Philadelphia also found Florence to be a lucrative and relaxing locale. He took advantage of the wealth of fresh water springs from the ground above the banks of the Delaware. Around 1872, Dr. Trall erected a massive, four-story "Hygeian Home and Hygero Therapeutic College" along at the top of the hill overlooking the Delaware River. The building was located between what is now Cedar and Oak Streets. The purpose of the home and college was the well-being of its guests through Hydro Therapy. Very little information remains about Dr. Trall's operation and its eventual demise.

## **Roebling**



**Statue of John Roebling in the Village of Roebling**

The story of Roebling began in Mulhausen, Prussia on June 12, 1806. On that day, John A. Roebling was born. John was fortunate enough to study architecture, bridge construction and hydraulics at the Polytechnic Institute in Berlin. He was also a student of the famous philosopher Hegel from whom he learned the doctrine of self-realization and

independence, which characterized his life.

It was his belief in this doctrine that led to his decision to leave Prussia in 1831 to get away from the political and religious tyranny that was taking place. John and a group of young people who emigrated with him

eventually settled on the outskirts of Pittsburgh, Pa. where they founded the town of Saxonburg.

It was here that he began to fabricate rope out of wire. He used his wire rope to build suspension bridges and it became very much in demand. In order to meet the increasing demand for his rope he built a factory in Trenton, NJ. in 1848. In 1850, John Roebling began to build a suspension bridge across the gorge of the Niagara River. Along with his two sons, Washington and Ferdinand, John completed the bridge and became world famous.

In 1866, John began to build the Brooklyn Bridge that would eventually connect the boroughs of Manhattan and Brooklyn in New York City. However, John died as a result of a construction-related accident in 1869 and his son Washington took over the task of supervising the project to its completion.

Around the turn of the century, the Roebling's decided to build a steel mill to make their own steel to be used in making their wire rope. They wanted to build the mill in Trenton, close to the existing plant. However, due to high land prices they decided to look elsewhere. After much searching, John Roebling's third son, Charles, purchased a 115 acre peach and potato farm near the railway station called Kinkora from Jacob Hoffner for \$17,000 on June 25, 1904.

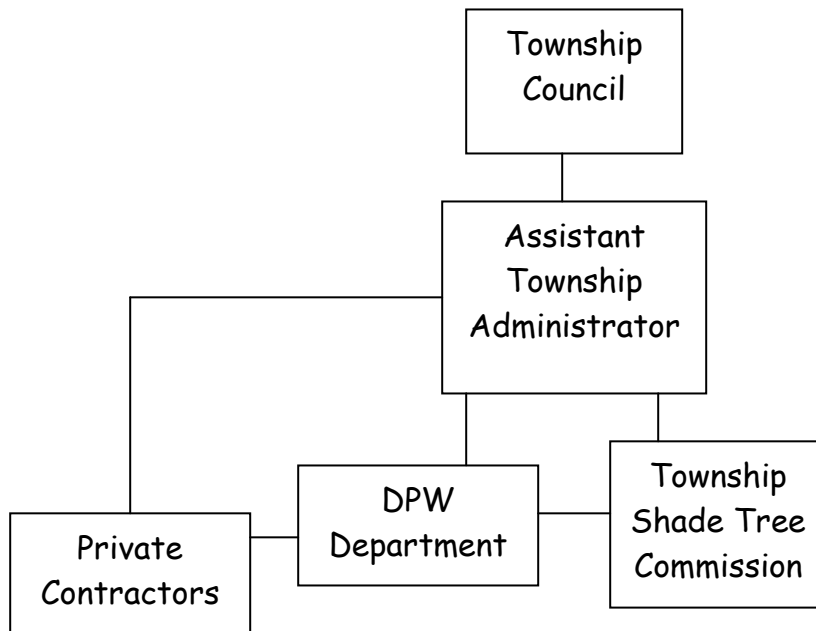
Charles and his brother Ferdinand then spent \$4,000,000 to build their steel mill, wire rope plant and the town of Roebling to house the workers that they required. The nearest experienced workers lived in Trenton, twelve miles to the north of the new plant and the Roebling's felt that the only way to ensure success was to have the workers nearby. Charles conceived the design and lay-out of the town of Roebling and thus, he is considered to be its founder. The area was made ready for industry by filling in approximately fifty acres of marsh lands along the Delaware River, building roads along which 750 new brick homes were constructed.

The Township of Florence is 9.65 square miles with approximately 50 miles of Municipal roads and a street tree resource of approximately 1000 trees. The Township is essentially bisected by US Route 130 with the West side of route 130 being historic and developed around the turn of the century. The East side of Route 130 consists of Farmland and

suburban subdivisions developed within the past 40 years. The historic Village of Roebling contains large mature London plane-trees. The newer tree plantings along the suburban subdivisions on the East side of town are planted between curb and sidewalk and consists of Green ash, Zelkova, Honey locust, Red maples and some Red oaks. Some of the older sub-divisions (Birch Hollow) are planted to Lindens and Zelkova and show evidence of sidewalk heaving.

### **COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION**

The administration of Florence Township's Community Forestry Management Program is a cooperative effort of the Assistant Township Administrator, the Public Works Department and the Shade Tree Commission as shown below:



## Township Council

- a) The Township Council annually appropriates budgets, as it deems necessary, to execute the Community Forestry Program.
- b) Adopts new or revised regulations.

## 2) Assistant Township Administrator

- a) Coordinates Other Departments, Public Works and Shade Tree Commission.
- b) Oversees and Manages' all liaison relationships.
- c) Coordinates new legislation with Township Council.

## 3) Shade Tree Commission

- a) The Shade Tree Commission shall assist the Team in reviewing existing regulations, develop new regulations, assist in planning for the planting and care of shade trees, ornamental trees and shrubbery located in any public park or parkway except those excluded due to higher public ownership.
- b) Assist in developing long and short-term goals of the forestry management program.
- c) Act as Community tree advocates for state/federal support.
- d) Coordinate the preparation of the annual accomplishment report for review and approval of the Township Council and the Community Forestry Council.
- e) Submit grants to promote the goals and objectives contained in this plan.

## 4) Other Township Departments

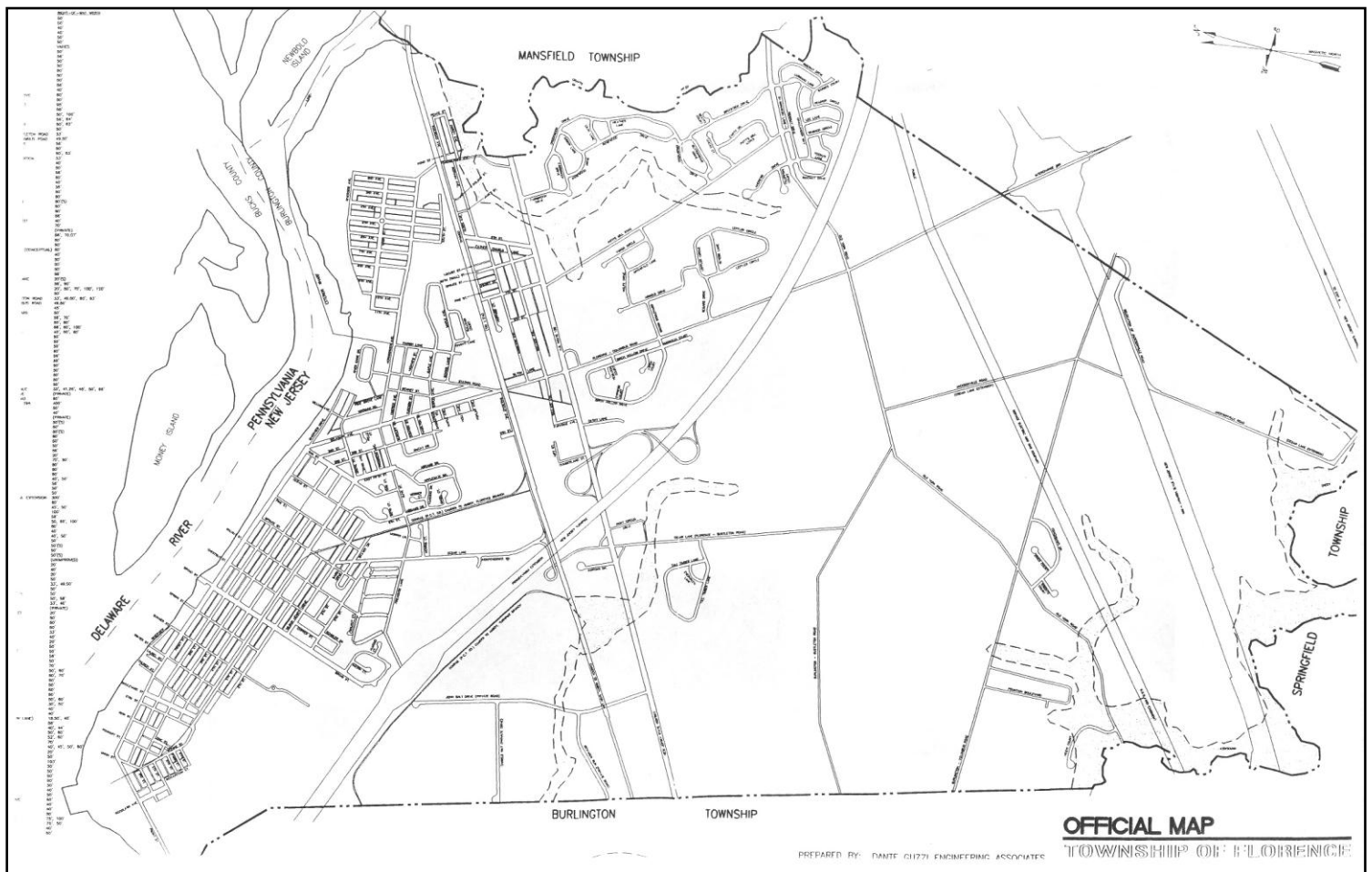
- a) Assist as may be appropriate in the forestry management program to the extent that such assistance results in the implementation of Township policies, procedures and ordinances that may relate to public or private trees.

## 5) Public Works

- a) Prioritize work.
- b) Plan and execute all tree pruning and removal work.
- c) Insure all tree maintenance abides by all applicable Township ordinances. Tree maintenance shall follow all current and accepted arboricultural standards and practices.

- 6) Property Owners
  - a) Shall be encouraged to be involved in the forestry management program.
  - b) Are responsible for maintenance of street trees planted on private property.
  - c) Are required to abide by the Township ordinances relating to the preservation and protection of trees.
  - d) Are required to water newly installed trees planted on their properties.
  - e) Shall be encouraged to properly care for trees on private property.
- 7) Utility Companies
  - a) Shall abide by all applicable Township ordinances.
  - b) Shall exercise reasonable diligence during the installation and maintenance of its facilities so as to avoid damage to trees.
  - c) Shall follow all current and accepted arboricultural standards and practices.

### **COMMUNITY MAP (see also Appendix C)**





## **TRAINING PLAN**

### **AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Creating a properly trained team to meet the requirements of the Community Forestry Program is a long term goal. The Township has identified that on-going or additional training is needed for tree hazard reduction, planting site analysis and updated preferred tree planting list and proper tree maintenance/ pruning procedures for homeowners.

Team members should be trained with sufficient knowledge in order to make technically sound resource decisions. Team members should stay involved and knowledgeable about standards and programs that will benefit the community forest. Training protocols will assist team members in satisfying Commission CORE training requirements, thereby satisfying the requirements of the NJ Shade Tree and Community Forestry Assistance Act, making the Township eligible for Community Stewardship Incentive Program funding and immunity from liability under the Tort Claims provisions of the Act. The Township has met the criteria for CORE training by having a Shade Tree Commission member and a public works staff member attend the Shade Tree Federation Meeting in 2010.

The Township's budget will provide for continuing education for designated team members (Shade Tree Commission and a Public Works representative.) The Township will utilize educational opportunities available through the Community Forestry Council, NJ Shade Tree Federation, Rutgers University, Mercer County Soil Conservation District, and others that are deemed appropriate to create continuing education (CEU) opportunities.

Training Objectives (pursuant to available funding) are:

- i. Train 2 or more designees on CORE issues including Tree Hazard evaluation. (2010)
- ii. Provide for 2 more designees to meet criteria for Continuing Education Units (CEU's) (2011)
- iii. Have 2 more designees obtain training on tree maintenance/pruning techniques. (2010)

## **PUBLIC EDUCATION, AWARENESS AND OUTREACH**

Florence Township has actively attempted to stimulate public interest in tree activities via press releases with pictures and descriptions of the events.

Our goal is to implement a public education awareness program in order to encourage public participation in protecting public trees and encourage proper tree care on private property to benefit the entire community.

Public awareness objectives for 2010-2015 include:

- i. Continue the Tree City USA Program. (2010)
- ii. Maintain the Arbor Day program with tree planting for the Florence Township's four Elementary Schools (2010)
- iii. Begin a "Big Tree Hunt" Project to better inform the students/residents of Florence Township's trees resource.
- iv. Revise and update tree ordinances to assist community in its endeavor to protect trees and woodlands. (2010)



Gazebo-Wilkie Park

## **TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE BUDGET 2010**

<b>COST DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>BUDGETED AMOUNT</b>	<b>NOTES</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Tree trimming-Labor	\$26,750	Includes in-house-County and utility work performed and sidewalk work	\$26,750
Membership dues	\$380	(ISA, STF)	\$380
Tree replacement	\$1150		\$1150
Training	\$1100	Includes CORE and CEU training at the STF Meeting in Cherry Hill	\$1100
Leaf and Brush Pick-up-Labor	\$11,500	Brush pick-up costs incurred over 12 week time period	\$11,500
Leaf and Brush Pick-up-Equipment	\$136,174	New remote control leaf vacuum.	\$136,174
Master Plan	\$1500		\$1500
Miscellaneous	\$600	Shrubbery, Office Supplies and Postage	\$600
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$179,154</b>

## **STATEMENT OF PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**



Trees in Florence Township are planted between curb and sidewalk. The maintenance of these trees is the responsibility of Florence Township.

### **1. MANAGE THE ROEBLING VILLAGE MATURE TREE CANOPY**

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Wilkie Park offers some unique challenges to meet the management needs of hazard tree removals and pruning the large mature trees in the park.

### **3. Rehabilitation of Broad and Front Streets**

Objective 1: Develop a planting plan to restore the American Elm along Broad and Front Streets. (2011)

Objective 2: Write a Community Stewardship Incentive Plan grant to plant these commercial areas. (2011)

#### **4. Tree Inventory and Assessment**

Florence Township recognizes the advantage of a systematic, proactive tree maintenance program. It has been well documented that systematic tree maintenance reduces future maintenance needs, reduces future hazards, improves the trees' condition and appearance, and can extend the tree's lifespan. The systematic process begins before the trees are planted.

Objective 1: Write a successful CSIP grant to complete an inventory and assessment. (2015)

Objective 2: Hire the Consultant to complete the work. (2016 next management plan)

#### **5. New Subdivision Tree Planting Specifications**

Objective 1: Develop new tree planting specifications and codify in Township ordinance. (2011)



Florence Township has some new residential development occurring East of Route 130.



Florence Township has a need for some revised and expanded new subdivision planting specifications.

## **COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP INCENTIVE PROGRAM (CSIP)**

The following is a summary of how each of the thirteen Community Stewardship Incentive Program (CSIP) practices is addressed by this Community Forestry Management Plan.

- **CSIP #1: Plan Preparation**  
This practice is addressed on page 4.
- **CSIP #2: Public Education and Awareness**  
This practice is addressed on page 14.
- **CSIP #3: Assessment and Inventory**  
This practice is addressed on page 16.
- **CSIP #4: Tree Planting**  
This practice is addressed on page 17.
- **CSIP #5: Tree Recycling**  
This practice is addressed on page 4.
- **CSIP #6: Tree Care Disaster Plan**  
This practice is addressed on page 17-18.
- **CSIP #7: Training**  
This practice is addressed on page 13.
- **CSIP #8: Arbor Day Activities**  
This practice is addressed on pages 6-7.
- **CSIP #9 Tree Hazard Identification Plan**  
This practice is addressed on pages 16-17.
- **CSIP #10: Tree Maintenance**  
This practice is addressed on pages 17-18.
- **CSIP #11: Ordinance Establishment**  
This practice is addressed on page 7 and Appendix B.
- **CSIP #12: Insect and Disease Management**  
This practice is addressed on pages 17-18.
- **CSIP #13: Other**



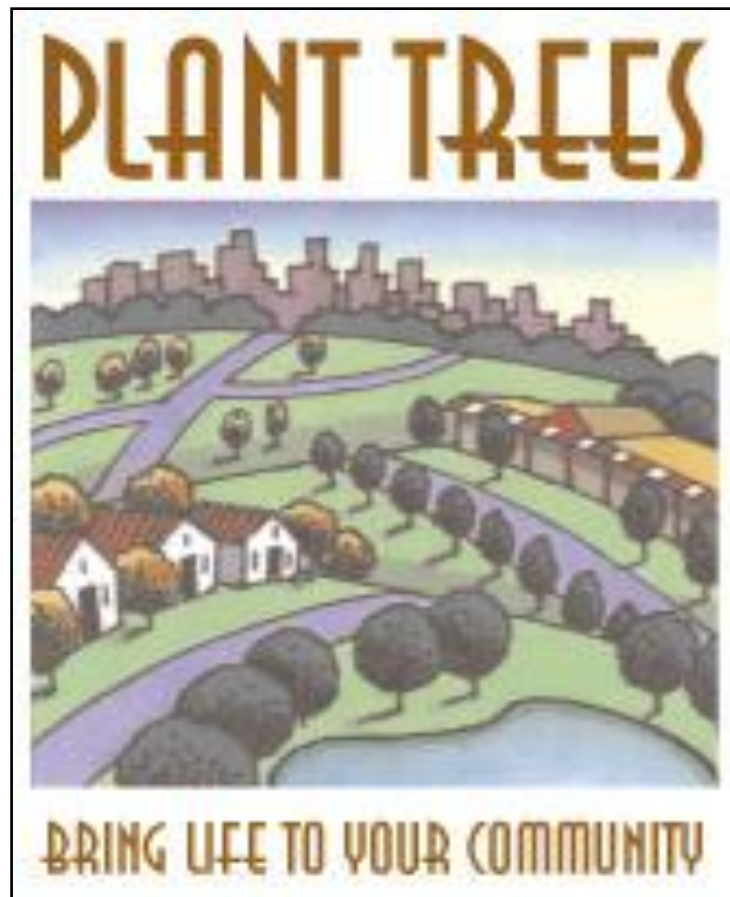
## **PLAN AMENDMENTS**

This plan is based on objectives, knowledge and conditions that were valid at the time of development. However the Township recognizes those conditions and needs may change over time and those portions of this plan may become outdated. Therefore, this plan may be amended using the following procedures.

- a) Amendments may be requested by any member of the community.
- b) Community Forestry Management Plan amendments shall be coordinated with the Shade Tree Commission.
- c) If deemed necessary by majority vote, the Shade Tree Commission shall draft changes for consideration by the Township Council. Any proposed changes shall be submitted by the Shade Tree Commission to all advisory boards of Florence Township for review and comment prior to submission to the Township Council for consideration.
- d) The revised Community Forestry Management Plan shall be submitted to the New Jersey Community Forestry Council for approval in accordance with the New Jersey Shade Tree and Community Forestry Assistance Act.

## Appendices

- A. Shade Tree Job Request Form
- B. Shade Tree Ordinance Information
- C. Map of Florence Township



## APPENDIX A

### TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE APPLICATION FOR TREE REMOVAL / TRIMMING / PLANTING

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Print**

Property Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Block \_\_\_\_\_ Lot \_\_\_\_\_

**WORK TO BE PERFORMED: (check one)**

☐ Elevate  
Trim/Prune

☐ Removal

☐ Planting

Proposed date of work: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE INDICATE THE REASON WHY THIS WORK IS BEING PERFORMED: Tree is \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE INDICATE THE EXACT SPECIES AND COMMON NAME OF THE TREE(S) BEING PLANTED:

**WORK TO BE PERFORMED BY: (check one)**

☐ Self

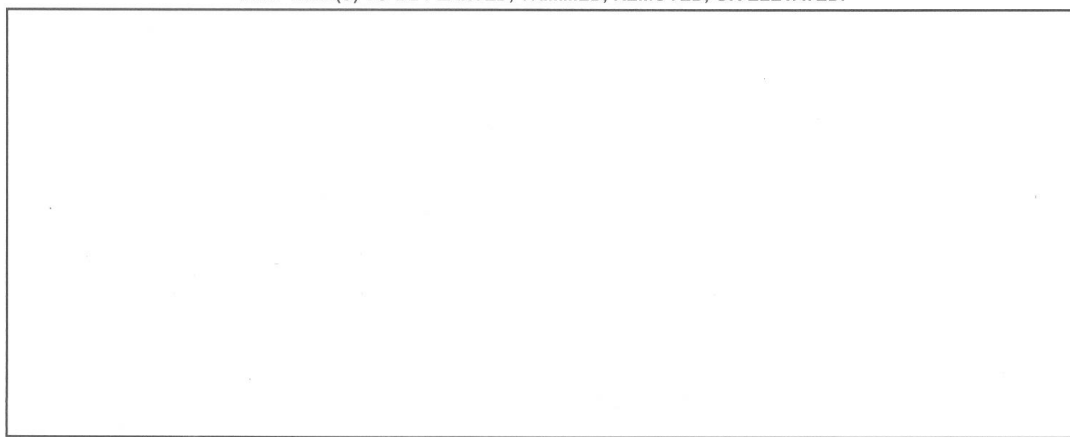
☐ Other

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

SITE DRAWING: INDICATE THE LOCATION OF THE HOUSE OR BUILDING, THE SIDEWALK(S),  
AND TREE(S) TO BE PLANTED, TRIMMED, REMOVED, OR ELEVATED.



**To Be Completed By Inspector:**

☐

**Approved**

☐

**Denied**

Reason \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

TOPPING OF TREES IS PROHIBITED. (MUNICIPAL CODE #132-3)  
ALL WORK SHALL BE PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE.

WHITE – FILE

YELLOW – COMMITTEE/INSPECTOR

PINK – APPLICANT

## **APPENDIX B**

### **CHAPTER 29 SHADE TREE COMMISSION REGULATIONS**

Chapter 29: Sections 1-4 Out-line the duties and authority of the Township's Shade Tree Commissions. The Township's eCode can be accessed at:

<http://ecode360.com/?custId=FL0864>

### **CHAPTER 91 LAND DEVELOPMENT**

Chapter 91: Section 82 outlines the specifications and preferred species of street trees to be planted in Florence Township.

No species other than those recommended by the Shade Tree Commission may be planted between property lines on either side of all streets, avenues or ways within the township, which species are hereinafter referred to as "street trees," without approval of the Florence Township Shade Tree Commission. The Township's eCode can be accessed at:

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### **CHAPTER 132 TREES**

Chapter 132: Sections 1-11 outline the requirements for residents concerning trees the permits required for tree work and possible penalties for violations. It also outlines the connection between this management plan and the tree related Master Plan. The Township's eCode can be accessed at:

<http://ecode360.com/?custId=FL0864>

No species other than those recommended by the Shade Tree Commission may be planted between property lines on either side of all streets, avenues or ways within the township, which species are hereinafter referred to as "street trees," without approval of the Florence Township Shade Tree Commission.

- A. The spacing of street trees will be in accordance with the Tree Master Plan.
- B. The distance of street trees from the curb and sidewalks will be in accordance with the Tree Master Plan.
- C. The distance of street trees from street corners and fireplugs will be in accordance with the Tree Master Plan.
- D. The distance of street trees from utilities will be in accordance with the Tree Master Plan.

## **APPENDIX C**

<http://www.florence-nj.gov/maps/street-map.pdf>