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WOODBINE HOSTS COUNTY DROPOFF/PICKUP OF NJ FORESTRY RECOVERY PROGRAM

Woodbine—Woodbine's always intrepid Green Team braved cold winds with the threat of rain this year to distribute trees to local residents on Saturday, April 1, the third day of Woodbine's tree-related activities under the New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign.

Green Team Chair (and Councilman) Dave Bennett reports: Twenty-eight households, many with multiple members signed in. Tree species provided this year were Kousa Dogwoods, Black Gum, and Improved Pitch Pine. There are about 3 dozen Black Gums left: anyone interested please call Borough Hall to arrange pickup.

"I thank Green Team members Diana Marra and Lisa Fisher, who worked with Councilman Bennett for another very successful tree-giveaway," added Mayor Pikolycky. "The Green Team will also be celebrating Earth Day with a free rainbarrel making workshop on April 18."

Earlier in the week, the Borough of Woodbine again celebrated its special "Arbor Day" role in our County as it served for a fourth consecutive year as the Cape May County drop-off site for free tree seedlings to be distributed under the New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign.

Bundles of trees were dropped off by Ed Russakon and Howard Somes of the New Jersey Fire Service, who gave the State Forestry Services a hand by offloading our county's trees at Mays Landing and trucking them into Woodbine, on Thursday, March 30, labeled as to their intended communities throughout the area.

On Friday March 31, Public Works employees from several Cape May County Municipalities (and one in Cumberland) came into Woodbine to pick-up their bundled trees. (Avalon; Dennis, Downe from Cumberland; Middle: Upper; West Cape May—making the Forestry people grateful to have Woodbine once again as their one-stop local drop-off site.)

"The goal of the Tree Recovery Campaign is to distribute over 500,000 tree seedlings to New Jersey residents over the course of five years. It is a joint effort between the New Jersey State Forestry Services, New Jersey Soil Conservation Districts, Sustainable Jersey, and the Arbor Day Foundation, Brothers International, BJ's Wholesale Club, Wyndham Vacation Resorts, and FedEx. As Mayor I want to thank NJ DEP who administer this program," concluded Mayor Pikolycky. ###