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WOODBINE HOSTS COUNTY DROPOFF/PICKUP OF NJ FORESTRY RECOVERY PROGRAM

Woodbine—Woodbine's always intrepid Green Team again braved cold winds with the threat of rain this year to distribute trees to local residents on Saturday, April 7, the third day of Woodbine's tree-related activities under the New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign. All trees quickly found homes.

Green Team Chair (and Councilman) Dave Bennett reports: Thirty-eight households, many with multiple members signed in. Tree species provided this year were Pawpaw (50), Mockernut Hickory (100), Cornelian Cherry (50), Persimmon (50). Several people, including Green Team members have asked: the species are chosen for us by the State; we only indicate the total number of trees."

"I thank Green Team members Diana Marra and Lisa Fisher, who worked with Councilman Bennett and Borough staff for another very successful tree-giveaway," added Mayor Pikolycky.

Earlier in the week, the Borough of Woodbine again celebrated its special "Arbor Day" role in our County as it served for a fifth 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 Russakow of the New Jersey Fire Service, who gave the State Forestry Services a hand by offloading our county's trees and trucking them into Woodbine, on Thursday, April 6, labeled as to their intended communities throughout the area.

On Friday April 6, Public Works employees from several Cape May County Municipalities (and one in Cumberland) came into Woodbine to pick-up their bundled trees. **(Avalon (1000); Maurice River Township from Cumberland (2000); Ocean City (2000); West Cape May (200)**—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 several years. It is a joint effort between New Jersey Forest Service, New Jersey Soil Conservation Districts, Sustainable Jersey, Arbor Day Foundation, BJ's Wholesale Club, Canon, and FedEx. As Mayor I want to thank NJ DEP who administer this program," concluded Mayor Pikolycky.

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