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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 this year to distribute trees to local residents on Saturday, March 23, the first of the Borough's tree-related activities under the New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign.

There 8 different tree varieties provided by the State:
50 Bald Cypress and 25 each of white pine, swamp white oak, white oak
cornelian cherry, Kousa dogwood, hackberry, and paw-paw for a total of 225
trees, all of which have found homes.

Green Team Chair (and Councilman) Dave Bennett reports: 23 households, signed in to receive trees. He adds that several people, including Green Team members, have asked why these varieties: the species are chosen for each municipality by the State; the Borough can only request the total number of trees.

Volunteers this year were: Chamber of Commerce President Lisa Fisher, Monica Fanelli, and Councilpersons Hector Cruz and Mary Helen Perez and Councilman Bennett.

"I thank Green Team members and volunteers who worked with Councilman Bennett and Borough staff for another very successful tree-giveaway," added Mayor Pikolycky. As a tree-lined community, it has been great to be part of this annual event & to be the State dropoff/pickup site for other local municipalities."

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

Bundles of trees were dropped off by Ed Russakow and John Fowler 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, March 28, labeled as to their intended communities throughout the area.

On Friday March 29, Public Works employees from several Cape May County Municipalities (and one in Cumberland) came into Woodbine to pick-up their bundled trees--**(Dennis (575); Downe (825); Middle (450); Ocean City**

(825);Upper (275); West Cape May (450)—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 600,000 tree seedlings to New Jersey residents over the course of six years. It is a joint effort between the Borough of Woodbine, 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 and thus help to keep our community’s halo of green canopy,” concluded Mayor Pikolycky.
