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BOROUGH OF WOODBINE APPLIES FOR NEW JERSEY TREE RECOVERY CAMPAIGN FREE TREE SEEDLINGS

Woodbine—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that the Borough of Woodbine has applied to receive 250 seedling trees under the New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign for a seventh nearly-consecutive year. (Last year's distribution had to be cancelled due to the then pandemic.)

Storms like Superstorm Sandy left many New Jersey communities with lost or damaged trees. In addition the state now has several invasive insects and diseases that are killing New Jersey trees. In recognition of trees lost through Sandy and disasters, the State works with the Arbor Day Foundation to help community residents replant those missing trees through the New Jersey Tree Recovery Program.

When properly planted and maintained, trees can be assets to a community. They improve the visual appeal of a neighborhood or business district, increase property values, reduce home cooling costs, remove air pollutants, and provide wildlife habitat, among many other benefits.

“We are looking forward to receiving further information on the species of trees that will be available. The planned distribution date for Woodbine residents will be Saturday, May 1, from 10 am to 1 pm, at the bikepath Gazebo across from Borough Hall , barring unexpected events,” noted Mayor Pikolycky. “The State has again selected Woodbine to be the place where the trees will be dropped off for the other municipalities' Public Works Departments to pick-up to distribute at their local events. All sixteen municipalities in the County are eligible to apply and have received information from the New Jersey Forestry Department. The deadline for application by municipalities is **February 18**. Residents of other municipalities should contact their local municipality for information on any local events/distributions.”