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NEW JERSEY TREE RECOVERY CAMPAIGN PROVIDES FREE TREE SEEDLINGS TO RESIDENTS IN WOODBINE

Woodbine—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that the Borough of Woodbine will be receiving 1-to-4 foot seedling trees under the New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign for a fourth consecutive year. Members of Woodbine's Sustainable Jersey "Green Team" will again be distributing the trees.

Free tree seedlings will be available to **Woodbine** residents on April 1 as part of the New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign.

From 10 am to 1 pm on **Saturday, April 1**, residents will be able to pick up tree seedlings at the Gazebo on the bikepath at the corner of Washington & DeHirsch, on a first come, first serve basis, with an initial offering of five trees per resident.

Seedlings also come with instructions on how to store, care for, and plant them. The guides help residents choose the right place on a property to plant a tree while keeping in mind the tree's full-grown size in the future. Residents should plant the seedlings within two days after pick-up in order to prevent the roots from drying out. Several varieties will be available.

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 Borough**, 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.

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.

Mayor Pikolycky adds, "We thank our Sustainable Jersey Green Team for their third year of facilitating this giveaway, and encourage the weather to do better than last year, when we had an early April snowfall."

If you have any questions please contact **the Borough Hall** at 609-861-2153.

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