

## PRESS RELEASE

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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 seedling trees under the New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign for a sixth consecutive year. Members of Woodbine's Sustainable Jersey "Green Team" will again be distributing the trees. This program helps communities replace trees damaged or destroyed by Superstorm Sandy.

Free tree seedlings will be available to Woodbine residents as part of the New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign. From 10 am to 1 pm on Saturday, **March 23**, residents will be able to pick up tree seedlings at the Gazebo on the bikepath at the corner of Washington & DeHirsch, available on a first come, first serve basis, with an initial offering of five trees per resident. Woodbine's Jersey Green Team will coordinate this distribution.

The seedlings 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.

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.

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.

Mayor Pikolycky adds, "Please take advantage of this offering, especially if you have lost trees due to weather or aging; this helps sustain the charm of our tree-lined community. If anyone has pictures of trees they've planted, Alec in Forestry would love to get pictures of trees established in the program to send to Arbor Day, and around the state, so please share these with the Borough."

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

For a list of all distribution locations across the state, visit [www.forestry.nj.gov](http://www.forestry.nj.gov) or [www.facebook.com/newjerseyforests](https://www.facebook.com/newjerseyforests)

