



2014 Earth Day Summit

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Monmouth County Shade Tree Commission

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Shade Tree Division

Mission Statement

- The mission of the Monmouth County Shade Tree Commission is to create, promote and provide an example for sustainable, healthy and safe community forests throughout Monmouth County, and to influence proper tree care and stewardship in New Jersey.

Community Forestry Management Plan

- The Community Forestry Management Plan is an essential guide to successfully achieving a healthy and safe community forest. The State of New Jersey has set up guidelines for developing this plan and it encourages each municipality to develop their own plan which is unique to their community and its needs. The County plan has been developed and implemented since 2000 and has been set up to be viable through the year 2015. It includes our goals and objectives and how they are to be carried out.

Tree City USA

- Exemplifies Our Commitment to Tree Care
- 1st County in NJ
- Only 1 of 3 Counties with Designation



Benefits of Tree City

- **Provides a Framework for Action**
- **Education**
- **Public Image and Community Pride**
- **Publicity – ie- Arbor Day Ceremonies**
- **For more information visit the**

Arborday Foundation at

Arborday.org



















Arbor Day, W. Belmar





Arbor Day, Holmdel



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Planting Programs

- Along County Roads
- County Parks
- Around County Facilities





Phanlanx Rd, Colts Neck. Bobcat w/ Auger



CR 524 Berm, Howell



Highway District 4





Court House, Freehold Boro





Ocean Ave, Bradley Beach





M.C.C.I.



Skid Steer @ M.C.C.I.





Inspection and Maintenance of Over 400 Miles of Road

- Routine and Emergency Response
- Risk Assessment and Inventory
- Assisting Other Departments ie – Highway and Bridge in Repair and Development Projects

What do we do?

- The maintenance of 400 miles of County road and County Property which includes but is not limited to:
- Assessment and Removal of Hazard Trees and Limbs
- Grinding Stumps and Replacement of Removed Trees
- Trimming and Cutting Back of Trees, Underbrush, and Limbs Encroaching Upon the County Right of Way
- Trimming and Elevating for Vehicles and Highway Division Paving Projects
- Removing Obstructions from 26,100 Road Signs
- Removing Obstructions from 292 Traffic Signal Lights
- Removing Obstructions from Sight Triangles at Intersections
- Clearing Areas for New Roadways, Driveways, Intersections and Buildings for the Engineering Division
- Clearing Trees and Brush for the Improvement or Installations of Bridges
- Conducting a Comprehensive Tree Survey
- Emergency Storm Work Including Clearing Roads, Sidewalks, Wires and Parking Lots of Trees, Limbs, and Snow Removal

Removing Obstructions from 26,100 Road Signs



Removing Obstructions from 292 Traffic Signal Lights



Removing Obstructions from Sight Triangles at Intersections







B.C.C. Rope, Pulleys, Brush Chipper & Winch



Safety is Always Our Main Priority



Raise the Flag Public Works Display Fair



Installation of Holiday Tree



Provides Assistance to Park System and Golf Courses



- Usually causes us to abandon aerial lifts and employ rope and saddle







Brush Chipper w/ Winch
Mosquito Commission

Snow Removal - Highways



Snow Removal - Buildings



Emergency Response





**Georgia Rd, Freehold
Chainsaw w/ 14" Bar +
Brush Chipper**





Emergency Response





Ocean Blvd



Ocean Blvd





Shared Services

- Shade Tree Actively Encourages Dialogue Between the County and Local Government Entities for the Purpose of Shared Services

Examples of Shared Services

- Tree Pruning and Removal
- Stump Grinding
- Tree Planting and Transplanting
- Consultations



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