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# Bernardsville to undertake major shade tree planting

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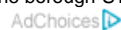
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**BERNARDSVILLE** – The borough's Shade Tree Committee (STC) is undertaking another major planting of shade trees in the community.

Planting sites are street rights-of-way in residential neighborhoods, plus selected school and borough properties. Funding for the program is a combination of the borough STC budget plus tree replacement funds.



The program follows a similar planting in 2007 in which some 85 shade trees were planted in street rights-of-way.

Most striking of the 2007 plantings are the cherries on Church Street, and the maples on Wesley Avenue, plus a mix of species in the Highview Avenue, Liberty Road, Dayton Crescent and adjacent neighborhoods.

The species selected for the new planting include White Oaks, Red Oaks, October Glory Maples, Green Vase Zelcovas, Columnar Hornbeams, Kwanzan Cherries, National Kousa Dogwoods and Forest Pansy Redbuds

Bernardsville is a participant of the "Sustainable Jersey" program which encourages various actions by communities to improve the environment and

cost-effectiveness of their operations. Tree planting is one of the programs undertaken by the borough to gain state recognition as an outstanding community.

The first phase of the current program is complete with the award of the planting contracts and planting of a number of cherries and maples along roadways at the Bedwell and Bernardsville Middle School complex.

Phase two will be to finalize the spring 2012 planting of an additional 80-plus trees, followed by a two-year period of watering and follow-up to assure the viability of each tree.



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As in the past, trees planted in residential neighborhoods will rely on homeowners to care for the new trees, watering frequently until well established. Trees on school and borough properties will be maintained by school and STC resources.

The Shade Tree Committee wishes to express its thanks to the homeowners who have recognized the importance and value of a healthy and expanding tree canopy, and have welcomed and cared for the newly planted trees.

The committee also thanks volunteers from the Bernardsville Garden Club and Friends of a Greener Bernardsville for their past and ongoing involvement in planning and carrying out the tree programs.

Interested residents may contact the Shade Tree Committee at Borough Hall, or STC member Jerry Fischer at [jjerryfischer@verizon.net](mailto:jjerryfischer@verizon.net).

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