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“NEW JERSEY TREE RECOVERY CAMPAIGN PROVIDES FREE TREE SEEDLINGS TO RESIDENTS IN MORRISTOWN”

Morristown, New Jersey - Free tree seedlings will be available to the Town of Morristown residents in the month of April 2020 as part of the New Jersey Forest Service’s New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign.

On Saturday, April 25, 2020 from 9am to 11am residents will be able to pick up tree seedlings at the Morristown Town Hall Parking Lot located on Franklin Street. Seedlings, available on a first come, first served basis, come with instructions on how to store, care for, and plant the trees. 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.

The goal of the Tree Recovery Campaign is to distribute over 600,000 tree seedlings to New Jersey residents over the course of six years was met last year. With natural disasters like Hurricane Sandy, and the damage caused by several new invasive insects to New Jersey, our state needs more new tree seedlings than ever before. Therefore, the campaign is moving into its 7th year. The program is a joint effort between the Town of Morristown, New Jersey Forest Service, New Jersey Soil Conservation Districts, Sustainable Jersey, Arbor Day Foundation, FedEx, and International Paper.

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 67,150 trees planted last year will reduce carbon dioxide by 87,064 tons, reduce non-carbon dioxide air pollution by 379 tons, save \$12,024,729 in energy costs, and intercept 1,444,796,059 gallons of rainfall.

For a list of all distribution locations across the state, visit www.forestry.nj.gov or www.facebook.com/newjerseyforests.

If you have any questions please contact Kristin Ace, Chairperson, Morristown Shade Tree Commission k-ace@townofmorristown.org.

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