



March Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, March 13, 2019 Grove Park House, Easton Road | 7:30 to 9:00 pm

WELCOME AND REVIEW AGENDA (key discussion items in bold)

FINANCIAL

1. Update- balances- *no changes since February meeting*
2. Funds received and deposited- Tree Vitalize - Tree Vitalize Forestry Management Grant TV2018/CFM-05 *now closed out*
3. Pending grant- TV Watershed 2019- \$3244 grant with \$4766 match for project total of \$8010 for restoration of riparian area in Hallowell Park- *expect funding decision by the end of March*
4. Pending memorial donation- memorial bench plus budget for plantings at Ardsley Wildlife Sanctuary- *Andy and Rita following up*
5. Potential for funds to support tree giveaway at Abington Manor (similar to CSX 2017 event)- *no update, awaiting news of fund availability*

ADVISORY

1. **Ongoing:** Land Development Application LD-19-01: Proposed existing building revisions and parking lot at the Southeast Corner of Highland and Kenmore Ave- *field assessment completed, building off of February STC discussion (Carl); recommendations have been forwarded to the applicant, Planning Commission, Administration & Code Committee and the Board of Commissioners.*
2. **Ongoing:** Street Tree master plan for TC street trees- *proposal: apply for 2020 Tree Vitalize Forestry Management Grant to refresh 2014 street tree inventory, and to detail a maintenance plan, in partnership with the Public Works staff (Rita)*
3. **Ongoing** Abington Junior High- *site walk to be scheduled (Rita)*

ACTIVE PROJECTS

1. **Main topic of discussion:** Arbor Day- rough out plans and procurement for April 27, 2019, 10 am to noon - *design and tree procurement (Andy, Joe), program, community involvement and PR begun (Rita)*
2. Ardsley Wildlife Sanctuary- C2P2 project - *contractor to begin in April (Andy)*

3. Ardsley Wildlife Sanctuary- EHT - *field consult regarding addition tree removal completed (Collin)*
4. Memorial Island- *ongoing (Joe)*
5. ASD request- tree-planting program for native shade trees on the campus of Abington Junior High School, in partnership with the Science Department- *site walk to be scheduled (Rita)*
6. Landscape ordinance- *coordinate review with SALDO Project (Rita)*
7. Intern opportunity to support social media *(Rita, Kathryn- in progress)*
8. **New:** Inventory and Tree Tending- *proposal- recruit volunteers at each planting site to inventory and tend trees planted in the past 3 years, with STC guidance (assign a lead resident and an STC contact for each of the parks and CS properties?)*
9. **New:** Earth Day at Roychester Park, coordinated by Commissioner Carswell. *(Andy and Rita)- request to have mulch delivered and STC guidance on tending the newly planted oak trees*

STC ADMINISTRATIVE

1. **New:** 2019 annual report- *comment on draft (all) and schedule presentation for Public Affairs Committee (Andy, Rita)*

ACTIVE GRANTS

1. C2P2 for phase one AWS restoration- *goal is to complete in 2019, and apply for phase 2 in 2020*
2. Tree Vitalize Watersheds application for 2019- - *awaiting funding decision; Collin and Rita to coordinate*
3. **Proposal:** 2020 Tree Vitalize Community Forestry Grant 2020 per above *letter of intent due May 1*

REFERENCE: STC ACTIVE PROGRAMS

- **Inventories**
 - Street tree inventory- need to update and recommend master plan
 - Public space ash tree survey- underway
 - Park survey to prioritize future plantings- underway
 - Grove Park trees- to be inventoried and tagged winter 2018-2019

- **Ordinance and Best Practices**

- 2018 TreeVitalize Community Forestry Management Grant project- underway- coordinate with SALDO rewrite
- Township request for a TC tree maintenance plan- in progress
- Open space plan- coordinate with larger Township initiative

- **Ardsley Wildlife Sanctuary**

- C2P2 project - contractor to begin April 2019
- Edgehill Tyson project / AWS overlay- STF and staff field visits 11/28,30/2018 to align on tree plan and protection; clearing work and construction of drainage feature underway; planting scheduled for spring 2019

- **Tree Planting and Care- Priority Sites and Initiatives**

- Abington- Monitored trees planted Memorial Island spring 2017- 2 dead; replaced and added 5 trees November 2017; OYR large canopy trees- needs to be contracted - safety considerations
- Ardsley Cemetery- sugar maple tree scape installed December 2018
- Ardsley Community Center- monitor trees planted 2016-2017- replace 2 dead
- Crestmont Park- monitor trees planted 2015-2016- all doing well- add CSX trees spring 2018?
- Deal Park- planted spring 2018 ; monitor
- Edge Hill Woods-monitor test trees planted fall 2017 with deer fencing land near Edgecomb entrance
- Grove Park- Riparian restoration and Tree planting- spring and fall 2017; Tree survey and labeling- winter 2018-2019
- Hallowell Park- monitor bare root and container planted fall 2017; applied for 2019 TV Watershed grant to plant in the area near volleyball court
- North Hills Park- added 3 trees fall 2018- site for 2019 Arbor Day?
- Parkdale Avenue- need to limb up trees planted through PECO grant- fall 2018
- Penbryn Park- monitor trees planted fall 2016- doing well

- Rockwell Park- planted fall 2018- monitor
- Roslyn public and private spaces- TD Green Streets planted 2017; monitor
- Roychester Park- succession planting Nov 2017; monitor
- St. Ann's Church- planted fall 2018
- Wanamaker Road- desirable planting space; no active project

- **Outreach and PR**

- Volunteers
 - i. Tree Tenders/ Friends of Parks- how to grow and support?
 - ii. Student volunteers- bat houses and interpretive features at AWS; AJH tree planting project
 - iii. Corporate volunteers- TD Bank, Inframark
- Township communications
 - i. Township newsletter and calendar -update each year
 - ii. Township website
 - iii. New residents' package - follow to assess impact
 - iv. Township permit package
- STC social media (we own abingtontrees.com URL)
 - i. Email, Facebook page
 - ii. Blog at www.abingtontrees.com
- Logo- lawn signs, T shirts, labels for brochures?
- Private Trees
 - i. Tree Giveaway 2017 CSX grant- highly successful; repeat in 2019?
 - ii. Push for tree preservation and protection

CALENDAR

- Next STC meeting, Wednesday, April 10, 2019, 7:30 pm
- Arbor Day: Saturday, April 27, 2019, 10 am to noon,

January- March:

- Annual plan and priorities
- Town Center Street Tree recommendations
- Ordinance grant project closeout and public outreach
- Grove tree inventory and tagging
- Grant strategy

April-June

- Annual report to the Board of Commissioners
- Arbor Day (4/27/19 at North Hills Park)
- AWS C2P2 planting and project completion
- AWS EHT planting
- Kick-off Hallowell Watershed project
- Ordinance ongoing

July-September:

- Detail fall planting plans
- Continue Hallowell TV Watershed project
- Ordinance ongoing

October-December:

- Biannual tree giveaway? - Abington Manor?
- Bare root tree planting- where?
- Complete Hallowell TV Watershed project
- Ordinance ongoing
- Tree City USA submission