

Bloomsbury Shade Tree Advisory Committee  
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Dear Bloomsbury Resident:

Let us introduce ourselves as the newly established Bloomsbury Shade Tree Advisory Committee (BSTAC). This 5 member committee “is dedicated to the preservation of the existing trees throughout our community and the repopulation of trees that have been removed or can no longer survive. We feel this need is great in order to preserve the integrity of our community”. We are volunteers appointed by the Mayor to advise the Mayor and Council on tree-related matters.

Our first act of business is to prepare a 5 year Community Forestry Management Plan funded by a grant that was awarded to the Bloomsbury Environmental Commission from the NJDEP, Department of Forestry. This plan will address the following goals:

- To increase the administrative capacity, technical knowledge and BSTAC effectiveness
- To inform and increase resident awareness/appreciation of the trees in the Borough and needs of the community forest resulting in support and participation in the BSTAC’s efforts.
- To gather and maintain up to date data on the extent, composition and condition of the shade trees in the Borough.
- To maintain and insure the safety of the shade trees in the Borough.
- To repopulate the trees that have been removed or can no longer survive and to increase the tree canopy in the Borough.

The Committee will begin gathering data on all trees located between the street and sidewalk and on public land. We will be identifying the species, measuring the caliper of each tree, assess the health and safety and determine future planting locations.

We have hired ForesTree Consultants with grant funds to prepare our plan. We expect to have an approved plan by the State of New Jersey no later than June 2008. This approved plan will be available for review at Borough Hall and the town’s website at [www.bloomsburynewjersey.com](http://www.bloomsburynewjersey.com). Once the BSTAC has an approved plan we will seek grant funds to implement the plan.

We encourage residents to attend Borough Council meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at Borough Hall with questions and/or concerns.

Regards,  
Bloomsbury Shade Tree Advisory Committee  
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