

The Borough of Paramus recognizes the importance of taking an integrated approach to maintaining our tree stock and has an active program to prune trees and remove diseased or decaying trees as necessary. This proactive approach keeps the overall tree stock healthier and reduces risks to people and property. Tree maintenance and removal is performed by the Borough's Shade Tree staff. The Shade Tree and Parks Commission is an active participant at the Paramus Earth Day Event, where community members can get educational material regarding general tree health and maintenance, as well as pest control and prevention.

The Paramus Shade Tree & Parks Commission has an active Tree Maintenance Program that has been in effect since 1952. The Commission established a formal Maintenance Policy in 1987 and expanded, in detail, that policy in their Community Forestry Management Plans. Shade Tree & Parks Commission crews perform the majority of all tree maintenance operations. Paramus has qualified and applied for several CSIP Grants for tree maintenance. The grants were awarded to Paramus and private contractors assisted the Paramus crew with the respective maintenance work outlined in those grants.

During the past year, Shade Tree crews trimmed 2,787 trees, removed 230 trees, in addition to other tree maintenance procedures, for a total of 8,245 man hours. At an average cost of \$27.50 per man hour, the estimated labor cost is \$226,737.50.

The Borough's Shade Tree Commission recognizes the value of healthy trees to support a healthy environment therefore, the Borough will maintain its deep commitment to its Shade Tree Program, specifically tree maintenance, and will continue to support its other sustainable actions and programs.