

2016 STATE COLLEGE TREE COMMISSION WORK PROGRAM

Recommended by Tree Commission _____

Approved by Borough Council _____

Key: H=High, M=Medium, L=Low
 I=Initiate Discussion, IP= In Progress, C=Complete, R/C=Review and Comment, BC = Refer to Council

		Priority	Council Goals	1 st Quarter	2 nd Quarter	3 rd Quarter	4 th Quarter	Comments
1.	Planting and Removal Recommendations. Review, comment and make recommendations to the Public Works Director on proposed tree removals and plantings recommended by the Arborist.	H	1, 5			I	C & BC	
2.	Work Collaboratively with Adjacent Tree Commissions. Organize meeting for Borough, Harris Township, Ferguson Township, and Penn State Tree Commissions to discuss common threats to urban forest as well as coordinate projects.	H	2,3	IP	→	→	→	
3.	Continue to Work on Ways to Combat Tree Vandalism. Develop and recommend to the Public Works Director and Arborist, a strategy to reduce costly vandalism to Borough street and park trees.	L	1, 2	IP	→	→	→	
4.	Identify Planting Opportunities in the Downtown Business District. Continue to identify tree planting locations in the downtown including private property.	L	1, 5, 6	IP	→	→	→	Identify additional locations in conjunction with Downtown Master Plan.
5.	Incorporate New Street Tree Inventory Information Into Tree Program. Update the 2007 Municipal Tree Plan and develop articles for the CDT and Collegian based on information obtained from the new street tree inventory.	H	2	C & BC				Updated Tree Plan expected to be completed in early 2016.
6.	Review Web Page. Continue to review web page content, organization and accessibility.	M	2	IP	→	→	→	
7.	Complete new Tree Bike Ride Brochure. Complete brochure that highlights various tree species and their management. Stormwater management will also be	H	5	C				Draft completed in 2014. Awaiting illustrations.

	highlighted in the brochure.							
8.	Evaluate Insect & Disease Threats to Borough's Urban Forest. Following regular updates concerning insect and disease threats to the Borough's Urban Forest, the Tree Commission should offer management strategies to mitigate problems or reduce the Borough's liability.	H	1, 2, 5	IP & C				Management Plan for Emerald Ash Borer completed in 2015, develop information for on Emerald Ash Borer management for homeowners.
9.	Continue Discussion and Focused Inquiries on Local Effects of Climate Change (CC) on Urban Forest. Explore how to leverage CC to enhance forest ecosystem services; strategies to limit negative impacts and costs; short- and long-term implications for species selection / planting program (and revisions to Tree Plan).	M	1, 2, 5	IP& R/C	C			Apply for grant to study impact on Borough Urban Forest. Evaluate potential changes to disease and insect threats to urban forest due to climate change.