

**BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD**

**A G E N D A**

Work Session, Executive Session and Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council

Date: April 19, 2017

Open Public Meetings Statement by  
Mayor Suarez

Work Session: 6:00 P.M. C.T.O.: 6:01 P.M.  
Adjourn: 6:32 P.M.

- J. Quaregna Presentation Ridgefield Birthday Celebration

Mayor Suarez – Adjournment into closed Executive Session in accordance with the “Open Public Meetings Act”

Executive Session: 6:30 P.M. C.T.O.: 6:34 P.M.  
Adjourn: 7:26 P.M.

Public Session: 7:30 P.M. C.T.O.: 7:32 P.M.  
Adjourn: 9:04 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation:

Citizens Comment on Agenda: NONE

Correspondence:

Approval of Minutes of for January 18, 2017 Public Session, February 1, 2017 Public Session, February 15, 2017 Work Session, and February 15, 2017 Public Session Meetings – APPROVED (H. Jimenez abstained from February 15 Minutes)

**ROLL CALL-WORK SESSION**

	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Mayor Suarez	X	
Castelli	X	
Acosta	X	
Penabad	X	
Shim	X	
Jimenez	X	
Kontolios	X	

**ROLL CALL-EXEC. SESSION**

	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Mayor Suarez	X	
Castelli	X	
Acosta	X	
Penabad	X	
Shim	X	
Jimenez	X	
Kontolios	X	

**ROLL CALL-PUBLIC SESSION**

	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Mayor Suarez	X	
Castelli	X	
Acosta	X	
Penabad	X	
Shim	X	
Jimenez	X	
Kontolios	X	

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115-2017 Mayor Suarez Proclamation -Women’s History Month

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As advertised, hearing will be held on Ordinance No. 2320 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 27A OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD ENTITLED “EMERGENCY SERVICES”

Entertain motion to declare the time for the public hearing to be declared open

Public Hearing

Entertain motion to declare the time for the public hearing to be declared closed

Final Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call

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Introduction of Ordinance No. 2321 entitled, "BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$230,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$219,047 IN BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE ALL OR PART OF THE COST THEREOF"

First Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call

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Introduction of Ordinance No. 2322 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COMMUNITY FORESTRY MANAGEMENT PLAN"

First Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call

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CONSENT AGENDA:

116-2017	Mayor Suarez	Oppose Community Development Block Grant Cuts
117-2017	Councilman Jimenez	Dedication by Rider-Clean Communities Donations
118-2017	Councilman Acosta	Limousine License Renewal

**COUNCIL VOTE**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Castelli	X			
Acosta	X			
Penabad	X			
Shim	X			
Jimenez	X			
Kontolios	X			
Mayor Suarez				

RESOLUTIONS:

119-2017	Councilman Jimenez	Warrants
120-2017	Councilman Jimenez	Engage EConsult Solutions as Experts - Declaratory Judgment Affordable Housing Litigation
121-2017	Councilman Acosta	Endorse the Recommendation of Relaxing Enforcement of Curfew for Carnival

COMMENTS BY MAYOR:

COMMENTS BY COUNCILMEN:

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS: (All speakers are limited to five minutes maximum per meeting)

Agenda subject to change as a result of matters not known at time of printing with the consent of the Mayor and Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 19, 2017

Presented by Mayor Suarez

BE IT RESOLVED, that the regular public meeting be adjourned, and that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield shall meet in a closed Executive Session following a five minute recess at the termination of this meeting. The purpose of the Executive Session shall be to discuss the following matters:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Personnel matters in various departments of the Borough.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pending and Potential Litigation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Court Litigation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Potential real estate transactions in which the Borough may engage.

<b>COUNCIL VOTE</b>				
	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Castelli				
Acosta				
Penabad				
Shim				
Jimenez				
Kontolios				
Mayor Suarez				

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as soon as practicable discussion concerning

- \_\_\_\_\_ Personnel matters
- \_\_\_\_\_ Potential real estate transactions shall be disclosed to the public.
- \_\_\_\_\_ And that discussions with the Borough Attorney concerning litigation shall be disclosed when said litigation is terminated.

Adjournment to Closed Session. The Mayor and Council reserve the right to reconvene into Public Session, if necessary, to take action on Closed Session items.

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 19, 2017

Presented by Mayor Suarez

# Proclamation

RESOLUTION NO. 115-2017

WHEREAS, New Jersey women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our nation, state, and Borough in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS, women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the life; and

WHEREAS, women have played a unique role throughout the history by volunteering and establishing charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions; and

WHEREAS, women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and the peace movement, which create a more fair and just society for all; and

WHEREAS, despite these contributions, the role of women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that it hereby joins the national celebration of Women's History Month; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby recognizes and congratulates the honorees here tonight for their distinguished service to our community.

Approved:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

**COUNCIL VOTE**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Castelli	X			
Acosta	X			
Penabad	X			
Shim	X			
Jimenez	X			
Kontolios	X			
Mayor Suarez				

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 19, 2017

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

ORDINANCE NO. 2320

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that an Ordinance entitled,

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 27A OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD ENTITLED “EMERGENCY SERVICES”

introduced on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April 2017, do now pass a final reading and be adopted, and that the Borough Clerk be and she is authorized and directed to publish once, the aforesaid title, together with a notice of the date of its passage on final reading and approval thereof in The Record, a newspaper circulating in the Borough of Ridgefield.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli	X			
Acosta	X			
Penabad	X			
Shim	X			
Jimenez	X			
Kontolios	X			
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 5, 2017

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

ORDINANCE NO. 2320

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 27A OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF  
RIDGEFIELD ENTITLED “EMERGENCY SERVICES”

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield as follows:

Section I:

Chapter 27A of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield entitled “Emergency Services” be and hereby is amended as follows:

1. Section 27A-3C is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

C. All patients, whether or not a legal domiciliary of the Borough of Ridgefield, and/or their financially responsible parties, insurers or carriers, will be billed for emergency medical and ambulance transport services provided by the Borough of Ridgefield according to a fee schedule established by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield. The Borough will bill for emergency medical and ambulance transport services rendered by its paid CSO officers and by members of the Borough’s Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

2. Section 27A-4F is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

F. The Mayor and Council shall review the fees for services listed in Subsection D above annually and adjust said fees based on the recommendations of the Chief of Police, or his/her designee, the Captain of the Ridgefield Volunteer Ambulance Corps and Chief Financial Officer and in accordance with the federally approved Medicare fee schedule.

3. Section 27A-4H is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

H. The Chief of Police, or his/her designee, and the Captain of the Ridgefield Volunteer Ambulance Corps may promulgate rules and regulations pursuant to and not inconsistent with this section, state law and federal law, such as rules and regulations, which rules and regulations shall become effective upon approval by resolution of the governing body of the Borough of Ridgefield.

Section II: Repealer.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to said inconsistencies and conflicts.

Section III. Severability.

If any section, part of any section, or clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Ordinance, and each section and subsection thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more of the subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases may be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

Section IV. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law.

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 19, 2017

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

ORDINANCE NO. 2321

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that an Ordinance entitled,

“BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$230,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$219,047 IN BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE ALL OR PART OF THE COST THEREOF”

introduced on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017, do now pass a first reading and that said Ordinance be further considered for final passage at a regular meeting to be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2017 at 7:30 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached at the regular meeting of the Borough Council in the Community Center, 725 Slocum Avenue, in the Borough of Ridgefield, and that at such time and place, all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same, that the Borough Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to publish in The Record, a newspaper circulating in the Borough of Ridgefield said Ordinance according to law, with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading, and of the time and place when and where said Ordinance will be further considered for final passage.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli	X			
Acosta	X			
Penabad	X			
Shim	X			
Jimenez	X			
Kontolios	X			
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 19, 2017

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

ORDINANCE NO. 2321

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BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby authorized as general improvements or purposes to be undertaken by the Borough of Ridgefield, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey (the “Borough”). For the said improvements or purposes stated in Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$230,000, which sum includes \$10,953 as the amount of down payment for said improvements or purposes required by the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 *et seq.* (the “Local Bond Law”). Said down payment is now available therefor by virtue of a provision or provisions in a previously adopted budget or budgets of the Borough for down payment or for capital improvement purposes or from moneys actually held by the Borough.

SECTION 2. For the financing of said improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof and to meet the part of said \$230,000 appropriation not provided for by application hereunder of said down payment, negotiable bonds of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$219,047 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable notes of the Borough in a principal amount not exceeding \$219,047 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

SECTION 3. (a) The improvements hereby authorized and purposes for the financing of which said bonds or notes are to be issued are various capital improvements including, but not limited, (i) road improvements to Van Renssalaer Court from Lancaster Road to the end thereof past Marion Place, which improvements shall include, but not be limited to, as applicable, excavation, milling, paving, reconstruction and boxing out and resurfacing or full depth pavement replacement, and where necessary, the sealing of pavement cracks, the repairing and/or installation of curbs, sidewalks and driveway aprons, installation of curb ramps, resetting utility castings and drainage grates, sanitary sewer improvements, replacement of water lines, drainage improvements, roadway painting, landscaping and aesthetic improvements, and (ii) various additional general capital

improvements in and throughout the Borough including, but not limited to, the construction of a park pavilion.

(b) The above improvements or purposes set forth in Section 3(a) shall also include, as applicable, all engineering, architectural or design work, construction planning, preparation of plans and specifications, permits, bid documents, inspection and contract administration, and all work, materials, equipment, labor and appurtenances necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

(c) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said improvements or purposes is \$219,047.

(d) The estimated cost of said improvements or purposes is \$230,000, the excess thereof over the said estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor, being the amount of \$10,953, is the down payment for said improvements or purposes.

SECTION 4. In the event the United States of America, the State of New Jersey, and/or the County of Bergen make a contribution or grant in aid to the Borough, for the improvements and purposes authorized hereby and the same shall be received by the Borough prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof, then the amount of such bonds or notes to be issued shall be reduced by the amount so received from the United States of America, the State of New Jersey and/or the County of Bergen. In the event, however, that any amount so contributed or granted by the United States of America, the State of New Jersey and/or the County of Bergen, shall be received by the Borough after the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof, then such funds shall be applied to the payment of the bonds or notes so issued and shall be used for no other purposes. This Section 4 shall not apply, however, with respect to any contribution or grant in aid received by the Borough as a result of using funds from this bond ordinance as "matching local funds" to receive such contribution or grant in aid.

SECTION 5. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough, provided that no note shall mature later than one (1) year from its date or otherwise authorized by the Local Bond Law. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with the notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchaser thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price and accrued interest thereon from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the principal amount, the description, the interest rate, and the maturity schedule of the notes so sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 6. The Capital Budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. In the event of any such inconsistency, a resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended Capital Budget and capital programs as approved by the Director of the Division

of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs will be on file in the office of the Clerk and will be available for public inspection.

SECTION 7. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses and are improvements or purposes which the Borough may lawfully undertake as a general improvements or purposes, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness of said improvements or purposes within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 17.5 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Borough and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, and such statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds or notes provided for in this bond ordinance by \$219,047 and the said bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$46,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under section 20 of the Local Bond Law is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purposes or improvements hereinbefore described.

SECTION 8. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance. The bonds or notes shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Borough for the payment of the bonds or notes and the interest thereon without limitation as to rate or amount.

SECTION 9. The Borough hereby declares the intent of the Borough to issue the bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance. This Section 9 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of Treasury Regulations §1.150-2 or any successor provisions of federal income tax law.

SECTION 10. The Borough Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Borough and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Borough. The Borough Chief Financial Officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Borough pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Council (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Borough and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Borough fails to comply with

its undertaking, the Borough shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

SECTION 11. The Borough covenants to maintain the exclusion from gross income under section 103(a) of the Code of the interest on all bonds and notes issued under this ordinance.

SECTION 12. Ordinance Number 2312 adopted on October 5, 2016 is hereby declared null and void.

SECTION 13. This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption and approval by the Mayor, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 19, 2017

Presented by Councilman Kontolios

ORDINANCE NO. 2322

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that an Ordinance entitled,

“AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COMMUNITY FORESTRY  
MANAGEMENT PLAN”

introduced on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017, do now pass a first reading and that said Ordinance be further considered for final passage at a regular meeting to be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2017 at 7:30 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached at the regular meeting of the Borough Council in the Community Center, 725 Slocum Avenue, in the Borough of Ridgefield, and that at such time and place, all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same, that the Borough Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to publish in The Record, a newspaper circulating in the Borough of Ridgefield said Ordinance according to law, with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading, and of the time and place when and where said Ordinance will be further considered for final passage.

COUNCIL VOTE-TO TABLE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli	X			
Acosta	X			
Penabad	X			
Shim	X			
Jimenez	X			
Kontolios	X			
Mayor Suarez				

TABLED:

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 19, 2017

Presented by Councilman Kontolios

ORDINANCE NO. 2322

“AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COMMUNITY FORESTRY  
MANAGEMENT PLAN”

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has adopted the New Jersey Shade Tree and Community Forestry Assistance Act, *N.J.S.A. 13:1L-17.1*, et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to that act, local communities are encouraged to develop a community forestry management plan; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of said plan will enable the Borough of Ridgefield to limit its liability in connection with certain tree related incidents and losses; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests to adopt a community forestry management plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield as follows:

Section I:

The Borough of Ridgefield hereby adopts an updated community forestry management plan in the form as annexed hereto and incorporated into this ordinance, with the understanding that the plan hereby sets forth the goals, intentions and plans going forward of the Borough of Ridgefield as it relates to tree preservation and forestry, and will be implemented by the adoption of specific ordinances and resolutions related thereto.

Section II.

This ordinance shall take effect upon final publication according to law.

Section III:

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to said inconsistencies and conflicts.

Section IV.

If any section, part of any section, or clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Ordinance, and each section and subsection thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more of the subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases may be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

Section V.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law.

TABLED:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk



# RIDGEFIELD *New Jersey*

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Five Year Community Forestry Management Plan 2017-2021



### **RIDGEFIELD BOROUGH, BERGEN COUNTY NEW JERSEY**

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Ridgefield, New Jersey 07657

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- **Anthony R. Suarez** (Mayor)

- **Russell Castelli** (Council President)
- **Hugo Jimenez** (Councilman)
- **Javier Acosta** (Councilman)

- **James Kontolios** (Councilman)
- **Ray Penabad** (Councilman)
- **Dennis Shim** (Councilman)

**Prepared By:**  
**RICHARD WOLOWICZ, CTE**

**Submitted on: January, 2017**

Revisions:

## 1. MUNICIPAL INFORMATION FORM

Municipality: Ridgefield Borough  
County: Bergen County  
Address: 604 Broad St, Ridgefield, NJ 07657  
Contact Name and Title: Deborah Fugnitti, EC Chairperson  
Phone: 201-943-5215 X 353  
Email: environmentalcomm@ridgefieldboro.com  
Organization's Name: Ridgefield Borough Environmental Comm.  
Mayor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor**

Date of Management Plan Submission: January, 2017  
Time Period Covered in Management Plan: 2017 through 2021

*Please check off the Community Stewardship Incentive Program (CSIP) practices identified in your management plan.*

- ✓ CSIP #1 Training
- ✓ CSIP #2 Community Forestry Ordinance Establishment
- ✓ CSIP #3 Public Education and Awareness
- ✓ CSIP #4 Arbor Day Activities
- ✓ CSIP #5 Tree Inventory
- ✓ CSIP #6 Tree Hazard Assessment
- ✓ CSIP #7 Storm Damage Assessment
- ✓ CSIP #8 Tree Maintenance
- CSIP #9 Insect and Disease Management
- CSIP #10 Wildfire Protection
- ✓ CSIP #11 Tree Planting
- CSIP #12 Tree Recycling
- ✓ CSIP #13 Sidewalk Maintenance Program
- CSIP #14 Storm Water Management
- CSIP #15 Other

Official Use Only  
Certification

The above named community has made formal application to the New Jersey Forest Service. I am pleased to advise you that after our review, the NJ Forest Service has concluded that this plan meets the standards set forth by the State and NJ Community Forestry Council and is approved for the period covered.

Signed

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State Forester

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Approved date

# Borough of Ridgefield: 3<sup>rd</sup> Five Year Community Forestry Management Plan 2017-2021



## 2. Introduction

This document and its attachments will be, after approval by the Borough and by the Community Forestry Council of the NJ State Department of Environmental Protection, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Five Year Community Forestry Management Plan for Ridgefield. It is hereinafter referred to as the Management Plan and is intended to aid as a reference guide in the administration of the Management Plan.

In all instances where there are goals and/or requirements for continuing education and training for Borough employees specifically, employees of the Department of Public Works, said education and training will necessarily be limited by the availability of the personnel for same given exigencies of scheduling and performing other town work, and by budgetary constraints, to be ultimately determined by the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works.

### Mission Statement

The mission is to provide a sustainable tree cover within the community by continuing to maintain, upgrade and expand the forestry resources of Ridgefield.



### Goals and Objectives

For this third Community Forestry Management Plan, the following goals have been established.

#### **Goal 1: Tree Planting** (CSIP # 11 – Tree Planting)

- A) Prepare a diverse list of species that would be appropriate for the Borough of Ridgefield including street tree planting and site plan planting/tree replacements by developers.
- B) Included in that list is a breakdown of utility friendly trees.
- C) Species shall be listed as appropriate for size of planting area.
- D) Utilize 'Trees for NJ Streets' and talk to other communities which have similar growing conditions to the Borough to build a resource of appropriate plant material for Ridgefield.
- E) Establish a tree canopy goal for the Borough.

## Borough of Ridgefield 3<sup>rd</sup> Five Year CFMP

### **Goal 2: Review the Borough of Ridgefield's Tree Ordinance #1679 (CSIP # 2 Community forestry Ordinance Establishment)**

- A) Review should be done to enhance the current tree ordinance.
- B) Consider adding the following subjects to ordinance to include, but not limited to
  - Tree topping
  - Construction near trees
  - Landmark trees (species and size confirmation would be required).

### **Goal 3: Update Tree Evaluation Form (CSIP # 8 – Tree Maintenance and Removal)**

- A) Include a comment section for field notes.
- B) Include a section for Borough Arborist's findings.

### **Goal 4: Improve Education for the Environmental Commissioners and members of the Department of Public Works (CSIP # 1- Training)**

- A) Encourage CORE Training, and training to obtain 8 CEUs per year requirements by both volunteer and Borough employees, subject to the availability of those employees and budgetary constraints as determined by the DPW Superintendent. DPW employees not required to be CORE trained.
- B) Encourage pertinent employees to attend seminars on Tree Risk Assessment.
- C) Borough Arborist to train DPW Tree Crew(s), specifically the employee who is designated to perform pruning, following the pruning standards set forth by the ANSI. Said training to be "on the job" and on an as-needed basis and as employees are available for same.
- D) Promulgate educational opportunities to the respective groups.
- E) Ongoing education as needed and permitted by budget and personnel availability.

### **Goal 5: Continue to Celebrate Arbor Day (CSIP # 4 – Arbor Day Activities)**

- A) Continue to build on Educational Outreach.
- B) Continue the NJ Department of Environmental Protection's (NJDEP) 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Tree Team Program.
- C) Maintain the Annual Earth Day Poster Contest with the public school's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes.
- D) Maintain Tree City USA - Growth Award status.

### **Goal 6: Develop municipal sidewalk policy affected by tree roots (CSIP # 13 – Sidewalk Maintenance Program)**

- A) Standardize a procedure incorporating the use of the Borough Arborist, Borough Engineer, and key DPW personnel, as integral players in all decisions.
- B) The Environmental Commission and/or Borough Arborist inspect tree(s) and make(s) recommendations prior to the issuance of sidewalk permits from DPW. The Superintendent of Public Works will, however, have final authority to

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determine the issuance of sidewalk permits and how same are to be implemented.

- C) Develop a tree inspection/solution procedure for all sidewalk repairs.
- D) Create an information/guidance form to provide to residents for sidewalk repair issues while maintaining tree health.

### **Goal 7: Municipal Tree Section on Borough Website** (CSIP # 3 - Public Education and Awareness)

- A) Utilize the Borough website to have a tree section.
- B) Evaluate a process where citizens can report problems on municipal trees on the Borough's web site.
- C) Incorporate a public relations component regarding trees on the town's web site.
- D) Provide educational information for residents.



### **Goal 8: Continue to manage Ridgefield's Nature Center and Community Garden areas** (CSIP # 3 – Public Education and Awareness)

- A) Perform seasonal clean-ups if required. Organize educational sessions appropriate for each location.
- B) Evaluate use and additional tools to educate the public.
- C) Install tree/plant identification tags.
- D) Enhance, improve and restore public areas.
- E) Remove invasive species.
- F) Plant appropriate species.
- G) Conduct ongoing tree risk assessment.
- H) Continue to perform tree maintenance as needed.

### **Goal 9: Tree Inventory** (CSIP #5 – Tree Inventory)

- A) Continue to perform data collection on the remainder of the town. Data collection shall be performed by both the Environmental Commission and the Department of Public Works and both entities shall share the collected data.
- B) Determine how the data will be stored and utilized.
- C) Identify trees which may be structurally compromised (CSIP # 6 – Hazard Tree Assessment).

## **Liability Statement**

Although street trees are an asset to the community, as with any asset, they age and usually continue aging to full maturity when, as they reach the end of their useful life, they might become a hazard. They are subject to numerous external forces. A few of these can be: storm effects, vehicle collisions, disease and insect attacks and construction damage to roots, trunk and canopy. Ridgefield acknowledges that it is not possible to

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foresee all these events. An ongoing plan is in place to identify these tree hazard situations. Ridgefield's Environmental Commission is in a position to be a significant factor in identifying tree hazard situations and taking timely on-site action to correct them, thereby minimizing the risk to public safety. An outreach program is in place whereby the public can easily pass along sightings of hazardous situations. One of the focuses of this Management Plan is tree hazard situations. Following the Management Plan will demonstrate that Ridgefield devotes reasonable levels of resources in a planned manner to reduce exposure to liabilities and risk to public safety.

### **3. Community Overview – Five Years of Progress**

Outlined below is the status of Goals and Objectives from the previous Community Forestry Management Plan. The goals have been achieved except for two still in progress and noted as such.

#### Goal A.

Review the existing Borough Tree Ordinance #1679 by preparing recommendations for additions to Ordinance # 1679.

- Town was divided into separate management districts based on the five voting districts for use in its hazard tree survey and inventory work.
- The Ridgefield Shade Tree Fund is functioning to use as a tool in the Shade Tree Program.
- Ridgefield's Environmental Commission was formalized as the operating agency for the Community Forestry Management Plan, Ridgefield Nature Center and the 'Patty Pfaff Ridgefield Community Garden'.

#### Goal B.

Manage tree risk situations by following up on each location within 48 hours.

- Borough volunteers were trained to identify hazards; additional volunteers need to be trained.
- Borough employees still need to be trained, subject to availability and budgetary constraints as determined by the DPW Superintendent.
- An awareness to, and procedure to follow, was published and in effect to report hazardous situations.
- Municipal crews perform maintenance work in instances that it is determined they are capable of handling. Other work is contracted to outside vendors. The selection of outside vendors, in emergency situations, is a determination to be made by the Superintendent of Public Works and, in non-emergency situations, by the Public bidding process.
- An annual tree risk assessment survey has been conducted to address all street trees, parks and Board of Education facilities.
- Maintenance work is done by municipal crews for situations up to 30 feet high. Other work is contracted to outside vendors. Volume of contract work is determined by fiscal limitations and prioritized by emergency tree matters.

#### Goal C.

Conduct a tree inventory and tree population potential survey of the Borough.

- 50 volunteer hours have been invested in this project.
- It is estimated that 30 – 35% of the town is complete.
- This will continue to be carried out during the next Community Forestry Management Plan.

#### Goal D.

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Increase awareness of the value of the Community Forest.

- Landmark Tree Program was established.
- Species are identified for potential listing and the locations are verified by the Consulting Arborist. This portion of the goal still needs to be established as standard operating procedures.
- Locations are being included on tax maps. This portion of the goal is still being worked on.
- Arbor Day celebrations were held and will continue to be held with various civic group/school involvement.
- Tree related educational articles were distributed at the annual health fair.

### **4. Community Forestry Program Administration**

In Ridgefield, the Community Forestry Program is administered by the Environmental Commission Chairperson. This commission was formed by Ordinance # 1174. Should a Shade Tree Commission be established the administration of the Shade Tree Program and Management Plan would fall under that Commission's administration. The members of the Environmental Commission are:

Debbie Fugnitti – Chair  
Rob Gillies – Vice-chair  
William Pych - liaison to the Planning Board  
Mihail Kalymnios – Recording Secretary  
Lisa Biccocchi  
Laurie Griffin  
Brandy Mariah – Alternate #1  
Neisha Cedenno – Alternate #2  
James Kontolios - Council Liaison

The Mayor, Anthony R. Suarez was re-elected by the residents in 2015.

#### **Work Flow Process**

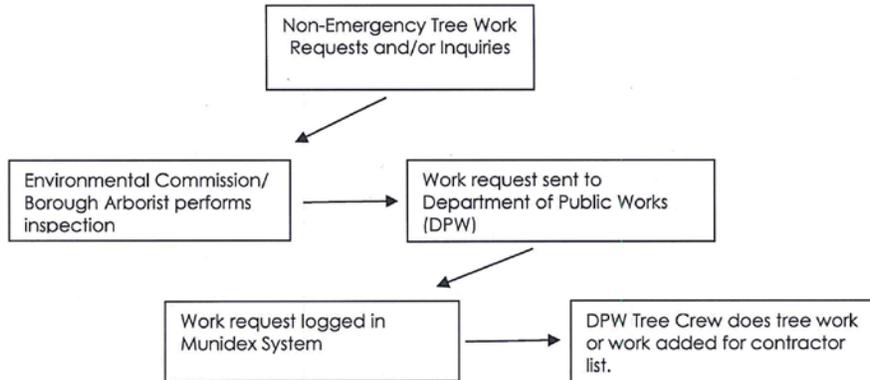
All tree inquiries/complaints/requests are received by many different entities, but are forwarded to the Environmental Commission. The Environmental Commission will inspect the tree(s) and when needed, the Borough Arborist may be called upon to inspect the tree(s). The information is then forwarded for entry into the Department of Public Work's Munidex System for pending tree work records.

Smaller jobs would be done by the DPW tree crew. Larger size work would be done by a contractor hired by the Borough. The Borough of Ridgefield's Tree Evaluation Form is in use but as noted earlier, will be revised to include a comments section and section for the Borough Arborist's findings. The Environmental Commission's Tree Notification door hanger is in use when the tree inspection is made and the resident who requested the inspection is not home.

In the near future, utility contractors will be required to obtain a permit from the Ridgefield Building Department and comply with all aspects of ordinance number 390-240.1 *Work by utility companies prior to non-emergency work.*

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### WORK FLOW CHART



### TREE REMOVALS AND MAINTENANCE (CSIP # 8 – Tree Maintenance and Removal)

The DPW does some tree maintenance and removal. In order to extend the life of Ridgfield's trees, the DPW is being asked to give a higher level of priority to tree maintenance so that at least some time is scheduled monthly for bark tracing of wounds, correcting earlier work where stubs have been left and various other activities to promote the general health of the public tree population. Tree removals will be primarily done by contracted outside firms. The DPW has one dedicated medium size tree truck with a workstation bucket reaching about 30 feet high. A second vehicle is coupled with a chipper unit. The DPW is seeking tree technology training for the staff. Ridgfield Borough Council should adopt *Pruning Standards for Shade Trees* as its official resource for this work.

### DECISION FOR TREE REMOVAL VS. PRUNING AND REMEDIATION PHILOSOPHY

Every tree in place and growing provides: at least some degree of shade, some degree of carbon dioxide absorption and some degree of oxygen production, some degree of pollution absorption and some degree of soil stabilization. Large trees do more of these things than small or young ones. When a tree is removed, these positive environmental factors are diminished. Trees should be retained as long as they are not a hazard and/or near death. Many tree concerns can be resolved by careful pruning, repeated wound care, feeding and other non-lethal treatments. The choice to prune and treat wounds generates a relatively small amount of debris (wood chips). Removal means lots of wood chips and an unsightly trunk/stump awaiting removal followed at some future time by stump grindings.

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As a summation of elsewhere stated requirements: tree removals in non-emergency situations shall not be performed until the Environmental Commission and/or Borough Consulting Arborist have been given the opportunity to make recommendations. However, final decisions will be made by the Superintendent of Public Works with the approval of the Borough Arborist.

- 1) This applies to all trees on public land.
- 2) It applies to removals that are initiated by Borough residents or contractors working for Borough residents, or for the Borough, by DPW, by the Building Code Enforcement Official.

It is hoped that the existing tree service request system should be expanded to include a formal data collection procedure, computer logging, updating and retrieval procedure and an automatic referral for appraisal when required.

### **6. Training Plan**

The Borough of Ridgefield is eager to continue the training of various volunteers and key personnel over the course of this 5-year plan. The town intends to make use of the various programs available throughout the state as the primary education source. These include, but are not limited to, the New Jersey Shade Tree Federation's Annual Meeting, NJ Arborists Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture's Meeting and Rutgers' Office of Continuing Education seminars.

Additionally, we plan on having the Borough Arborist train the town's Department of Public Works' Tree Crew in proper pruning and final cuts, subject to availability of personnel and budgetary constraints as determined by the Superintendent of Public Works.

Ongoing education will be sought on an as needed basis, with an emphasis on tree risk tree identification.

### **7. Public Education/Awareness/Outreach**

The Municipality and the Environmental Commission have an ongoing positive relationship with:

- The Ridgefield Senior Citizens
- The Boy and Girl Scouts of Ridgefield
- Ridgefield School System
- Church Groups
- Civic Groups

The continued contact with these groups helps to spread the positive news of the Community Forestry Plan and the importance to maintaining a viable tree canopy for the Borough's residents.

The continued emphasis will be on building the 'trees only' section of the Borough of Ridgefield's website. It is expected that new information generated on, but not limited to, sidewalk information sheets and recommended tree planting species selection will be made available through this portal.

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### 8. Statement of Tree Budget

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The shade tree expenses over the past two years are itemized in the chart below. The 2017 budget is estimated to be in a similar range to the 2016 Budget expenditures. The Environmental Commission recommends that \$35,000 be spent annually on contracted tree work (removals and pruning). Tree work is budgeted within the DPW budget.

Categories	2015 budget	2016 Budget	2017 Estimated Budget
Tree Seedings	\$ 75.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Disposal Costs	\$ 22,036.00	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 23,000.00
Training/Education Expense	\$ 540.00	\$ 585.00	\$ 585.00
Arbor Day		\$ 480.00	\$ 500.00
DPW Tree Crew	\$ 58,800.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Tree Removals & Trimming	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Volunteer Time		\$ 3,169.00	\$ 3,000.00
Prof Services: Arborist	\$ 550.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Tree Planting			
Total	\$ 89,801.00	\$ 85,934.00	\$ 85,785.00

### 9. Statement of Plan Implementation

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The Borough of Ridgefield's Environmental Commission continues to make strides and progress in actively managing its shade tree resources for the benefit of the citizens and visitors of the town. The anticipated time frame for implementing the goals is found in the timeline.

#### Year 1, 2017

- Develop data form to provide to residents re: sidewalk repair impacted by tree roots.
- Investigate and prepare a diverse list of trees for future planting. This list will identify trees by growth habit and note which trees would be appropriate to plant where underneath overhead conductors. It is anticipated that the tree list will feature information for tree selection based on available planting strip dimensions. This list would be the source material for any site plan plantings by developers. Data will be gathered from "Trees for NJ Streets" and interviewing other communities similar to the Borough of Ridgefield.
- The Borough's Tree Ordinance #1679 will be reviewed to enhance any shortcomings.
- Update the Borough's Tree Evaluation form which is used as a data source and paper trail to follow-up on property owner requests.
- Continue to take advantage of the educational opportunities throughout the state by having more Environmental Commission members CORE trained.
- Borough Arborist to provide in house training to DPW personnel/tree crew.

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- Continue 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Tree Team Program.
- Maintain Annual Earth Day Poster Contest.
- Maintain Tree City USA Status and Pursue Growth Award.
- Continue to manage the Nature Center and Community Garden Areas and provide educational opportunities annually.
- Continue to collect data for the town's tree inventory.
- Develop policy for Borough Arborist to be informed on sidewalk issues involving tree roots with the final determination to be made by the Superintendent of Public Works.
- Finalize recommended list of tree species for the Borough of Ridgefield.
- After using trial copy, finalize any changes to the Borough's Tree Evaluation Form.

### Year 2, 2018

- Continue working on the Tree Ordinance #1679. Consideration will be given to see if the following topics will be included in any revised ordinance: Tree topping, construction near trees and/or landmark trees. The latter would require species and size confirmation to be designated as such.
- To provide ongoing training to key municipal personnel.
- Identify any personnel who should be CORE Trained and take the training.
- Borough Arborist to continue to provide in-house training to DPW personnel/tree crew.
- Take additional continuing education courses as needed to volunteers/municipal personnel.
- Continue 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Tree Team Program.
- Maintain Annual Earth Day Poster Contest.
- Maintain Tree City USA Status and Pursue Growth Award.
- Continue to manage the Ridgefield Nature Center and Patty Pfaff Community Garden and provide educational opportunities annually.
- Continue to collect data for the town's tree inventory.

### Year 3, 2019

- Finish any additions to Borough's Tree Ordinance #1679.
- Borough Arborist to provide in-house training to DPW personnel/tree crew, if needed.
- Continue working on the Borough's Tree Ordinance #1679. Consideration will be given to see if the following topics will be included in any revised ordinance: Tree Topping, Construction near Trees and/or Landmark Trees. The latter would require species and size confirmation to be designated as such.
- Take additional continuing education courses as needed for volunteers/municipal personnel.
- Continue 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Tree Team Program.
- Maintain Annual Earth Day Poster Contest.
- Maintain Tree City USA Status and Pursue Growth Award.
- Continue to manage the Nature Center and Patty Pfaff Community Garden areas and provide educational opportunities annually.
- Continue to collect data for the town's tree inventory.

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### Year 4, 2020

- Utilize Borough's web site to incorporate a tree section and educational forums.
- Borough Arborist to provide in house training to DPW personnel/tree crew, if needed.
- Take additional continuing education courses as needed to volunteers/municipal personnel.
- Continue 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Tree Team Program.
- Maintain Annual Earth Day Poster Contest.
- Maintain Tree City USA Status and Pursue Growth Award.
- Continue to manage the Nature Center and Community Garden Areas and provide educational opportunities annually.
- Continue to collect data for the town's tree inventory.

### Year 5, 2021

- Utilize Borough's web site to incorporate a tree section and educational forum
- Investigate the use of the Borough's web site for citizens to use to report public tree issues/problems.
- Borough Arborist to provide in house training to DPW personnel/tree crew, if needed.
- Take additional continuing education courses as needed to volunteers/municipal personnel.
- Continue 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Tree Team Program.
- Maintain Annual Earth Day Poster Contest.
- Maintain Tree City USA Status and Pursue Growth Award.
- Continue to manage the Nature Center and Community Garden Areas and provide educational opportunities annually.
- Incorporate data from inventory system into a record retention system.

## **10. Community Stewardship Incentive Program**

CSIP # 1: Training  
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CSIP # 2: Community Forestry Ordinance Establishment  
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CSIP # 3: Public Education and Awareness  
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CSIP # 4: Arbor Day Activities  
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- CSIP # 5: Tree Inventory
  - Goals and Objectives, page 5
  - Statement of Plan Implementation, page 10
- CSIP # 6: Hazard Tree Assessment
  - Goals and Objectives, page 5
- CSIP # 7: Storm Damage Assessment
  - Not addressed at this time
- CSIP # 8: Tree Maintenance and Removal
  - Goals and Objectives, page 4
  - Tree Removals and Maintenance, page 5
- CSIP # 9: Insect and Disease Management
  - Not addressed at this time
- CSIP # 10: Wildfire Protection
  - This is not addressed at this time
- CSIP # 11: Tree Planting
  - Goals and Objectives, page 3
- CSIP # 12: Tree Recycling
  - Not addressed at this time
- CSIP # 13: Sidewalk Maintenance Program
  - Goal and Objectives, page 4
- CSIP # 14: Storm Water Management
  - Not addressed at this time
- CSIP # 15: Other
  - Not addressed at this time

## APPENDIX

### BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD Utility Company Pruning Permit

For Office Use Only					
Permit Number: _____	Approved: <input type="checkbox"/>	Denied: <input type="checkbox"/>			
Permit Date: _____	Signature: _____				
By: _____	DPW Approved <input type="checkbox"/>	Denied <input type="checkbox"/>	By: _____	Enviro. Commission Approved <input type="checkbox"/>	Denied <input type="checkbox"/>
Date: _____			Date: _____		

Please Print or Type All information	
Permit Application must be submitted no less than 3 business days before work is to commence.	
Name of Utility Company:	_____
Authorized Representative:	_____
Address:	_____
Telephone:	_____
Fac:	_____
Date Application filed:	_____
Name of Company performing pruning:	_____
Person in charge:	_____
Address:	_____
Telephone:	_____
Estimated Start Date:	_____
Estimated Completed Date:	_____
Reason for pruning:	_____
Location(s) to be pruned (complete addresses required)	
1.	_____
2.	_____
3.	_____
4.	_____
5.	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Or detailed map and schedule attached instead of above (2 copies required)	
<b>NOTE:</b> All pruning will be done in accordance with the pruning standards for Shade Trees as established by the "Best Management Practices- Utility Pruning of Trees" by Geoffrey P. Kempter and "Pruning Standards for Shade Trees" by NJ Board of Tree Experts.	
After approval is obtained, a signed copy of this permit will be returned to the applicant and is valid for 30 days. Work may not start until permit is returned to applicant and meeting with tree crew supervisor is conducted	

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 19, 2017

Presented by Mayor Suarez

RESOLUTION NO. 116-2017

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant program has existed for over 40 years, providing grants to communities and non-profit organizations to provide various services for the Borough of Ridgefield as well as Bergen County programs, and

WHEREAS, residents of Ridgefield have benefited over the years from Community Development grants for various projects; and

WHEREAS, the proposed funding for FY 2017 will amount to a 50% cut if left intact, leaving many projects underfunded or unfunded in Ridgefield and throughout the country.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that the Mayor and Council strongly supports the programs and full funding of the Community Development Block Grant program, and that President Trump and members of the United States Congress take into account all the worthwhile programs supported by Community Development Block Grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby directed to send certified copies of this resolution to President Donald J. Trump, US Senate and House of Representative leaders, Congressman William Pascrell, US Senators Cory Booker and Robert Menendez, NJ League of Municipalities, and the Bergen County Community Development.

Approved:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

**COUNCIL VOTE**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Castelli	X			
Acosta	X			
Penabad	X			
Shim	X			
Jimenez	X			
Kontolios	X			
Mayor Suarez				

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 19, 2017

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 117-2017

WHEREAS, permission is required of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for approval as a dedication by rider of revenues received by a municipality when the revenue is not subject to reasonably accurate estimates in advance; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.40A:5-29 provides for receipt of funds from gifts, bequests, and donations by the municipality to provide for the operating costs to administer this act; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39 provides the dedicated revenues anticipated from Clean Communities Donations are hereby anticipated as revenue and are hereby appropriated for the purpose to which said revenue is dedicated by statute or other legal requirement:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield, County of Bergen, New Jersey as follows:

1. The Governing Body does hereby request permission of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to place gift funds received by the Borough of Ridgefield in a specific fund to be considered a dedication by rider to the budget in accordance with N.J.S.A.:4-39 for the Borough of Ridgefield
2. The Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Ridgefield, County of Bergen is hereby directed to forward two certified copies to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.
3. This resolution shall not become effective until it is approved by the Director of the Division of the Local Government Services.

Approved:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli	X			
Acosta	X			
Penabad	X			
Shim	X			
Jimenez	X			
Kontolios	X			
Mayor Suarez				

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 19, 2017

Presented by Councilman Acosta

RESOLUTION NO. 118-2017

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that a  
Limousine License be issued to:

KANG W. LEE, Kang W. Limo

and

WILLIAM VALENCIA, Eagle Express

for the period of April 20, 2017 through April 19, 2018.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli	X			
Acosta	X			
Penabad	X			
Shim	X			
Jimenez	X			
Kontolios	X			
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

The undersigned, being the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Ridgefield, County of Bergen, New Jersey, and the person charged with the responsibility of maintaining financial records of said Borough in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:4-57 and the rules of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey adopted thereunder, does hereby certify that there are adequate funds available for the payment of the attached list of invoices, duly adopted by said Borough, and which said list indicates the specific line item of said budget to which expenditures shall be charged.

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Diane Sherry,  
Chief Financial Officer

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 19, 2017

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 119-2017

BE IT RESOLVED, that warrants totaling **\$671,116.72**  
be drawn on the following accounts:

CURRENT	\$654,282.18
TRUST	\$13,626.50
POOL	\$3,205.04
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$671,116.72</b>

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli	X			
Acosta	X			
Penabad	X			
Shim	X			
Jimenez	X			
Kontolios	X			
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Russell Castelli, Council President

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 19, 2017

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 120-2017

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ridgefield is involved in a certain declaratory judgment action regarding affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is at the point in that litigation where it must declare experts and must utilize same in order to prepare; and

WHEREAS, EConsult Solutions is a group that has been retained by the municipal consortium to provide expert services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Attorney has recommended that the Borough engage EConsult Solutions on an hourly basis as its expert at their standard hourly rates; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Borough that EConsult Solutions be so engaged;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that the Borough be and hereby is authorized to engage EConsult Solutions as experts in the ongoing declaratory judgment affordable housing litigation on an hourly basis at the firm's standard rates in a total amount not to exceed \$5,000.

**COUNCIL VOTE**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Castelli	X			
Acosta	X			
Penabad	X			
Shim	X			
Jimenez	X			
Kontolios	X			
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 19, 2017

Presented by Councilman Acosta

RESOLUTION NO. 121-2017

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ridgefield has in place a curfew ordinance found at Chapter 165 of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield; and

WHEREAS, the ordinance provides that juveniles, under the age of 18 years, may not be in public places between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., unless accompanied by a parent or guardian; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Carnival will be taking place from April 26, 2017 to April 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has recommended that enforcement of the curfew ordinance be relaxed during the term of the carnival so that juveniles may be out up to a time of 1:00 a.m. during the dates of the carnival;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that the Borough hereby endorses the recommendation of relaxing enforcement of the curfew ordinance as set forth above.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli	X			
Acosta	X			
Penabad	X			
Shim	X			
Jimenez	X			
Kontolios	X			
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri  
Borough Clerk