



City and Borough of Sitka

Sitka Tree and Landscape Committee

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The City and Borough of Sitka established by ordinance, in 2001, in the Sitka General Code, the all volunteer, seven member, Tree and Landscape Committee. The Sitka tree and landscape committee has as its charge to:

- Study and make recommendations to the Assembly, through the Administrator, regarding the needs or renovations necessary to existing landscape areas or facilities in terms of trees and landscaping;
- Investigate sites and make recommendation to the Assembly, through the Administrator, for new trees and landscaping or areas which they deem necessary and/or desirable for such purposes;
- Plan, institute and maintain tree and landscape projects within the city and borough.



Since 2001, the Tree and Landscape Committee has raised over \$115,600 in Community Forestry grant money and \$124,071 in in-kind donations and labor for a tree inventories, landscape and urban forest planning and planting projects. The Committee has raised \$261,271 in-kind and grant support for both community planting and beautification projects. The Committee's accomplishments include the following:

- ❖ Sitka Landscape Plan and Tree Inventory completed
- ❖ Landscape Projects – 213 trees, 224 shrubs, 2,301 perennials planted
 - Baranof School Phase I & II, parking lot, building and new signage
 - O'Connell Bridge Approaches
 - Blatchley Middle School street trees and astilbe

 - Castle Hill parking lot – four areas
 - Centennial Building Dolgo crabapples
 - Firehall landscape installation
 - Kimsham Recreational Complex trees



- Blatchley Middle School Trees Phase II
- Blatchley ground cover planting
- Sealing Cove Edible Landscape Demonstration Project
- Moller Park Tree planting



- ❖ Events, Education and Workshops
 - Rhododendron workshop
 - Pruning Workshop – John Trautwien
 - Cass Turnbull tree workshop
 - Steve Nickel – Pruning and plant selection
 - Landscaping Contest
 - Right Tree – Right Place brochure and Community mailing
 - Invasive weed control
 - Pruning and Tree Care – Patricia Joyner
 - Tree Biology – Jim Flott (2013)
 - Annual Arbor Day Events
 - The Biology of Trees – Jim Flott (2009)



- ❖ Beautification Projects
 - Lake and Lincoln Streets Decorative Stop Light posts grant - \$42,000 Northwest Cruise Line grant
 - Marine Services Center Wild Fish Mural - \$50,000 project
 - Standardized bench selection for downtown Sitka
 - Fall 2010 Revise Landscape Plan

- ❖ Community Consultation on Landscaping and Beautification
 - Sitka Performing Arts Facility
 - DOT projects: Roundabout, O’Connell Bridge, Lake and Lincoln, Seward Avenue
 - Sitka Community Hospital
 - Crescent Lightering Facility
 - Seawalk and Centennial Building
 - Library
 - Downtown Revitalization 2013
 - Community Apple Tree Planting 2011



- ❖ Other Accomplishments
 - Sitka established as a Tree City 2003
 - Division of Parks line item in operations budget for Tree and Landscape
 - City funding of landscaping capital projects to match grant funds
 - Landscaping included in all City Projects



The following projects are goals of the Committee:

- ❖ Annual Landscape Maintenance
- ❖ Identify sources of grants and other funding
- ❖ Tree Ordinance
- ❖ Rehabilitation of Crescent Park landscaping and other planting projects
- ❖ Demonstration Project – “Right Tree – Right Place”



Tree and Landscape accomplishments

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