



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 \$45,600 in Community Forestry grant money and \$124,071 in in-kind donations and labor for a 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 – 188 trees, 208 shrubs, 1,501 perennials planted
 - Baranof School Phase I & II
 - O'Connell Bridge Approach
 - Blatchley Middle School
 - Castle Hill parking lot
 - Centennial Building
 - Firehall
 - Kimsham Recreational Complex
 - Blatchley Middle School Phase II
- ❖ 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
 - Annual Arbor Day Events
 - The Biology of Trees – Jim Flott

- ❖ 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

- ❖ 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

- ❖ 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
 - Landscaping included in all City Projects
 - Electric Department tree clearing under power lines - standards and practices
 - In-kind services of City staff and equipment on TLC projects

The Sitka Tree and Landscape Committee would like to complete the following upcoming projects and are in the process of trying to identify grant and other funding sources:

- ❖ O’Connell Bridge additional planting
- ❖ Baranof School additional planting
- ❖ Rehabilitation of Crescent Park landscaping
- ❖ Katlian and Halibut Point Rd intersection landscaping
- ❖ DeGroff Street Substation Demonstration Project – “Right Tree – Right Place”