



Residential Tree Planting Initiative

Dear Hamilton Homeowner:

We are pleased to report that Hamilton Township, through the efforts of its Shade Tree Commission, will once again be offering **FREE** shade trees to Hamilton Township residents. This program is funded by private developers that pay into an escrow fund when trees are removed from properties under construction. The first wave of tree plantings is tentatively scheduled to be completed this fall or by early spring 2011.

This is an exciting opportunity to bring a little more green into your neighborhood, by planting trees that are "sidewalk and utility friendly trees" (they won't raise up or crack your sidewalks, nor will they interfere with your utilities). The trees will provide more shade to your streets and home, cleaner air, increased property values, and improve the overall neighborhood appearance. What happens if one of these trees dies? We'll replace, free of charge!

Let us know if you would like a shade tree planted in your curbside planting bed. There is no cost to you. Simply help us jointly take care of your tree during the 1st three years of growing. Once it's established, we'd appreciate your help in continuing the routine maintenance of the tree (e.g., cutting any stray, low branches that might interfere with your walkway, etc.)

Complete and mail this entire form to:

Division of Planning, 2090 Greenwood Avenue, Hamilton NJ 08650, or

contact us at rpoppert@hamiltonnj.com .

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Hoping you'll sign up to accept a free tree,

Sincerely,

Robert C. Poppert

Chairman, Shade Tree Commission