

Arbor Day Tree planting ceremony was held with Mayor and students from the Lambertville elementary school. A large Bur Oak tree was planted the near a small tributary to the D&R canal. A handout about the tree was given to all the participating students.



Lambertville Boat Club trees being delivered and planted by volunteers



One of about 10 SPLASH dock path seedlings

Volunteers planting 2 trees




Volunteers from the Lambertville Power Boat Club, Rowing Club and SPLASH helped plant a Swamp White Oak and a Bur Oak in the D&R State Park between the boat club house and the boat launch. A large Yellowwood and Sycamore along with several little seedlings were planted between the entrance to the SPLASH dock and the boat launch with some of the same volunteers.



Alexauken Creek tree delivery

Handout


Alexauken Creek trees _____ June 4, 2022




Thank you all for help with today's tree planting to help restore the Alexauken creek bank damaged by IDA's flood. These trees are made possible thru a grant from the Lower Delaware Wild and Scenic Council. The Lambertville Shade Tree Commission, SPLASH environmental classroom and Lambertville Goes Wild are the grant recipients.

These are the native trees planted today, with their common and botanical Latin names:


Swamp White Oak *Quercus bicolor* is a large native Oak that likes wet soil and can grow to 60-75 feet tall.




Sycamore *Platanus occidentalis*, a river loving tree with white bark, 75- 100 feet tall. Both the trees and leaves can be huge, with inch wide seed balls.




Common Witchhazel *Hamamelis virginiana* is a small tree/shrub. It has small bright yellow spider-shaped flowers very late in fall after the gold leaves drop.




Yellowwood *Cladrastis kentuckia* is a medium size ornamental tree with smooth bark and large white hanging flowers. The roots were once used for yellow dye.



Sweetgum *Liquidambar styraciflua* is a bottomland tree with great fall color, 60-75 feet tall. It produces spiny gall-seeds, but this is a seedless variety.



River Birch *Betula nigra* is a wet loving, but tough tree with peeling bark. The clumps can grow 40-70 feet tall. The seeds grow in hanging catkins.




Planting volunteers



The seven new trees

Seven large trees and one little Maple seedling were planted with volunteers from the adjacent American Legion, Holcome Jimison Farm, SPLASH, Lambertville Shade Tree Commission and Lambertville Goes Wild. Those trees are Sycamore, Swamp White Oak, two River Birch, Witchhazel, Sweetgum, and Swamp White Oak. A handout and much needed water was given to the volunteers. Water was collected from the creek to water the new trees. They continue to be watered through the heat and dry weather by volunteers.

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Cindy,

As of today, there have been 11 large trees planted along Alexauken Creek and the Delaware River. Also a tree was planted near a small creek as an Arbor Day ceremony with the Lambertville grade school. Those trees are thankfully being watered by volunteers.

Acquisition of additional trees and seedlings has been put on hold due to the extreme heat, drought and financial requirements of the City bidding process. Any purchase over \$1,000.00 is required to be put out to bid. That second request for bids will go out next week. Since August is the worst time to plant, that second planting will not occur until after September 1. However, the specifications for the trees and their locations will be established by that date and we will inform you of those plans.

Attached is an accounting of the grant funds spent so far, as well as donations. It is a predicament to need to purchase additional trees to complete the grant requirements but not have access to the funds until after the requirements are met. This is a reason for the delay: by the time the second batch of trees are planted and invoiced, the City will hopefully have the funds to pay.

Hope this is helpful.
Sincerely,

Susan