

## **Summersville Forestry Council**

### **2017 Accomplishments**

**1. 2016 Report SFC Accomplishments to City Council**

Submitted to City Council January 23, 2017

**2017 Forestry Council Plan of Work**

Submitted to the City Council January 23, 2017

**2. Request for Forestry Council 2017 -2018 Operating Budget**

Submitted to the Mayor and City Financial Director February 24, 2017

**3. 2017 Young Tree Pruning, Fertilization and Mulching.**

Young trees that have been planted along city streets, and on public owned properties were pruned, mulched and fertilized by Day Reporting Center volunteers under the supervision of the Summersville Forestry Council during the summer and fall at the following locations:

- Nicholas County Veterans Memorial Park
- New River Community & Technical College
- Summersville Library
- Summersville Visitor and Convention Center
- Summersville Regional Medical Center
- Carter Street
- Main Street Dogwoods
- Courthouse Parking Lots
- Brown Oaks
- Summersville Fire Department
- Dotson Court Street
- Mountain Transit Authority
- Old Main Street
- Summersville Elementary
- Nicholas County Senior Center
- (Alderson & Grade School Streets
- McKees Creek Road
- Summersville Community Center
- Municipal Building Parking Lot
- Bright Mountain Road & Elizabeth Way Street

**4. 2017 WVDF Treeways Program**

A total of 50 Redbud tree seedlings were planted by the Nicholas County Day Reporting Center Volunteers at the following sites:

Summersville Golf Course  
Nicholas County Veterans Memorial Park  
Summersville Regional Medical Center  
Nicholas County Courthouse Parking Lot  
Southern City Entrance Sign off Rt. 19

**5. 2017 Tree Care Workshop (March 22, 2017)**

A tree care workshop sponsored by the Summersville Forestry Council and conducted by the WVU Extension Service was held at the Nicholas County Veterans Memorial Park. Approximately 70 people were in attendance at the workshop.

Topics Covered:

Tree Planting, Tree Selection, Planting Sites & Mulching... Matt Cook, WVFD  
Tree Pruning: Shade Trees & Fruit Trees..... Brian Sparks, WVU CES  
Tree Diseases: Identification & Treatment... Jill Rose, WVDA Forest Pathologist  
Grafting Fruit Trees..... Florence Haynes, Fayette County Producer  
“Hands-On” Demonstrations

**6. 2017 Arbor Day Celebration (April 28, 2017)**

- Arbor Day Proclamation Published
- Poster Contest (5<sup>TH</sup> Grade Students at Summersville Elementary)
- Arbor Day Program Presentation (5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students)
- Guest Speaker WVDF Urban Forester, Matt Cook
- Stewardship Award Presentation: Day Reporting Center Staff
- Tree Planting Demonstration, Craig Ricotilli, Forester
- Ball and Burlapped Tree Planting Demonstration, Matt Cook
- Disbursement of Tree Seedlings to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students and guests.

Cash awards totaling \$250.00 and ribbons were presented to the winners of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade poster contest. Tree seedlings were disbursed to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and faculty for planting. The students also participated in the planting of a large balled and bur-lapped Yoshino Cherry tree donated by Toyota and delivered by the WV Division of Forestry.

**7. 2017 Demonstration City Grant Program**

The Forestry Council submitted a grant proposal to the WV Division of Forestry (WVDF) under the 2017 Demonstration City Grant Program and was approved 50% matching funds totaling \$15,000 for tree planting, pruning and removal of hazardous trees on public owned land, city streets and public right-of ways. The project is scheduled for completion by June 30, 2018:

- Hazardous Tree Removal..... \$10,000.00
- Pruning (Deadwood Removal & Clearance) ...\$10,000.00
- Tree Planting.....\$10,000.00

During the 2017 calendar year 92 hazardous trees removed at a cost of \$9,526.00. Approximately 110 trees were pruned and deadwood removed as well as clearance of trees and shrubs along city streets and at intersections at a cost of \$10,000. A total of 40 balled and bur-lapped trees were planted along city streets and on public owned properties at a cost of \$9,547.60.

A claim for reimbursement will be submitted to the WVDF under the 2018 Demonstration City Grant Program prior to the June 30 deadline.

**8. Implementation of City Tree Ordinance To Remove Hazardous Trees On Private Property**

Encourage private landowners to remove trees at their own expense that have been identified as hazardous. These are trees that have the potential to fall and hit something or somebody. The Summersville Forestry Council worked cooperatively with Ashley Carr in identifying the hazardous trees on private property and notifying landowners by letter. This year 3 hazardous trees were removed from private properties at the landowner’s expense.

**9. 2017 Publicity**

The Forestry Council provided publicity of the various activities initiated by the group including its campaign for management of the community’s urban forests including the Tree Care Workshop, The Arbor Day Celebration that was publicized in the local newspaper. A video of both events was made and shown on the Summersville TV (Channel 12) and the Summersville Forestry Council Website.

**10. 2017 Tree City USA Recertification**

An application for the recertification of Summersville as a Tree City USA for the 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive year will be submitted to the West Virginia Division of Forestry and the Arbor Day Foundation by December 31, 2017.