

**BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON
RESOLUTION 2025-12.4**

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE COMMUNITY FORESTRY MANAGEMENT PLAN, 2026
THROUGH 2035, AS PREPARED BY THE BOROUGH SHADE TREE COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Borough's Community Forestry Management Plan is due to expire on December 31, 2025;

WHEREAS, to maintain accreditation in the Urban and Community Forestry Program of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the Borough must submit a new Community Forestry Management Plan for approval by December 31, 2026;

WHEREAS, the Pennington Borough Shade Tree Committee is charged with advising the Borough in the crafting and implementation of its Community Forestry Management Plan, as set forth in Section 13-5.D of the Borough Code;

WHEREAS, the Shade Tree Committee has presented to Borough Council its Community Forestry Management Plan for 2026 through 2035 ("Plan");

WHEREAS, the stated mission is to ensure the viability and sustainability of Pennington's forests and shade trees for the economic, aesthetic, health and environmental benefits they provide to Borough residents;

WHEREAS, the Plan further states the Shade Tree Committee's commitment to expend resources prudently to reduce tree-related accidents in the Borough and otherwise increase public safety;

WHEREAS, the Plan includes, among other things an informative Community Overview and provisions relating to Tree Inventory and Assessment, Tree Risk Assessment, Planting, Maintenance and Overall Program Goals;

WHEREAS, the Plan discusses as well the capacities of the Community Forestry Program, Required Training and budgetary considerations, concluding with Community Engagement and details for Plan implementation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Borough Council of the Borough of Pennington, that it accepts with gratitude, the excellent work of the Shade Tree Committee as reflected in the Community Forestry Management Plan, 2026 through 2035, for the submission to NJDEP.

Record of Council Vote on Passage

COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
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This is to certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Pennington at a meeting on December 1, 2025.

Elizabeth Sterling, Borough Clerk