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475 DeMott Lane
Somerset, NJ 08873

December 18, 2014

Dear Christopher Williams:


Congratulations! I am pleased to advise you that after our review, the New Jersey Forest Service has concluded that Franklin Township-Somerset's second 5 year Community Forestry Management Plan meets the standards set forth by the State and New Jersey Community Forestry Council and is approved for 2015 through the 2019 calendar year.

The major goal of the state's Community Forestry Program is to educate all municipalities and counties in the state about the benefits of developing their own distinctive Community Forestry Management Plan. As these plans develop, the health of the tree cover will improve, the number of trees will increase and the awareness of our state's residents will rise.

As you know, a management plan is an essential guide to successfully achieving a healthy and safe community forest. The approval of your second 5 year Community Forestry Management Plan is a great accomplishment, and a testament to the growth and sustainability to your shade tree program. We look forward to continuing this partnership with you and your community, and your continued success.

If you are a participant of the Forest Service grant program, the next step would be to submit your expenditure report and financial documentation for reimbursement within 30 days. Please find the enclosed certificate of approval and a signed certification by the State Forester within your management plan.

Sincerely,



Alexander J McCartney
Forester
Community Forestry

Attachment
c: file, Mayor