



**BOROUGH OF AMBLER  
COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA  
February 4, 2025  
7:00 p.m.**

*All matters that are deliberated could result in  
a vote to take official action.*

**MINUTES FOR CONSIDERATION: January 21, 2025**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

FINANCE & PLANNING  
PUBLIC SAFETY  
PUBLIC UTILITIES  
PARKS & RECREATION  
SALARY & PERSONNEL

## **Finance & Planning Committee**

The last Committee meeting was held on January 7th, 2025, at 7:00pm. Committee Members: – Elizabeth Iovine - Chair, Karen Sheedy and Redmond Brubaker. Absent - Mayor Sorg and Chief Borkowski.

### **The Committee will consider the following recommendations:**

1. Resolution 2025-02 – Revision to the Tax Collector Fee Schedule

### **The following business will be discussed:**

1. The Borough Engineer's report is **attached**.
2. The Borough Planning Commission, in conjunction with the Montgomery County Planning Commission, hosted an open house on January 28th to present the initial phases necessary to update the Borough's comprehensive plan. This event was well attended, with nearly 70 residents on hand to hear presentations from members of both Planning Commissions. Residents were also encouraged to leave their feedback on various topic boards that were on display throughout the venue.

### **Recommendations:**

1. Recommend the approval of Resolution 2025-02, revising the Tax Collector Fee Schedule.

# AMBLER BOROUGH

Project No.	Project Name	Status
<b>Borough Engineer</b>		
2003-0122-01	Ambler - NPDES MS4 Permit	Current Permit effective 10/01/24 and expires 9/30/2029. 2024 Annual Status Report submitted to PADEP 9/30/24. Next Annual Status Report due 9/30/25 for period 7/1/24 thru 6/30/25. PADEP review of TMDL/PRP received 5/28/21. Preparation of response underway. Updated map submitted to PADEP on 3/14/24. Sediment loading calculations to be prepared.
2013-02020	Ambler Crossings	Construction underway. Review of amended Village Green provided 4/22/22. Escrow release #2 for Phase 2 provided 8/31/23. Project status update provided to Borough May 15, 2024.
2014-12015	St. Mary's Villa Residential Redevelopment.- TIS	UDT provided Bethlehem/Lindenwold signal concept plans for review on 7/2/21 and were discussed with UDT on 7/22/21. UDT & Ambler coordinating with owner of 98 S Bethlehem & 359 Lindenwold.
2020-07089	90 W. Butler Ave	Construction complete. SOM 6/3/2022. EOM 12/2/2023. EOM punch list provided 11/29/23. Maintenance period extended to replace shrubs.
2021-01010.02	Tannery Run Repairs - 33 - 57 E Butler Ave	Borough coordination with property owners underway. Preparation of construction plans and specifications underway. Preparation of PADEP General Permit for stream encroachment underway.
2021-03028	Lakeview Development 5-9 N. Maple Ave.	Council granted conditional use at the 7/18/23 meeting and preliminary/final land development at the 8/15/23 meeting. Review of revised plans provided 11/16/2023.
2021-04048	Edgewood Dr - PA Small Water & Sewer Program Grant Implementation	Construction and punch list completed. Final payment request submitted 1/25/2024. SOM 12/31/2023. EOM 6/30/2025
2022-05006	25 N Ridge - Colony Club LD Review	Council granted conditional approval at 8/23/22 meeting. Building construction underway. Record plans signed 9/19/23.
2022-05007	24 & 26 N Ridge - John's Court	Council granted conditional approval at 4/18/23 meeting. Record plans signed 9/19/23.
2023-03002	Court at Ambler Station (Ambler Station I, LLC)	Sketch Plan review provided 4/20/23 and discussed at 4/25/23 PC meeting. Revised sketch plan review provided 11/20/23 and discussed at the 1/28/23 PC meeting.
2024-00261	LSA (Gaming) Program - Pedestrian Improvements	Gaming Local Share Account (LSA) - Statewide Grant - \$899,717 for pedestrian improvements along East Mount Pleasant Ave and Hendricks Street, including 51 ADA compliant curb ramps. Kickoff mtg held with Borough Staff 7/23/24. Design underway.
2024-00525	Ambler 2024 Paving	Construction complete. SOM 11/15/2024. EOM 5/15/26
2024-00565	219 Hendricks Avenue Subdivision	Conditional approval granted by Council at 9/17/24 meeting. Developer met conditions of approval. Record plans signed by G&A on 10/24/24.
2024-00565.01	215 Hendricks Avenue Building Permit	Review of revised Lot 2 of 219 Hendricks Ave SD provided 1/23/2025.
9991010	Ambler Borough General Engineering Services	Heckler wall punch list completed by contractor. Budget for E Butler Traffic Calming provided 11/25/24 (thermoplastic & epoxy option). Budget for waterborne paint option provided 1/15/2025.

Sewer Engineer

GILMORE & ASSOCIATES, INC.

# AMBLER BOROUGH

Project No.	Project Name	Status
<b>Sewer Engineer</b>		
2013-02020-01	Ambler Crossings - Sewer	Construction underway. Sanitary Sewer is complete; testing remains.
2024-00032	2023 Chapter 94 Report	Prepared sanitary sewer collection system report for inclusion in the Ambler WWTP 2023 Chapter 94 Report; submitted to EEMA on 3/13/24.
2024-01309	1207 E. Butler Pike (UDT) - Water Extension	Plan review #1 issued 1/15/25 regarding a water main extension to serve a proposed dwelling. Plan resubmission received 1/28/25 and under review.
9991050	Ambler Borough General Sewer Services	Preparing 2025 Ambler Borough collection sewer service area budget allocations report for Ambler WWTP; submitted to EEMA on 10/4/24. G&A attended meeting at Ambler WWTP with jointure members and treatment plant staff on 3/20/24 to discuss implementation of the Municipal Industrial Pretreatment Plan (MIPP).
<b>Water Engineer</b>		
2012-10043	Loch Aish Dam Annual Inspections	PADEP conducted an inspection in late 2024 and advised that an inspection with Borough staff is not needed this year.
2013-02020-02	Ambler Crossings - Water	Construction underway. Water main is tested/complete.
2018-01171	Mattison Estates (UDT)	Water construction and testing complete. 18 month maintenance period began 7/1/20. Assisting Ambler staff with construction concerns and project documentation. Maintenance Bond extended to 4/1/2023 based on observed water service leaks and concerns with construction of water facilities. Water as-built plans received; additional G&A comments provided to developer on 2/8/23. Developer continues to address punch list items and as-built plans. Reviewed proposed changes to water services associated with a reconfiguration of dwellings. Water Superintendent and Solicitor continue to work with developer regarding extended bond. Reviewing design of additional water service connection with meter pit for irrigation system.
2020-03072	Whitemarsh Plant Operations	Assisting Water Dept. with recommendations and revisions to the Whitemarsh Plant SOPs. G&A conducted a visual assessment of the clear well tank's structural condition and provided a report dated 9/19/22; inspection conducted with no observed deficiencies..
2020-06158	Wells 2, 6, and 7 PFAS Treatment System	\$1,000,000 grant awarded by PADEP. Project advertised for bids on December 22, 2022; pre-bid meeting held at Boro Hall on January 18, 2023; bids received February 2, 2023. General/Mechanical and Electrical/HVAC contracts awarded to Blooming Glen Contractors on 2/7/23. UDT permits received in December 2023. Gen/Mech construction began on 2/8/24. Contractor has set backwash tank, valve vault and chlorine contact tank, and installed the sewer lateral to Loch Aish Ave. Carbon treatment tanks set. Yard piping complete. Treatment building 80% complete including interior process piping, HVAC, Chemical Feed System and interior painting.
2021-04054.01	2022 MIRIA Grant - Design	Initial field survey and base plan for Well 14 site completed; design and permitting underway with Greensand Plus filtration proposed for Manganese treatment and Ion Exchange (IX) proposed for PFAS treatment. PADEP issued a letter on 6/28/23 allowing for the use of IX treatment for PFAS subject to a list of conditions. PWS permit application submitted to PADEP on 6/5/24. Sewage planning exemption mailer submitted to PADEP on 6/6/24 and approved on 7/15/24. Submitted a request for land development waiver from UDT and to be placed on the Zoning Hearing Board agenda for their 2/24/25 meeting.

# AMBLER BOROUGH

Project No.	Project Name	Status
<b>Water Engineer</b>		
2021-04095	Longfield Farms Development (Whitemarsh Twp)	Plan review letter #3 issued 5/17/22 recommending project approval; water construction escrow recommended per letter dated 5/5/22 for use in developer's agreement. Preconstruction meeting held on 6/27/22. Water shop drawing submittals reviewed 7/22/22. Water construction and testing complete. Escrow release request #1 received 4/25/24; partial release recommended per 5/16/24 letter.
2022-02056	AT&T Upgrades at Houston Rd Tank	Plan review letter #2 issued 8/3/22 recommending project approval.
2022-02095	NWWA Water Purchase Agreement	Meeting held on 2/14/22 between NWWA staff, Ambler staff and G&A to discuss potential interconnection of respective water systems for emergency & permanent uses and wholesale purchase of water. NWWA provided a draft Water Supply Agreement to Ambler on 3/9/22 for review.
2022-02104	AT&T Upgrades at Broad Axe Tank	Plan review #2 issued 6/30/22 recommending project approval. Work to follow pre-construction tank inspection by MBA (awaiting escrow funds).
2022-04076	Lakeview Development 5-9 N. Maple Ave.	Water & Sewer plan review #2 issued on 2/27/2024. Working with Ambler staff and Applicant on water improvements required to serve the project.
2022-04096.01	2023 MIRIA Grant - Design	Consulted with PADEP regarding permitting requirements for new NWWA Interconnection. Field survey complete and permitting in progress. Water and interconnect design currently underway. G&A met with Water staff on 1/18/2024 to review plans, project considerations and schedule. Attended meetings with PennDOT on 2/14/24 to coordinate with their paving contract, and with NWWA on 2/28/24 to discuss location and design of the water interconnection. Coordinating with Borough staff to obtain easement needed for interconnect meter pit. Bids received 9/10/24. Construction contract awarded to Caddick Utilities LLC on 9/17/24. Pre-construction meeting held 10/16/24 and Notice to Proceed issued 10/18/24. Construction began November 2024 and is approximately 70% complete. Payment #1 recommendation letter issued 1/28/25.
2022-06066	Verizon Upgrades at Houston Rd Tank	Plan review #1 issued 6/22/22 recommending project approval. Construction work completed in September 2024. Awaiting as-built plans.
2022-07025	Wissahickon Park (Whitpain Twp)	Coordinating with Ambler staff re: proposed improvements to Wissahickon Park and need for new or upgraded water service for site. Plan review #1 issued on 1/10/23. Response letter and plan resubmission received on 1/22/23. Plan review #2 issued on 3/4/24. Plan resubmission received on 3/19/24. Plan review #3 issued on 3/25/24 recommending approval of the proposed water improvements.
2023-04049	2024 MIRIA Grant Program	Prepared MIRIA Application documents including cost estimates for submission by Borough on May 15, 2023. The application included projects for a PFAS treatment system at Well 4, additional costs for current PFAS treatment system projects at Wells 2, 6 & 7 and Well 14, as well as Whitemarsh carbon changeout and quarterly PFAS sampling at all sources and tanks for 2024. Total grant request amount was \$3,525,000. Executed grant agreement received on 1/5/24. Reviewed and tabulated January, April, July, and Nov/Dec 2024 quarterly PFAS samples for all sources and tanks.

# AMBLER BOROUGH

## Status

## Project No. Project Name

### Water Engineer

2023-08044	Wissahickon Valley Boys & Girls Club (Whitpain Twp)	Plans received for a proposed community center building and review with Water staff being conducted with respect to proposed water improvements. Plan review #1 issued on 11/21/23. Plan review #2 issued on 12/19/23. Plan review #3 issued on 1/26/24 recommending project approval. Review of shop drawing submittals completed. Exploratory excavation conducted 5/29/24 in advance of water tap connection. Meter pits set, connection to existing water main complete and service lines tested. Existing water services along Maple Avenue were abandoned at the corporation stop. Punch list to be performed prior to acceptance. Coordinating with Applicant on closeout reqts. (sampling, punch list and as-builts).
2023-10031	Sprint Decommission at Houston Rd Tank	Plans received for the decommission of Sprint's facilities at the tank site in conjunction with termination of lease. Plans reviewed and scope of work approved. Pre-construction meeting held on 11/7/23. Work at site commenced on 11/27/23. MBA completed pre-construction inspection and report received 1/17/24. Post-construction inspection to be conducted following completion of decommission work.
2023-10045	776 Johns Lane (LGT)	Plans received for a 6-lot subdivision to be served by a public water extension. Plan review #1 issued on 1/31/24. Plan resubmission received 4/3/24 and plan review #2 issued on 5/2/24. Plan resubmission received 6/14/24 and plan review #3 issued on 6/19/24 recommending project approval. Review of shop drawings complete. Pre-construction meeting held 7/1/24. Water main extension completed and tested on 7/24/24. Water services installed. Punchlist to be performed prior to acceptance.
2024-00426	2025 MIRIA Grant Program	Assisted Borough staff with preparation of grant application including project costs estimates.
2024-01026	T-Mobile Upgrades at Broad Axe Tank	Plan review #1 issued 10/18/24 recommending project approval. Project work anticipated in 2025.
2024-01167	Farm Lane & Schiavone Drive Water Main Replacement	Initial field survey completed for the design of a water main replacement extending from Loch Alsh Avenue. Preparation of existing features and water design plans underway.
2024-01188	LSA Grant - Lead Service Line Replacements	Preparation of a grant application to PA DCED Local Share Account (statewide) requesting \$1 million for lead service line replacement program was submitted 11/27/25.
2024-01189	AT&T Upgrades at Broad Axe Tank	Plans received for an AT&T antenna upgrade project. Plan review #2 issued 12/18/24 recommending project approval.
2025-00155	Ambler DRBC Annual Water Audit	Preparation of the 2024 water audit underway.
9991049	Ambler Borough General Water Services	Ongoing assistance concerning PFAS issues, including regulatory activity, source monitoring, providing information and responses to the public. Preparing update to water distribution system map.

**AMBLER BOROUGH, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA**

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**FEES CHARGEABLE BY THE TAX COLLECTOR FOR TAX CERTIFICATIONS AND  
DUPLICATES**

WHEREAS, pursuant to ordinance 1105 (Compensation of the Tax Collector), the tax collector is authorized to charge a fee for providing tax certifications in an amount to be established from time to time by resolution, and

WHEREAS, the tax collector has requested, and Borough Council has agreed to provide, for an increase in the amount that can be charged for providing such certifications,

NOW THEREFORE it is hereby RESOLVED as follows:

1. A fee of \$25.00 is authorized for a certification of the taxes for the current year (year in which requested). A certification for a prior year remains at \$10.00.
2. A fee of \$10.00 is authorized for duplicate tax bills.
3. This resolution replaces any earlier resolution setting forth authorized fees for tax certifications and duplicate tax bills.
4. The fees authorized herein are effective January 1, 2026.

SO RESOLVED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025

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Glynnis Siskind, Council President

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kyle Detweiler, Secretary

## Public Safety Committee

The last Committee meeting was held on January 7th, 2025, at 7:00pm. Committee members: Amy Hughes – Chair, Jen Henderson, Nancy Roecker Coates and Lou Orehek. Absent - Mayor Sorg and Chief Borkowski.

**The Committee will not consider any recommendations at this time.**

**The following business will be discussed:**

1. The Public Works & Code Enforcement Department reports are **attached**.
2. The Butler Avenue Traffic Study is complete, and the Borough Engineer provided a quote for upgrades along Butler Avenue between Race Street and Bethlehem Pike. Borough Council is continuing its review and will recommend improvements in the coming months.

### Recommendations:

1. None.



## Water and Highway Monthly Report January 2025

### Water Department

Backflow/Service Line Inspection U&O	3*
Blow Out Curb Box / Street Valve with Air Compressor	4*
Change Meter	46*
Change CU Ft Meter to Gallon Meter	1*
Check Meter Pit for Leak	
Check Report of Possible Water Leak	2*
Deliver New Meter & Couplings to Contractor / Plumber	
Deliver Notices	
Dig and Reset / Replace Curb Box	1*
Dig and Replace Street Valve	
Exercise Valves	
Final Water Readings	12*
Fire Hydrant Maintenance	11**
Frozen Curb Stop	
Hose off Water Service	2*
Install New Meter New Construction	3*
Install New Register on Meter (Pit)	
Leaking Cuplink / Washers on Meter	
Leaking Meter	2*
Locate, Clean Out, Mark Curb Box & Exercise Curb Box	3*
Locate Valves & Blow Out	1*
Low Water Pressure Check	1*
Lower / Raise Curb Box	1*
Meet Delivery Driver	2*
Meter Readings	14*
Meter Readings Quarterly Billing	1**
Meter in Reverse	
MetroTech Water Service Line (Locate Curb Stop)	1*
No Water Check	3*
Noisy Meter	
Parking Meter Collections	3*
Parking Meter/Kiosk Repair	2*
Possible Clogged Meter	
Rebuild Hydrant	1**
Renew Water Service	
Repair Lid (Curb or Valve)	
Repair/Replace Radio Read	
Stopped Meter	
Trace Water Service	1*
Verify Meter is installed Correctly	
Verify Service Leak on Customer Side Has Been Repaired	1*
Verify Water is off at Curb	
Water/Training Class	2*
Water Shut Offs for Non Payment	
Water Shut off - Temporary Request or Emergency	2*
Water Turn On Service	
Well Maintenance/Sampling	Daily**
WLPP Application (Inspection needed)	5*

### Public Works

Backfill, Tamp & Cold Patch Holes from Water Repairs  
 Base Street from Water Repair  
 Clean Bathrooms / Breakroom @ Garage  
 Clean out Culverts / Inlets  
 Clean Dump @ WWTP

Clean Garage/Shop	3*	
Clean Tools, Pumps & Hoses	2*	
Clean Equipment / Vehicles	2*	
Clean Grounds at Borough Hall		
Clean Grounds @ Water Tanks & Wells		
Clean & Organize Water Cage @ Garage	1*	
Deliver / Pick Up Barricades / Cones		
Deliver/Pick Up Supplies	1*	
Deliver New Trash / Recycle Cart	4*	
Equipment Repair / Maintenance	6*	
Form Curb & Sidewalks for Concrete		
Hang/Remove Banners on E. Butler Ave	1*	
Lawn Restorations		
Leaf Clean/Pick Up		
PA One Calls	Daily*	
Paint Crosswalks / Crossbars / Curbs / Parking / Lines		
Park Clean Up / Maintenance	2*	
Playground Maintenance		
Playground Equip. Maintenance		
Pothole Restoration		
Possible Sanitary Sewer Backup	2*	
Prep for Job	1*	
Pull Sidewalk Forms & Fill with Topsoil		
Remove Holiday Decorations on E. Butler Ave.	1**	
Repair / Rebuild Inlet		
Repair Wheels on Recycle / Trash Cart	3*	
Replace Recycle/Trash Cart	8*	
Saw Cut Street for Street Restoration		
Sewer Jetting		
Sewer Solvent in Sewers		
Sidewalk / Curb Restorations		
Sign Maintenance	2*	
Snow Removal	4**	
Street Sweeper Operator	Daily*	
Street Sweeper Maintenance		
Street Restorations		
Tar Seal Cracks in Parks & Various other Locations		
Trash Removal Butler Ave.	Weekly*	
Trash Removal Parks / Clean Blockhouse's	Weekly*	
Trim Tree Branches		
Vehicle Maintenance	1*	
Employees Hours Off / Days	72	9
Holidays	16	2
Scheduled On-Call Overtime	18 HOURS	
Scheduled Operational Overtime	18 HOURS	
<b>Emergency Overtime-See Finance Manager Report</b>		

\*Jobs

\*\*Day



# Borough Of Ambler

131 ROSEMARY AVENUE  
AMBLER, PENNSYLVANIA 19002-4476

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## Memorandum

To: Kyle Detweiler, Borough Manager  
From: Glenn Kucher, Code Enforcement Officer  
Date: January 30, 2025  
Re: 115 Mattison Avenue – Illicit Discharge

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Tuesday, January 21, 2025, The Wissahickon Fire Company responded to a call regarding a heat oil order out front of 115 Mattison Avenue. Upon arrival there was heating oil discharging out of a sump pump drain leading down the driveway into the stormwater inlet. Upon arrival I contacted the property who met me on site and stated that he had a contractor remove a heating oil tank in the basement and his contact spilled what was stated a couple gallons in the basement and hosed it down which then ended up in the sump pump which discharged the oil to the exterior of the home. (pictures attached). The Borough required the homeowner to contact an environmental company to perform a cleanup of the site. J & J Environmental was on site and performed the cleanup. I witnessed them performing some of the clean out shortly after the call later that evening.

I contacted Borough Engineer, Jim Dougherty the following day for the steps and forms to file this illicit discharge to PA DEP. This was reported as part of the Borough MS4 requirements. PA DEP issued a violation report to homeowner Friday, January 24, 2025. The Borough received a call regarding an oil sheen on a tributary on Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. The Wissahickon Valley watershed investigated, and the sheen was no longer there. On Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> a representative from DEP (Rebecca Flannery) came out to the Borough to investigate the illicit discharge at 115 Mattison Avenue. Ms. Flannery was provided with the Borough storm water sewer map and met with Kyle and I as well as the property owner. She then walked along the Wissahickon and its tributaries to investigate any oil sheens.

Ms. Flannery contacted Ambler Borough late Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> to report the sheen that was witnessed during her investigation the prior day. The Wissahickon Fire Company was called out Wednesday evening to provide temporary measures to prevent the spread of the sheen. Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup> the Borough immediately contacted J & J Environmental to come out to provide clean up of the tributary before the rain on Friday. Kyle, representatives from J & J Environmental, Ms. Flannery and I went over the details on site for clean-up. The cost of the clean up will be forwarded on to the violator.

Photos taken Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> of the illicit discharge at 115 Mattison Avenue



Photos taken Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup> of the discharge in a Wissahickon tributary



## Public Utilities Committee

The last Committee meeting was held on January 24th, 2025, at 3:00pm. Committee Members: Karen Sheedy - Chair, Amy Hughes, Lou Orehek, and David Hui. Absent - Mayor Sorg and Chief Borkowski.

**The Committee will not consider any recommendations at this time.**

**The following business will be discussed:**

1. The Wastewater Treatment Plant Engineer's Report is **attached**.
2. PolyAluminum Chloride (PAC) Chemical Bids - The bid for the 2025-2026 chemical bid is presently available. Bids will be opened on Wednesday, February 12, 2025. A recommendation for award of the bid is expected for the February 17, 2025, Borough Council meeting.

### Recommendations

1. None.



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## **BOROUGH OF AMBLER WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT ENGINEER'S REPORT**

**JANUARY 2025**

*Submitted January 31, 2025*

Mr. Kyle B. Detweiler, MBA  
Manager, Borough of Ambler  
131 Rosemary Avenue  
Ambler, PA 19002

Mr. Detweiler:

The status of current active projects is as follows:

1. NPDES Permit Renewal - PADEP issued a draft NPDES in early 2024 to which Ambler submitted comments. No response to those comments has been received from PADEP.
2. BCWSA/Upper Dublin Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Interconnection - BCWSA has awarded contracts for building a pump station at its treatment plant and constructing a force main to convey flow to the Ambler WWTP. A majority of the force main has already been constructed. Discussions are ongoing about how to best align the force main within the Ambler WWTP.
3. Ambler WWTP Expansion - HRG is preparing the Water Quality Management Permit Application and anticipates submitting this to PADEP in February 2025. This permit is necessary for increasing the capacity of the Ambler WWTP to treat the flow from the BCWSA/Upper Dublin WWTP.
4. PolyAluminum Chloride (PAC) Chemical Bids - The bid for the 2025-2026 chemical bid is presently available. Bids will be opened on Wednesday, February 12, 2025. A recommendation for award of the bid is expected for the February 17, 2025, Borough Council meeting.
5. UV Light Disinfection - The UV light equipment has been installed and Trojan Technologies has conducted training. The system is expected to be placed in operation in February 2025.

Very truly yours,

HERBERT, ROWLAND & GRUBIC, INC.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'William A. Brown II', is written over a faint blue line.

William A. Brown II, P.E.  
Senior Project Manager

## **Parks and Recreation Committee**

The last Committee meeting was held on January 7th, 2025, at 7:00pm. Committee Members: Jen Henderson - Chair, Nancy Roecker-Coates, David Hui and Redmond Brubaker. Absent - Mayor Sorg and Chief Borkowski.

**The Committee will not consider any recommendations at this time.**

**The following business will be discussed:**

1. The Lawn Maintenance contract is currently being advertised. A new bid document was prepared and its advertisement will run twice in February.
2. **Attached** is the Ambler EAC Spring Tree Planting Information. Orders are due by February 10, 2025.





## Ambler EAC Spring Tree Planting is BACK in 2025!

If you would like a Street Tree (within 10 feet of your sidewalk) the **discounted price is \$50**. Trees normally retail at about \$300.

If you desire a Back Yard Tree, the **discounted price is \$75** for your first tree, **\$110 if more than one**. We are gladly accepting donations too.

**The BEST time to plant a tree is 20 years ago. NOW is the second-best time!**

The trees are bare root for better survival, native, urban tolerant, provide wonderful shade and cooling in summer, let the winter sun shine through, reduce rainwater runoff, and help Ambler qualify for benefits as a Tree City in PA and USA.

You can select:

A **PowerLine Friendly** small tree (can grow 12-20 feet tall) like Red Bud.  
A **Medium tree** can grow 20-40 ft tall like Red Maple or Quaking Aspen.  
Or a **Large Shade Tree** (can grow 40-80 feet tall) like an American Linden, Black Maple or a White Oak. Full Tree List on the attached order form and soon on the Ambler EAC Website.

Price is determined by **where** it will be planted, not by size. Select your trees from our order form or from the EAC website **by Feb 05, 2025** to have the best shot at your species pick. **Order by Feb 10 at the latest**. Pick your tree species choice and quantity wanted on the order form. Forward a check payable to Ambler Borough w EAC Shade Tree in memo. The EAC will be offering the discount for at least the first 25 trees ordered. Planting will be on Saturday April 12, 2025.

The newly planted trees will need water (by bucket or by rain) once a week until they lose their leaves in winter, once a week through spring, more often during hot dry summer weeks, then once a month for the first 2 years.

Email Mark Setman EAC Tree Planting Chair [MarkSetman@gmail.com](mailto:MarkSetman@gmail.com)

EAC Website for varieties and ordering: [www.AmblerEAC.org](http://www.AmblerEAC.org) or the attached order form with the listed varieties.

**See you on the shady side of the streets!**

- Mark Setman, Ambler Environmental Advisory Council

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PHONE 215-646-1000  
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As an **Ambler Borough resident**, you are eligible to request a shade tree for your yard.

Please pick which tree(s) you would like to have planted in your yard. See the notes for the tree characteristics in the Tree Species table. If you want help to choose the tree species, please email [marksetman@gmail.com](mailto:marksetman@gmail.com) or speak with other EAC person:

\$50 for your first front yard tree, \$75 for a backyard tree, \$110 for any additional trees. (\$300 value)

**Choose tree(s), fill in below and deliver to Ambler Borough receptionist:**

Include check payable to " **Borough of Ambler**" (Memo: **EAC Shade Tree**)

Check total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Property Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Tree Planting Address \_\_\_\_\_

Tree Species chosen for Front Yard or along Street at \$50 \_\_\_\_\_

Trees Species chosen for Back Yard at \$75 \_\_\_\_\_

Trees Species chosen for additional trees at \$110 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Return form with your check to: Ambler EAC, 131 Rosemary Ave, Ambler PA by April 7, 2025 to help insure your species pick, or by the latest order date of April 10.**

For Questions: Ask Mark Setman, [marksetman@gmail.com](mailto:marksetman@gmail.com) or 215-806-0686 or EAC members

**Donation: If you don't need a tree, please consider writing a check to donate to a great cause: any amount of money would be greatly appreciated and used to more purchase trees.**



# PHS Tree Tenders

## Spring 2025 Tree Species List

Bare root stock from Schichtel's Nursery 1.25-1.5" in caliper and 7-14' tall

#5/#7 Container stock from Tree Authority, < 0.25-1" in caliper, 3-7' tall

Species	Max Qty per Order	Native	Mature Size (height x width)	Notes
<b>SMALL (up to 30' tall)</b>				
<b>AMELANCHIER 'AUTUMN BRILLIANCE' **</b> Serviceberry	5	X	20x15	Edible street or lawn tree; part shade to full sun; great wildlife value; white flowers, red fall color; improved resistance to rust, fire blight and leaf spot; may root sucker; struggles with intense heat and drought; natural hybrid, 2025 Gold Medal plant
<b>CARPINUS CAROLINIANA **</b> American Hornbeam	5	X	30x25	Full sun to shade; slow growth; low salt tolerance, muscle-like trunk; upright spreading often with low branches
<b>CERCIS CANADENSIS **</b> Eastern Redbud	5	X	25x30	Flat-topped, spreading, open, irregular; low branched often with included bark that can split if not pruned; pink flowers; flat leguminous pods; tolerant of drought and many soil types; full sun or slight shade
<b>CRATAEGUS CRUS-GALLI 'INERMIS' **</b> Cockspur Hawthorn	3	X	25x25	Upright and spreading; no thorns; low branched; fruiting susceptible to cedar-hawthorn rust; more difficult transplant than Winter King hawthorn
<b>MAGNOLIA VIRGINIANA (CONTAINER)</b> Sweetbay Magnolia	5	X	10-35 x 10-35	Semi-evergreen; vigorous upright; low maintenance; deer resistant; fragrant, white flower; adaptable to full sun, heavy shade, and wet; wildlife value
<b>PRUNUS MAACKII</b> Amur (Choke) Cherry	3		30x30	Upright spreading becoming round; ornamental shiny orange-brown bark; small white flowers; small fruits; intolerant to wet or heat; clearance pruning if street tree
<b>PRUNUS V. 'CANADA RED SELECT'</b> Chokecherry	3	X	30x20	Broadly oval; foliage emerges green, turns purple in summer, to red in fall; fast growing; tolerant of varying pH, salt, wet soils and some drought; susceptible to black knot, don't plant in clusters
<b>MEDIUM (30-50')</b>				
<b>ACER RUBRUM 'REDPOINTE'</b> Red Maple	5	X	45x35	Strong central leader; well branched, symmetrical crown; bright red fall color; great shade and street tree; waxy leaves with decent drought tolerance; <u>red maple overabundant (plant sparingly)</u> ; 2025 Gold Medal plant
<b>BETULA NIGRA 'HERITAGE'</b> River Birch	5	X	40x40	Light colored peeling bark; proven favorite for yards; wide spreading; susceptible to specific pests and can suffer under drought and high pH soil. PHS Gold Medal plant
<b>MACLURA POMIFERA 'WHITE SHIELD'</b> Osage Orange	5	X	35x35	Strongly upright spreading; leggy when young; glossy dark green leaves w/ yellow fall color; few thorns; fruitless; fast growing; tolerates heat, drought, floods and poor soils well

<b>NYSSA SYLVATICA</b> <b>(CONTAINER)</b> Black Tupelo	5	X	45x25	Broadly pyramidal to rounded; wildlife value; tolerant of drought, heat, dry, wet soils; moderately salt tolerant; spectacular fall foliage; cankers and leaf spots are potential problems.
<b>PINUS VIRGINIANA</b> <b>(CONTAINER)</b> Virginia Pine	5	X	15-40 x 10-30	Evergreen, may grow up to 60'; scraggly form; flat-topped; no prominent central leader; persistent cones; grows best in full sun, tenacious - grows where few plants survive, in poor, dry soils, and clay; deer resistant and moderately pollution tolerant; wildlife value value; susceptible to wind damage and diseases
<b>POPULUS TREMULOIDES</b> Quaking Aspen	3	X	40x15-20	Narrowly pyramidal to oval; for cooler natural sites with moist soil; moderate growth rate; may form clumps from root suckers; beautiful silver bark; tolerates variety of soil
<b>QUERCUS STELLATA</b> <b>(CONTAINER)</b> Post Oak	5	X	35-50 x 35-50	Adaptable to many soil types; good drought tolerance; up to 25 years for this tree to bear a first crop of 1" acorns
<b>TILIA AMER. 'LINCOLN'</b> American Linden	5	X	35x25	Fragrant, pollinator tree; adaptable and tolerant of shade and various soils/pH; sensitive to heat, soil compaction and salt; various diseases and pests, vert. wilt resistant
<b>LARGE (50' and greater)</b>				
<b>ACER NIGRUM</b> <b>'GREENCOLUMN'</b> Black Maple	5	X	50-65 x 20	Broad columnar; adaptable to heat, dry and high pH soils; excellent yellow-apricot fall color; good street or residential tree
<b>DIOSPYROS VIRGINIANA</b> <b>(CONTAINER)</b> Persimmon	3	X	50x30	Edible fruit ripens after frost; prefers moist, well drained sandy soil; inappropriate for street tree use
<b>GYMNOCLADUS DIOICUS</b> Kentucky Coffeetree	3	X	75x50-60	Large seed pods; slow/medium growth rate; awkward youth but gorgeous adulthood; adaptable to poor and urban soils; salt, heat and drought tolerance - said to be a climate change survivor; little pruning needed
<b>POPULUS DELTOIDES</b> <b>'SIOUXLAND'</b> Cottonwood	3	X	75x35	Vigorous, fast growing; upright becoming broad oval; seedless; yellow fall color; tolerates drought and range of pH; moderate rust resistance; most popular cultivar; inappropriate for street tree use
<b>QUERCUS ALBA *</b> <b>(CONTAINER)</b> White Oak	3	X	40-80 x 40-80	Deemed climate resilient; pyramidal to broad-rounded; very adaptable to sites; slow growth initially; stately tree for large park/yards; sustenance for wildlife; large acorns, one of most difficult oaks to transplant
<b>QUERCUS PHELLOS</b> <b>(CONTAINER)</b> Willow Oak	5	X	40-75 x 25-40	Pyramidal becoming broadly rounded; soils should be acidic, bronze yellow to orange fall color; 1/2" acorns
<b>TAXODIUM DISTICHUM **</b> Bald Cypress	3	X	55x30	Deciduous conifer, leaves turn an attractive, rusty fall color. Extremely tolerant of salt and wet sites, with tolerance for dry as well, makes an excellent street or yard tree in wide lawns. High ecological value for wildlife
<b>TILIA AMERICANA</b> American Linden	5	X	70x40	Great shade and fragrant, pollinator tree; adaptable and tolerant of shade and various soils/pH ; sensitive to heat, soil compaction and salt; prune for structure; moderate growth; various diseases and pests
<b>ULMUS AMER. 'NEW HARMONY'</b> American Elm	5	X	70x65	Growing widely vase shaped with time; vigorous growth when young requires more attention, one of most DED tolerant

**\*\*Use with caution.** Exceptional planting technique and early care advised. Species considered moderately difficult to plant bare root. No guarantees or refunds.

## **Salary & Personnel Committee**

The last Committee meeting was held on January 7th, 2025, at 7:00pm. Committee Members: – Chair Glynnis Siskind, Jen Henderson, Karen Sheedy and Elizabeth Iovine. Absent – Mayor Sorg and Chief Borkowski.

### **The Committee will consider the following recommendations.**

1. Ratification of Resolution 2025-01, Honoring Former Borough Manager, Mary Aversa.
3. Recommend the contract for Interim Finance Manager, Nicholas Steiner, be extended through February 28th, 2025.

### **The following business will be discussed:**

1. An Executive Session was held on January 30th to discuss matters of personnel.

### **Recommendations**

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**BOROUGH OF AMBLER, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**RESOLUTION 2025-01**

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING**

**THE RETIREMENT OF BOROUGH MANAGER MARY AVERSA**

**WHEREAS**, Mary Aversa has been employed by the Borough of Ambler since 2002, became the interim borough manager in 2007 and the borough manager in 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, during her tenure, Mary has overseen all Ambler Borough operations including finance, HR, code, public works, the water department, and wastewater treatment plant, and has served as Ambler's open records officer, maintaining all vital borough records; and

**WHEREAS**, from spearheading the purchase of the former Mattison Avenue Elementary School and its transformation into the new Borough Hall to working with residents, property owners, business owners, Borough Council, and Ambler Main Street to facilitate anything and everything needed to bring Ambler's downtown back to life, Mary has been instrumental in the amazing revitalization of the entire Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, it is recognized that serving as an administrator in local government, especially in the small town you live in yourself, involves very little privacy, very little thanks or appreciation, and more time and energy than most citizens realize; and

**WHEREAS**, after 23 years of active and involved service to the Borough of Ambler, Mary is retiring at the end of January 2025.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it Resolved by the members of Council, for themselves and on behalf of the citizens of Ambler, that the tenure of borough manager Mary Aversa is fully recognized, and sincere thanks and appreciation are extended to her for her service to the Ambler community.

**SO RESOLVED** this 21st day of January, 2025.

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Glynnis Siskind, Borough Council President