

## **Review of East Bradford Township Ordinances Relating to the Preservation, Management and Removal of Trees**

In the April 2015 issue of Pennsylvania Township News an article entitled Community Forests was published. The article was centered upon a municipality's need to have a tree ordinance which would include the key elements already contained in the following ordinances of the Code of the Township of East Bradford:

**§115-42 Floodplain District Regulations** (prohibiting the clear cutting of trees or the unnecessary removal of vegetation in the floodplain district).

**§115-43 Steep Slope Conservation District** (limited removal or disturbance of vegetation for area of construction only and provisions of replacement in kind).

**§115-45 Vegetation Preservation, Management and Compensatory Planting** (this provision is broad in scope, providing for the amount of tree removal permitted by right, compensatory planting if the permitted number is exceeded, protection of specimen trees including William Penn trees and the types of individual trees to be identified on Development plans). **This provision is in the SALDO §95-25.**

**§115-45.1 Planting Requirements** (standards for nursery grown plant material, suitability to a site's microclimate, plant diversity, plan requirements, street trees and their arrangement, buffer standards, stormwater management vegetation arrangement, and amount and type of trees per unit type to soften architectural facades). **This provision is in the SALDO §95-25.1.**

**§115-45.3 Riparian Buffer Area Conservation District** (requirements for the placement, enhancement of existing trees and understory vegetation and management, maintenance of vegetation in the RBA).

**§115-47.1 Scenic Roads** (provisions for the protection of roadside vegetation and provisions for tree replacement).

**§115-142 Brandywine Scenic River District** (provides standards for retention or installation of vegetation).

In conclusion; a review of the East Bradford Township ordinances revealed that the Township has extensive and effective tree preservation and maintenance provisions throughout the Code that address the key elements of the above referenced article. East Bradford Township does not have a Tree Commission or a tree inventory in place.