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Town of Acton Marks Arbor Day with Ceremony, Tree Planting



Town staff and residents, led by Tree Warden Ryan Hunt, plant a new tree at Jones Field with an assist from Acton Police Detective Jon Stackhouse and K9 Zane. (Photo Courtesy Town of Acton)

ACTON -- Town Manager John Mangiaratti is pleased to share the success of the multi-departmental effort behind the town's annual Arbor Day observance.

The traditional annual event at Jones Field, held on Thursday, April 22, recognizes both Arbor Day and Earth Day. Tree Warden Ryan Hunt led town staff and residents in planting of a new red maple. Town librarians led an outdoor story time for children.

A table offered information about programs and organizations dedicated to a greener environment: The Town Stormwater Management program, the Town Transfer and Recycling Station, the At-Home Composting Program, Adopt-a-Tree, Adopt-a-Street, Acton Power Choice, the Mass. Tree Warden and Foresters Association, the state Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Eversource Plan Before You Plant program, and Keep Massachusetts Beautiful.

Acton has a long tradition of tree care and conservation efforts. For 24 years it has been a Tree City USA, an honor bestowed by the Arbor Day Foundation for commitment to urban forestry, community improvement and civic pride. In 2020 the Town received a Tree City Growth Award, which is given to select communities that demonstrate higher levels of tree care and community engagement.

"We are grateful to the Arbor Day Foundation for recognizing the Town's dedication to the environment," Department of Public Works Director Corey York said.

"I applaud all the departments and town employees who worked together to make this event a success: Department of Public Works Director Corey York and the DPW staff, Tree Warden Ryan Hunt and Tree and Grounds Crew, the Acton Memorial Library, Sustainability Director Andrea Becerra, the Acton Police Department and the Department of Recreation & Natural Resources," Mangiaratti said.

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Acton Police K9 Zane and Detective Jon Stackhouse were unofficial greeters at the Arbor Day ceremony. (Photo Courtesy Town of Acton)



Staff from the Acton Memorial Library led a story time for children at the event. (Photo Courtesy Town of Acton)





A table contained information from organizations dedicated to conservation and the environment. (Photo Courtesy Town of Acton)



Children who attended the Arbor Day ceremony could take a free coloring book and crayons. (Photo Courtesy Town of Acton)





Jones Field has a new red maple. (Photo Courtesy Town of Acton)

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