The 2011 Town of Blades Forest Canopy Density Goal

TOWN OF BLADES, SUSSEX COUNTY, DELAWARE
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2011.09.12 R02

BY THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLADES
APPROVING AND ADOPTING BY RESOLUTION

THE 2011 TOWN OF BLADES FOREST CANOPY DENSITY GOAL

WHEREAS, Title 03, Section 103 of the Delaware Code authorizes Delaware municipalities to prepare a Comprehensive Urban Forest Resource Plan, for the purposes of encouraging the most appropriate uses of the physical and fiscal resources of the municipality and coordinating municipal growth, development and infrastructure investment actions with those of other municipalities, counties and the State to grow and protect our forest resources; and

WHEREAS, the Charter of the Town of Blades authorizes the Mayor and Council to exercise its powers in the interest of good government and the safety, health, and public welfare of the Town, its inhabitants and affairs, including but not limited to the power to provide for and preserve the health, peace, safety, cleanliness, ornament, good order and public welfare; and

WHEREAS, Delaware’s Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Program provides guidelines to municipalities in order to effectuate the goal of having well-drawn and executed Comprehensive Urban Forest Resource Plans for all of Delaware’s municipalities; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Council, in consultation with Delaware’s Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Program that the existing forest canopy is 27.15% and desires to grow these resources to 30% in 10 years to further articulate the town’s commitment to preserving and enhancing forest resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Blades, Sussex County, Delaware on September 12, 2011:

In accordance with Title 03, Section 103 of the Delaware Code and the Charter of the Town of Blades, hereby recognizes the Town’s existing forest canopy density of 27.15% and commit to growing this resource to 30% over the next 10 years as a part of the Town’s continued commitment to preserving and enhancing its natural resources.

Michael Smith, Mayor

Vikki Prettyman, Town Administrator