

CHARLOTTE ARBOR DAY DECLARATION

Whereas trees in the Town of Charlotte contribute significantly to the beauty of our landscape;

And recognizing moreover that trees provide many valuable environmental services such as shade in summer, carbon fixation, oxygen production, soil erosion reduction, more favorable groundwater recharge, and habitat for many forms of other plant and animal life;

And also noting that our aging shade tree population is succumbing to increasing pest damage, and storm damage causing loss or disfigurement;

And whereas new tree planting is not compensating for these losses;

Therefore, the Charlotte Town Selectboard, recognizing that it is a good and worthy thing for residents to plant trees for the benefit of present and future generations, hereby:

Declares May 2, 2014 to be designated as Charlotte Arbor Day and encourages tree planting; and

it notes with pleasure that there will be Arbor Day celebrations at **Charlotte Central School** on May 2, and a continuation of roadside tree planting on Roscoe Road along Lewis Creek, and new planting at other locations

And it encourages other residents to plant and care for trees at this time.

Approved: Selectboard Members , April 14, 2014