The Townsend Tree Board plans another active year managing the community forest and helping beautify the community. Following is a list of Tree Board conceptual plans for 2012.

- Make presentations on Tree Board accomplishments to as many groups as possible. Call Patrick at 266-5265.
- Apply for 12th Year Tree City USA Recertification and the 8th Annual Growth Award (Done) - Awards to be presented by DNRC on Arbor Day, April 27, 2012.
- Coordinate with the DNRC-Urban and Community Forestry Program to sponsor the third annual Small Town Tree Board Retreat in Kalispell March 30 and 31, 2012. Townsend will also help coordinate the first annual Tree Board Retreat in Worland, WY April 12 and 13, 2012. Two Tree Board members will attend both retreats. (Patrick asked to make presentation at the Kalispell Retreat on fundraising. Offer rides to Boulder, White Sulphur, other local Tree Boards)
- Patrick Plantenberg will represent small town Tree Boards on the MT Urban and Community Forestry Association (MUCFA) Executive Committee as Vice Chairman. Patrick will attend the MUCFA meeting on January 26 in Anaconda and in September in Sheridan, WY at the Northern Rockies Tree School. (Patrick chaired the January meeting) (Patrick also attended the Assn of MT Turf, Ornamental, and Pest Professionals (AMTOPP) Conference in Fairmont on January 26).
- Get revised 5-year tree care and maintenance plan based on 2011 Tree Inventory approved by City Council and begin implementing plan in February. (Plan to start pruning and removals on February 18; Contract signed with Contractor February 17; City Crew and Contractor available the week of Feb. 26-Mar.1)
- Cut and re-level brick pavers around street lights and under trees planted on Broadway and Front streets.
- Have Clint Watson’s Metal Working Class at Broadwater County High School (BHS) made six more 12-inch wide tree cages. The Tree Board purchased materials and donated one new angle grinder for Mr. Watson’s class as a payment for making cages (Cages done-Mary Mistek will paint).
- Secure permission from the Copy Cup and Townsend Seeds to use railroad lease property again to water and store trees.
- Order 20 plus new tree plaques for Memorial trees and trees planted to honor someone or to remember an event.
- Help Broadwater County Development Corporation (BCDC) organize and collect funds from Townsend businesses for the Beautification and Maintenance Fund to hire someone to water trees and flower barrels.(Ongoing)
- Help BCDC employee water new trees and flower pots as needed.
• Help BCDC employee keep brick pavers in sidewalks on Broadway and Front streets weeded and leveled.

• Help BCDC construct and deliver new flower planters. (Tree Board paid for two new planters and removed old planters in front of the Courthouse).

• Put up Christmas lights on Broadway and Front Street for the Christmas Stroll. Light up more trees in 2012.

• Help Rotary Club, Lions Club, BCDC, Townsend School Board, and Townsend School District #1 teachers and students cleanup the school campus before graduation.

• Place numerous articles about Tree Board Projects in the Townsend Star; the Townsend Informer Newsletter on November 1 (Done) and April 1; and the Helena Independent Record for various projects.(Article on pruning/removals in February 23rd Star)

• Published 2012 work plan results in December 2012 Star.

• Plant tree at high school for Earth Day in April with BHS Seventh Generation Club. (Green Club will help plant three of four school trees on Arbor Day)

• Help level and seed Connors Field new dugout disturbances.

• Prune trees at Fairgrounds for Fair Board.

• Initiate development of new non-profit “Growing Friends of Townsend” group that will serve as a Townsend maintenance corps. Growing Friends would fund maintenance and help maintain community beautification projects.

• Help City Crew prune and/or remove problem trees in City alleys and kill stumps (One in alley behind Mrs. Menard's house done).

• Develop handicap accessible walkways from the street to the sidewalk in front of the Senior Center with the BHS Construction Technology Class with County, Rotary, Canton Valley Womans' Club, and other funding and support.(On Commissioner's agenda for March 3; Received $250 from Rotary and use of their insurance, Met with Canton Valley Woman’s Club for funding help)

Arbor Day/Weekend - April 27-29, 2012: Mayor Mary Alice Upton has signed the 2012 Arbor Day Proclamation declaring April 27, 2012 as Arbor Day in Townsend.

• Sponsor local Arbor Day Poster Contest for 5th Graders in March. Award $50, $35, $20 for top three posters. Give Gift Certificates to all entrants. Put posters up in elementary school through May. Make post cards from winning posters.

• Conduct Arbor Day Celebration including planting tree at Cecelia Hazelton Elementary School with 5th graders for poster contest winners. Plant two new trees on the school campus for the Class of 1956 and the Kearns Family.

• Complete Golf Course tree planting and Right Tree/Right Place Tree Planting on City Boulevards on Arbor Weekend.
Funding for Projects: Applied for and received City of Townsend funding for the 2011/2012 fiscal year ending on June 30, 2012 for $11,500 which includes: money for General Tree Board Budget; funds to continue the “Plant the Right Tree in the Right Place” Program; and funds to implement new 5-year tree care and maintenance plan.

- Received $2,000 from Broadwater County to help fund tree planting, landscaping projects, and to complete a new boulevard sidewalk at the Senior Center.
- Received a DNRC Urban and Community Forestry (UCF) Program Arbor Day $750 grant to help fund Arbor Weekend 2012 tree planting activities at the school, etc.
- Received a DNRC UCF Tree Board Program Development Grant for $2,500 to implement new 5-year tree care and maintenance plan based on 2011 Tree Inventory.
- Solicit donations for Tree Board projects from Broadwater County residents as needed and send thank you cards.
- Apply for 2012-2013 Tree Board funding from City Council by June 30, 2012.

One Day One Park Projects: Coordinate with Old Baldy Golf Course to plant 20 new trees at the golf course on April 28, 2012. Project to be coordinated with the golf course members, Rotary Club, and BHS student golfers (Trees ordered).

Townsend South Highway 287 Project: Continue to work with BCDC, City, and County officials to obtain beautification and infrastructure improvements as part of highway project starting in 2012. MDT has committed to fund tree planting project in 2013.

2012 West Side of North Front Street Landscaping Projects: Prune and water native trees along west side of Highway 287 from Amerigas south to Leonard Lambott’s grain elevators.

- Continue to maintain Front Street drainage project completed in 2005 and 2006.
- Maintain Wi-Fi Park including watering trees, spraying weeds, and mowing.
- Mow and weed native grass islands between Amerigas and Leonard Lambott’s grain elevators.

Plant the Right Tree in the Right Place Program: Continue to identify, remove, and prune public trees indentified in the 2011 Tree Inventory as needing immediate attention. Provide replacement trees for residents. Stump grinding to be completed in March/April. Clean up of streets and yards to be completed by City crew and Tree Board members.

- Order and pay for up to $8,000 worth of new trees (most paid in 2011). (Orders almost complete; $10,000 worth of trees ordered)
**2011 Tree Inventory and Urban Tree Canopy Analysis:** Keep 2011 Townsend Tree Inventory updated using Trimble Juno GPS/GIS units purchased with 2011 DNRC PD Grant funds.

- Secure funding to complete urban tree canopy analysis with contractor of all trees in Townsend on public and private property. Compare canopy cover from 2005-2011 using new 2011 aerial photographs.
- Update 1990-2011 Tree Inventory comparison as new work is completed.
- **Help White Sulphur Springs conduct their tree inventory in 2012.**
- **Work with Boulder to get Tree Board started.**

**Other Landscaping Projects:** Maintain landscape beds at Welcome to Townsend Rock, Townsend Schools, Centennial Garden, Heritage Park, and Wi-Fi Park.

- Help with Silos Restoration Work and rock raking.

**Tree Pruning/Removal and Stump Removal Projects:**

- Work with Northwestern Energy on cooperative project to prune/remove problem trees under powerlines in early 2012. NWE contractor to do work and Tree Board to clean up yards. Work with NWE to get grant to purchase replacement trees for those removed as part of program.
- Continue to prune as many trees along city streets as possible that have limbs below 14 feet on the street side and below 8 feet on the sidewalk side.
- Do training prune on as many of the 361 new trees planted since 2005.
- Treat maples, pears, and other trees for chlorosis with chelated iron.
- Work with City crew to remove as many hazardous and undesirable trees as possible on streets and in alleys and spray stumps with tree killer to prevent sprouting.
- Work with stump grinding contractor to do locates, remove stumps, and clean up yards after stump removal on private property.

**Other tree planting and maintenance projects:** Plant 35-50 new trees on City, School, and County property.

- Prune trees on Broadway and in Heritage Park before Fall Fest

**Educational Projects:** Teach wildflower program for Townsend 4th graders during Wildflower Week in May.

- Teach Conservation Day Program with 6th graders in May.
- Teach Agriculture Day Program at Fairgrounds in May.
- Help with Community Cleanup Day at Fairgrounds in May.
- Hold local Arbor Day Poster Contest for 5th graders in March.
- Teach Native American wild plant use program for 4th graders for Archeology Day at Montana Historical Society in September 2012 in Helena

(This listing of 2012 activities can be found on the Broadwater County and Townsend website at www.townsendmt.com.)
The Tree Board would like to thank the City of Townsend, the US Forest Service, the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation Urban and Community Forestry Program, Broadwater County, the Broadwater Community Foundation, Townsend Rotary Club, Canton Valley Woman’s Club, and the many private donors that provide funding for Tree Board projects. We would also like to thank our many community partners that have cooperated with us on projects. Watch for the 2012 Tree Board work plan articles in the Townsend Star.

Townsend Tree Board Members include: Linda Southall, Inez Hohn, Iwy Obrigewitch, Doreen Sautter, and Dan Mainwaring. The Advisory Council includes: Virginia Knerr, Shawna Campbell Noyd, Patrick Plantenberg, Tom Helm, Jim Edelblut, Joan Hopper, Trudie Southwick, Charles Freshman, Ron Cheever, Codie Wahrman, Justin Meissner, BHS student Chris Vazquez, and new member Scott Eckart. The Tree Board Treasurer is Dianna Mell. Suzie Hamilton and Mayor Mary Alice Upton at City Hall also help with many projects.