

APPLICATION



- The ordinance requires that a tree removal permit be obtained before any tree of a specified diameter, as determined by the community, can be removed, transplanted, or destroyed.
- Part of the application for a tree removal permit is a plan, the most notable element of which are: A site inventory of trees greater than a specified diameter, stating size, species, and location; Trees proposed to remain, to be transplanted, or to be removed; Location of structures, building envelope, utilities, and driveway and the area around them to be disturbed; The species, cost, size, and number of replacement trees; and How remaining trees will be protected.
- Preservation and conservation of wooded areas, trees, woody vegetation, wildlife, and related natural resources and processes shall have priority over development when there are feasible and prudent location alternatives on site for proposed buildings, structures, or other site improvements. The community has discretion to require reasonable adjustments to achieve that goal.
- Any proposed tree relocation or replacement should be specified in the application, including a drawing and detailed explanation of the proposal. A description of the types, sizes, and location of replacement trees should be stated in the ordinance.
- Tree and woodland protection ordinances typically contain additional protection criteria for landmark trees, specimens of exceptional size, form, species, or historic significance.



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