

Natural Resource Conservation Ordinance Guidelines

Tree Removal Permits are required for all **PROTECTED TREES**, which are:

- Any tree eight inches or more in DBH;
- Trees of any size located on any Village owned property;
- Trees of any size planted as part of an approved landscaping plan;
- Trees of any size located within the shoreland set-back area; and
- Trees of any size designated as a Landmark Tree.

Compliance with the Tree Mitigation Policy is required for the removal of all **PROTECTED TREES**, regardless of whether a waiver of the permit fee has been granted.

- Each protected tree removed must be replaced on the same lot within 3 months, or at the start of the next planting season, whichever is sooner;
- Each replacement tree must measure at least 2" in caliper;
- Each replacement tree must be maintained for 3 years; and
- If replacement fees can't be planted on the same lot, a tree removal replacement fee must be paid PRIOR to the removal of any protected trees.

Tree Removal Permits cost \$50.00 for the removal of the first 1-5 trees, plus \$10.00 each additional tree removed.

A waiver of the permit fee may be granted for the following:

- Trees removed in licensed or governmental tree nurseries;
- Trees removed that are confirmed diseased, dead, or in danger of falling;
- Trees removed during emergency conditions such as a tornado or other natural disasters;
- Trees removed by the Village from Village owned properties; and
- Trees removed that are confirmed nuisance trees, i.e. Box Elder, Buckthorn, Cottonwood, Silver Maple and Willow.

The removal of more than 30% of the existing trees on a lot ("clear cutting") requires approval through a Conditional Use Permit or Planned Development zoning.

Tree Protection during construction and development shall be conformed to as follows:

- BEFORE beginning any site preparation, a "Disturbance Boundary Line" shall be maintained throughout the duration of the project. This line shall mark-out all areas of proposed land disturbance by a continuous, minimum 2" wide painted line.
- Protective barriers, such as fencing, shall be placed at the DRIP LINE around all protected trees which are not to be removed, and which might be damaged through the proposed land disturbance.
- Signage shall be installed to supplement the marking of the Disturbance Boundary Line.
- Within the drip line:
 - The grade shall not be raised or lowered more than one inch;
 - There shall be no stockpiling, storage of materials, or discharge of contaminants; and
 - There shall be no movement of construction equipment or vehicles.
- No attachments shall be made to any protected trees which are not to be removed.

NOTE: Any protected tree which dies or is severely damaged during construction or land disturbing construction activities or is found to be in a state of unnatural decline within a three-year period after said activities cease shall be subject to the tree mitigation obligation set forth in Section 18-28(D)(9).