

Trees on Public Open Spaces

BEFORE any public open space tree is removed or trimmed, it must be properly identified by a qualified person/group of people, and these people/persons should be involved in the entire decision making process that ensues.

The convenient excuse of "It is an alien and therefore should be removed" is no longer valid. Following identification, and if an alien, a tree's status on the Alien Invasive Plant list should be verified.

These two steps will aid in the decision of how a particular tree is to be handled. It is vastly preferable for any tree to be kept rather than cut down. In many cases, root trimming is a feasible manner of controlling problematic roots, and pruning or trimming a tree up is preferable to cutting down. Transplantation of young trees is also an option preferable to felling.

Trimming of roots and or branches, transplantation, or in the most extreme case, felling should be done under the supervision of a trained or experienced individual.

Trees on privately owned land.

There are several really old trees that are on private property that should be listed as Heritage Trees and be protected at all costs.

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