

Agenda
City Council Work Session
City of Edina, Minnesota
City Hall Community Room

Tuesday, May 7, 2024
5:30 PM

- I. Call To Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Review of City Ordinance 10-82 related to Tree Protection and Preservation
- IV. Adjournment

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Date: May 7, 2024

Agenda Item #: III.

To: Mayor and City Council

Item Type:

Reports / Recommendation

From: Luther Overholt, City Forester

Item Activity:

Subject: Review of City Ordinance 10-82 related to Tree
Protection and Preservation

Discussion

ACTION REQUESTED:

Receive the information related to the review of City Ordinance 10-82 for Tree Protection and Preservation.
Provide staff feedback and direction on next steps.

INTRODUCTION:

City staff is providing a review of City Ordinance 10-82 for the City Council to discuss the effectiveness and process for residential tree protection and preservation since its inception on January 1, 2023. Please see the attached staff report.

ATTACHMENTS:

Staff Report: Tree Protection Ordinance

Ordinance 10-82 Tree Protection and Preservation

BTE Public Participation Plan and Engagement Summary

BTE Public Engagement Feedback All

Staff Presentation



Date: May 7, 2024

To: Mayor and City Council Members

From: Perry Vetter, Parks & Recreation Director; Tom Swenson, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director; and Luther Overholt, City Forester; Laura Beres, Assistant City Forester

Subject: Review of City Ordinance 10-82 related to the Tree Protection and Preservation

Information / Background:

City staff is providing a review of City Ordinance 10-82 for the Edina City Council to discuss the effectiveness and process for residential tree protection and preservation since its inception on January 1, 2023. There is a separate commercial tree ordinance in Section 36 of Edina City Code that is not part of this review. The goal of the ordinance is to emphasize the protection of trees and to increase the requirements for replacement. The following report will provide background and review for the City Council to provide feedback and discuss potential next steps.

History of the Tree Protection Ordinance

In 2015, The City of Edina implemented a tree ordinance that called for the preservation and replacement of protected trees during the following residential projects: demolitions, subdivision applications, building permits for principal and accessory structures (i.e., garage, deck, or pools) and additions, principal or accessory structures.

Protected trees in the 2015 ordinance refer to any deciduous tree that is at least 8 inches diameter at breast height (DBH) or any coniferous trees at least 20 feet in height. A list of exempt trees was included for trees that would not require mitigation if removed including box elder, poplar, willow, silver maple, black locust, fruit tree species, and mulberry. This list was amended in 2019 to include ash trees due to the influx of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) in the State of Minnesota. Any tree that fell under either of the protected tree categories that was removed during a residential development project required the mitigation of a 1:1 replanting ratio of similar tree with the replacement tree being at least 2.5-inch caliper for deciduous and 7 feet for coniferous. The ordinance also laid out exemptions to these mitigation requirements depending on the location of the tree. If any removed protected trees were within a 10-foot radius of the building pad of

the new home, 5-foot radius of a driveway or 10-foot radius of public infrastructure, those trees do not require mitigation.

In 2019, the City of Edina Energy and Environment Commission (EEC) was tasked with developing a Climate Action Plan (CAP) that was formally adopted by the City Council in December 2021. That planning team consisted of a consultant team, city staff and community volunteers, including representatives from the Edina Transportation Commission (ETC), Edina Planning Commission (EPC) and EEC. The adopted plan addressed eight subsectors with 36 strategies supported by over 200 actions to achieve the CAP greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals.

One of the eight CAP sectors is Greenspace and Trees (GS). Strategy GS-1 sets the goal to increase the tree canopy from 35.9% to 39.5% by 2030 and 43% by 2040. In support of strategy GS-1, there are several action steps for implementation, including Action Step GS-1-5:

Update current tree preservation ordinance requirements to protect tree root systems and large legacy trees during construction. Explore options for increases in legacy tree protection and increases in performance-based requirements of tree planting within parking lots.

In 2021, as part of the annual Commission Work Plan process several commissions drafted initiatives to work on updating the 2015 tree ordinance. In 2022, an EEC Work Plan Initiative was “Support new ordinance development or the modification of current ones to protect tree canopy.” This included receiving an ordinance proposal from the ETC regarding boulevard tree management and coordinating both staff and EEC review and approval for advancement to City Council. Ultimately city staff did not support the creation of a boulevard tree management permit and the City Council did not approve it.

Energy and Environment Commission Initiative

In 2022, the EEC voted at their August meeting to approve language to amend the residential tree protection ordinance after receiving comments from the EPC and ETC. The amendment captured best practices from local and regional cities, research and developing protection and replacement thresholds and criteria. The EEC’s work had a single goal: to maintain Edina’s canopy of healthy, mature trees. Included in the September 7, 2022, Advisory Communication from the EEC to the City Council was the identification of the following revisions and outcomes of the proposed ordinance amendments to meet this goal.

At a high level, the EEC’s proposed revisions included:

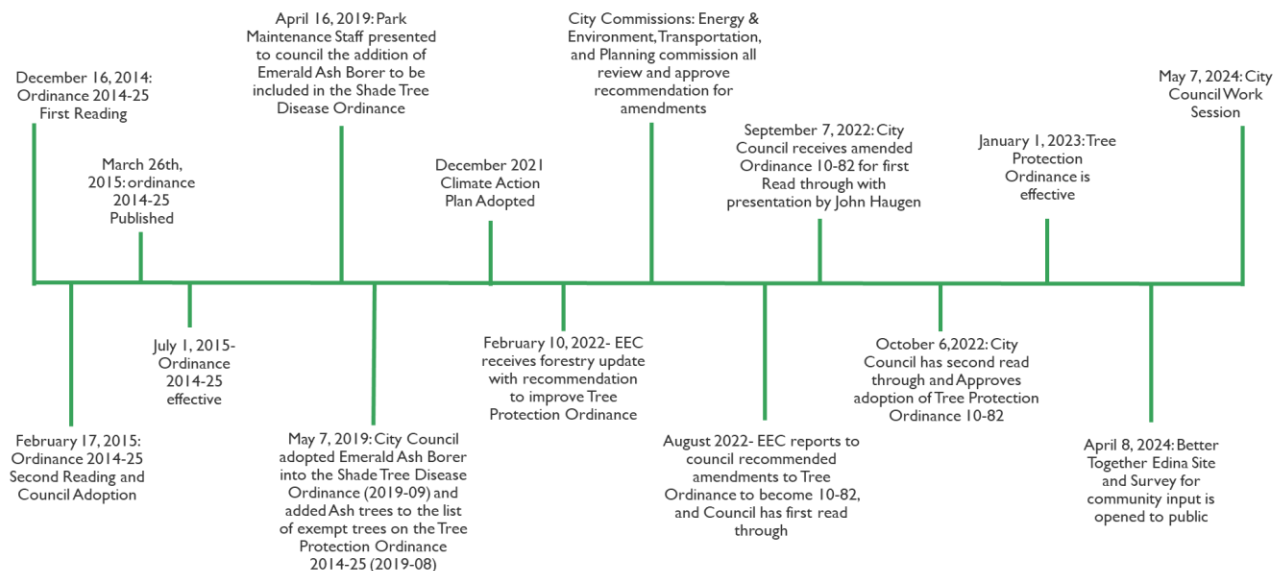
- Deploying best practices in place at other cities – e.g., St. Louis Park, Wayzata, and Minnetonka – that are currently lacking in our ordinance.
- Ensuring additional trees not covered by the current ordinance will require protection or replacement:
 - More trees will be in the “Protected Status” group.
 - New group called “Heritage Status” group which carry additional replacement beyond what’s required of Protected Trees.
- Removing exemptions to the ordinance, while still allowing for flexibility when replanting is not an option.
- Providing in-lieu fee revenue to assist in enforcement of revised ordinance.

Outcomes of proposed revisions included:

- Fewer clearcut lots during redevelopment, and/or replanting required for a significant portion of what is removed.
- Tree protection requirements linked to the size of trees.
- Align Edina with peer city tree protection best practices already implemented in the metro area.
- Additional fee revenue to directly fund enforcement of ordinance and tree management in Edina.
- Accountability for either protecting trees or replacing them if removal is the only option.

EEC Vice Chair John Haugen will attend the May 7, 2024, Work Session to provide additional background on the work that was conducted from inception of the CAP to the recommendation to the City Council on amending the tree protection ordinance. Separate from but related to this discussion the EEC is also reviewing recommendations for updating Section 36 pertaining to the commercial portion to manage and protect trees.

The following is a chronological timeline of the ordinance implementation.



Adoption of Tree Protection Ordinance

Upon advisory communication from the EEC and City Staff, the Edina City Council at the September 7, 2022, meeting held a first reading of the ordinance and a second reading and adoption on October 6, 2022. The following table is a summary of the changes from the 2015 ordinance to the 2023 version.

	2015 Ordinance 2014-25	2023 Ordinance 10-82
Protected Tree Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deciduous tree at least 8" dbh Coniferous tree at least 20' in height 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deciduous tree at least 5" dbh Coniferous tree at least 15' in height
Heritage Tree Status	NA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deciduous tree at least 30" dbh Coniferous tree at least 30' in height
Protected tree Replacement	Replace 1:1 with similar like tree	Replace 75% of total protected dbh/height removed
Heritage Tree Replacement	NA	Replace 100% if total dbh/height removed
Projects Impacted	Demolition, Subdivisions, primary or secondary structures, garage, deck, pool, additions	Grading , demolition, Subdivisions, primary or secondary structures, garage, deck, pool, additions
Failure to replace	\$350 tax exempt donation to the city to replant tree in a city park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protected tree: \$300 per Dbh/height Heritage tree: \$500 per Dbh/height
Exemptions to mitigation to Replace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within 10' of proposed building, deck or patio Within 5' of proposed driveway Within 10' of roadway, stormwater retention areas and utilities 	NA- exemptions were removed

The ordinance was adopted with an effective date of January 1, 2023.

Ordinance Details and Workflow

1. Application and calculation:

During the permit application process the applicant is asked to provide a site survey, the Tree Protection Checklist and the completed Escrow worksheets A-C. Worksheet A is the tree inventory for all existing trees, applicant must include any trees that were removed within 1 year of the date of application to the list as well. The tree inventory asks for the quantity, species, size, tree ID number (associated with the survey) and the tree category (Removed, Preserved, or Transplanted). Worksheet B is the Escrow Calculations. Using the total calculated sizes for each tree category from Worksheet A, Worksheet B calculates the escrow amount and tree replacement quantities. Worksheet C is the mitigation plan for what is being replaced. When this Worksheet is submitted, many applicants do not have a definite replacement plan. The forestry division will ask that applicant includes the amount of replacement inches/feet and be listed on this sheet.

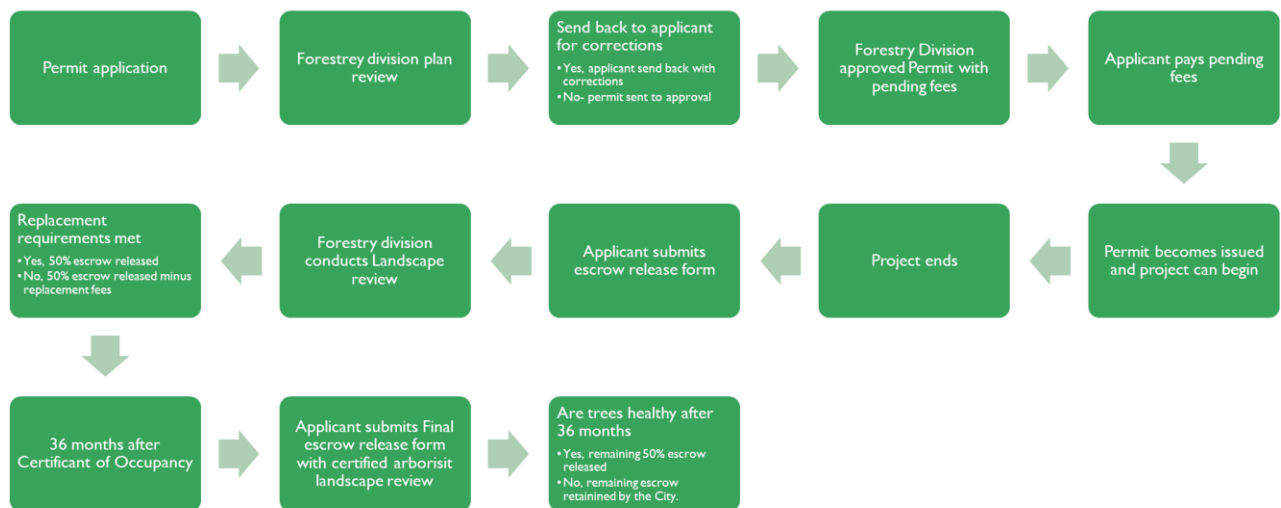
2. Plan review:

Once the forestry division receives a permit, the review process begins. Initially the forestry division will review to ensure all documents are submitted (escrow worksheets A-C, a site survey, and the checklist) if any of these are missing the permit is immediately sent back to applicant. Once all documents are received the forestry division will review the document information. The forestry divisions use many aerial and street view sites for initial verification of trees present on the project site. If during these processes any trees onsite are not indicated on the documents the permit is sent back to the applicant with corrections. Once the forestry division has concluded that all documents match the existing or (1 year) prior conditions and the escrow and replacement calculations are correct, the forestry division will send back the permit with the final correction for installation of tree fencing to be inspected prior to the permit being issued. Once fencing is installed and inspected the forestry division will push the permit through approval and batch stamp all uploaded documents. The permit will then be sent to the applicant with pending fees (all tree permits have a \$1.00 permit fee whether they have an escrow or not), once the applicant pays the pending fees the permit will be issued, at this point the project work may begin.

3. Escrow and release of escrow:

Escrow calculations are completed and verified at the time of the permit plan review, escrow is paid once permit is approved before the permit is issued, once permit is issued project work can begin. Escrow release comes at the time of building final, the permit holder must submit an escrow release form. Once a landscape review is completed by the forestry division and all replacement requirements are met, 50% of the escrow will be released to the permit holder. 36 months after the building final, the permit holder must submit a final escrow release form with a landscape review conducted by a certified arborist, if all trees onsite (including any preserved trees and replacement trees) are alive the final 50% of escrow is released to the permit holder. If at this time any trees are found unhealthy, the permit holder may replace the trees and receive the remaining 50% escrow. If during any time of the project or the 36 month-period there are additional trees removed or the replacement trees are not maintained or replaced with proper tree replacements the escrow will be deducted by the associated fee for those trees and retained by the city permanently.

The following is a chronological workflow of the tree permit process from application to escrow release.



First Year Implementation Review

The following information is a summary of the residential Tree Protection Ordinance implementation for 2023. This review includes both anecdotal and measured data. Please note that due to one year of data it is not recommended to draw tendencies or any scientific correlations as the sample size and process is not of adequate size nor weighted. Variables such as number of permits, lot size, type of project and scale of project, are all factors that cannot be properly measured to draw conclusions or trends. The following data compares building permits applied for in 2022 versus 2023.

Residential Development Tree Data		
	2022	2023
Mitigated Tree (replaced)	179	120
Removed Trees	569	356
Preserved Trees	1457	1957
Transplanted Trees	0	6
New Planted Trees	540	15
Donated Trees	8	0
Mean Escrow	NA	\$21,663.98
Median Escrow	NA	\$21,518.75
Largest Escrow	NA	\$91,327.50
Smallest Escrow	NA	\$1,980.00

Better Together Edina Feedback

City staff created a feedback page on Better Together Edina to capture responses from the community. The feedback is attached in both summary and entire raw comments. As noted above, the feedback is not statistically valid and should be viewed accordingly.

Respondents were asked their opinions on tree preservation, items liked least and liked most about the ordinance, and if the replacement requirements justify the removal of protected and heritage trees. Additionally, respondents were asked to rank types of projects and the level of replacement along with an open-ended comment on alternate options for tree preservation.

Identified Factors for City Council Discussion

Through the various points of connection on this review and implementation, the following points are relative to discussing the one year look back and potential ordinance modifications. City staff do not have the ability to modify the existing ordinance without City Council direction on desired outcomes and identification of a process.

1. Distinguishing between permits/applications for unbuilt lots versus additions/remodels/rebuilds
2. Capping the escrow, changing the DBH cost, and alternate forms of escrow
3. Affordable housing exemptions
4. Types of permits that currently require a tree plan
5. Adding a certified arborist to the process for permit applications
6. Allowance for variances
7. Addressing newly adopted Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) projects
8. Process for potential amendments

Discussion Question #1 – Does the City Council desire to distinguish permit applications differently for unbuilt lots versus additions, remodels or rebuilds?

The current ordinance does not address the difference between an unbuilt lot that has not had a structure previously compared to a lot that currently has a structure that is up for application for a building permit. Because those unbuilt lots are typically wooded, the mitigation requirements are higher as a building pad or structure area was not previously constructed. If the Council is open to amending the ordinance to distinguish for an unbuilt lot, is there a desired methodology for calculating the amount of square footage to exempt? Example options could range from a percentage of the lot, a floor area ratio, or only protecting heritage trees that could be exempted for a newly built lot permit.

Discussion Question #2 – Does the City Council desire to modify the financial components of the ordinance, such as capping the escrow, changing the DBH cost or review alternate forms of escrow?

Currently there is no cap to the escrow and the methods of holding the escrow are currently limited to Cash, Credit Card, Check, or a Letter of Credit. Letters of Credit are difficult to secure for residential use, especially for landscaping. Staff has discussed the idea of a deferred assessment process, but it is most likely not allowed. The current DBH/height value to the permit is \$300 for protected trees and \$500 for heritage trees.

Discussion Question #3 – Does the City Council desire to make any changes to the ordinance that exempts affordable housing or the valuation of exempt permits?

The ordinance currently exempts new home valuations under \$350,000 and rehabilitation valuations under \$500,000 from all permit fees. There were no permit applications in 2023 that fit these criteria.

Discussion Question #4 – Does the City Council wish to remove certain permit activities that require a tree plan as part of the application process?

Applicants that apply for a building permit are required to provide a tree protection and mitigation plan. Many of those permits do not increase the buildable area or structures to the lot. An option to streamline that process would be to establish a permit value threshold where a tree plan is required. This would reduce the workload of the applicant and the staff in the case of permits that do not increase square footage, such as deck replacements or similar projects.

Discussion Question #5 – *Does the City Council support the modification of the ordinance to include a provision to require a certified arborist be part of the application process by the applicant?*

The ordinance requires a responsibility and calculation that can be challenging based on the variables of the site. While often applicants have landscapers and landscape design teams, a certified arborist to review the trees on the existing site and propose a tree plan as part of the application would be of benefit to the applicant and to permit review staff. Would the City Council be open to this provision for all permits or those of a certain value? Currently a certified arborist is required to provide a landscape review 36 months after the project is complete for the release of the escrow.

Discussion Question #6 – *Does the City Council wish to incorporate a variance process for the tree ordinance?*

Variances are not allowed for landscaping based upon an opinion by the City Attorney. Variances are allowed for zoning ordinances and are typically part of a dimensional setback or other related sites.

Discussion Question #7 – *Does the City Council wish to address Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) differently in the tree ordinance?*

The ADU ordinance was recently passed and under the current ordinance the added structure would not be differentiated from other structures on the property. If there is a desire to treat ADU's in some other fashion under the ordinance, it would be beneficial to know that aspect at this time.

Discussion Question #8 – *Does the City Council wish to amend portions of the tree ordinance? What process would the council prefer if updates are desired?*

The current ordinance was originated as part of the EEC annual work plan. If there is a desire to make amendments does the council have a preference or a recommendation for the process?

Summary

Residents of Edina have shown that natural resource management is important to the quality of life in the community. The City Council has respected that value through its longstanding support of implementing mechanisms to assist in the protection and management of those resources. This is evident by the adoption of the Climate Action Plan, Tree Protection Ordinance and support of the various forestry and land management initiatives that occur on park and public property. As the newly adopted version of the Tree Protection Ordinance has been in place for just over one year a look back will be conducted with the City

Council. Staff will present in greater detail the history, implementation, and discussion points of the ordinance at the work session to ensure that tree protection and preservation is a priority in the community.

Attachments:

- Ordinance 10-82 Tree Protection and Preservation
- Better Together Edina Feedback

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-10
AN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT REGARDING
TREE PROTECTION

The City Council Of Edina Ordains:

Section I. Chapter 10, Article III of the Edina City Code is amended to add Division 3 as follows:

DIVISION III. TREE PROTECTION

Sec. 10-82. Preservation, protection and replacement of Protected Trees: This Division applies to: **grading permits**, demolition permits; subdivisions applications; building permit applications for principal and accessory structures including a garage, deck or a pool; and additions to principal and accessory structures. **This Division does not apply to City parkland, which follows tree protection guidelines outlined in Edina's Comprehensive Plan and City Park Master Plan.**

(1) Purpose: Edina is fortunate to have a robust inventory of mature trees that form an integral part of the unique character and history of the city, and that contribute to the long-term aesthetic, environmental, and economic well-being of the city. The goal of this Section is to preserve Edina's high valued trees, while allowing reasonable development to take place and not interfere with how existing property owners use their property. The purpose of the ordinance is to:

- a. Preserve and grow Edina's tree canopy cover by protecting mature trees throughout the city.
- b. Protect and enhance property values by conserving and adding to the distinctive and unique aesthetic character of Edina's tree population.
- c. Protect and enhance the distinctive character of Edina's neighborhoods
- d. Improve the quality of life for all stakeholders, including city residents, visitors and wildlife.
- e. Protect the environment by the filtering of air and soil pollutants, increasing oxygen levels and reducing CO₂; preventing and reducing erosion and stormwater by stabilizing soils; reducing heat convection; decreasing wind speeds; reducing noise pollution and decreasing the urban heat island effect.
- f. Protect and maintain healthy trees in the development and building permit processes as set forth herein; and prevent tree loss by eliminating or reducing compacted fill and excavation near tree roots.

(2) Definitions:

- a. Protected Tree: Any tree that is structurally sound and healthy, and that meets one of the following:
 - i. a deciduous tree that is at least ~~8~~ **5** inches dbh, except box elders,

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poplar, willow, silver maple, black locust, fruit tree species, ash, and mulberry.

ii. a coniferous tree that is at least ~~20~~ **15** feet in height.

- b. Removable Tree. Any tree not defined as a Protected Tree, and as defined as an invasive species by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.
- c. Critical Root Zone. The minimum area around a tree that is left undisturbed. The critical root radius is calculated by measuring the tree's diameter at breast height. For each inch of tree diameter, 1.5 feet of root zone radius must be protected. For example, if a tree's dbh is 10 inches, then its critical root zone radius is 15 feet ($10 \times 1.5 = 15$). If the critical root zone **of a tree on site or an adjacent property** must be disturbed for construction or construction activity, a plan for the disturbance shall be submitted **as part of the Tree Protection Plan** subject to review and approval of the city forester to minimize the damage.
- d. Diameter at Breast Height (dbh). The dbh shall be measured at a height of 4.6 feet.
- e. Transplanted Tree. A protected tree which is removed from a lot and replanted to another private lot or a public space in Edina.
- f. **Heritage Tree. A protected deciduous tree above 30" dbh and a protected coniferous tree taller than 30 feet.**

(3) Applications **for all permit types identified in Sec 10-82** must include a tree protection plan indicating where Protected **and Heritage** Trees are located and, their species, caliper, and health. The plan must show how Protected **and Heritage** Trees are preserved and protected during construction. The plan must also show if any Protected **or Heritage** Trees are proposed to be removed and the location, species and size of all replacement tree(s). **The Tree Protection Plan should be coordinated with the Stormwater Management Plan; proposed and protected trees should be shown on the stormwater management plan to ensure no conflicts.**

(4) If a Protected Tree is removed, ~~except as allowed for in paragraph (5),~~ it must be replaced with ~~one (1) tree~~ **trees equal to at least 75% of the deciduous dbh and 75% of the coniferous height in feet, as applicable**, subject to the following conditions:

- a. Protected trees must be replaced with species of a similar type (deciduous or coniferous) **according to Part II** that are normally found growing in similar conditions and that are included **in Hennepin County's "Recommended Tree List"**. ~~on the list of acceptable replacement species on file with the city forester.~~

- ~~b. Replacement trees must be varied by species.~~
 - b. Replacement trees must not be subject to known epidemic diseases or infestations. Disease or infestation resistant species and cultivars are allowed.
 - c. Replacement trees must be at least three and one-half inches (23.5") in caliper for deciduous trees and a minimum of eight feet (Z8') tall for coniferous trees.
 - d. Replacement tree plans are subject to approval by the City Forester before implementation.
 - e. The tree protection plan shall be verified at the time of final inspection for the building permit.
 - ~~f. If the city determines that there is no appropriate location for some or all the required replacement trees, those trees will not be required on site.~~
 - f. **Failure to replace protected trees on site results in a payment fee of \$300 per dbh below 75% of the dbh removed, or \$300 per coniferous foot below 75% of the foot removed.**
- (5) ~~Protected Trees may be removed without mitigation, in the following areas:~~
- ~~a. Including, and within a ten foot (10') radius of, the building pad, deck or patio of a new or remodeled building.~~
 - ~~b. Including, and within a five foot (5') radius of driveways and parking areas.~~
 - ~~c. Including, and within ten foot (10') radius of installation of public infrastructure improvements including public roadways, stormwater retention areas and utilities.~~

(5) If a Heritage Tree is removed, it must be replaced with protected trees at least 100% of the dbh or coniferous feet, subject to the following conditions:

- a. **Heritage trees must be replaced with species of a similar type (deciduous or coniferous) that are normally found growing in similar conditions and that are included in Hennepin County's [recommended tree list \(xlsx\)](#).**
- b. **Replacement trees must not be subject to known epidemic diseases or infestations. Disease or infestation resistant species and cultivars are allowed.**
- c. **Replacement trees must be at least four and one-half inches (4.5") in caliper for deciduous trees and a minimum of ten feet (10') tall for coniferous trees.**
- d. **Replacement tree plans are subject to approval by the City**

Forester before implementation.

e. The tree protection plan shall be verified at the time of final inspection for the building permit. If the protection plan is not in compliance, the inspection may not be approved.

f. Failure to replace Heritage trees results in a payment fee of \$500 per deciduous dbh below 100% of the dbh removed, and as applicable, \$500 per coniferous foot below 100% of the coniferous feet removed.

- (6) Before construction, grading or land clearing begins; city-approved tree protection fencing, or other method must be installed and maintained at the critical root zones of the trees to be protected. The location of the fencing must be in conformance with the approved tree protection plan. The fencing must be inspected by city staff before site work begins. The fencing must remain in place until all demolition and construction is complete.
- (7) No construction, compaction, construction access, stock piling of earth, storage of equipment or building materials, or grading may occur within the critical root zone areas of trees to be protected, unless there are no other on-site alternatives. If there are no other alternatives, a plan for this activity would need to be reviewed and approved by the city forester **and included in the tree protection plan**. A reasonable effort must be made when trenching utility lines to avoid the critical root zone.
- (8) When construction is complete all trees to remain must have the soil out to their drip line aerated and de-compacted. Aerating must include multiple concentric circles of 1" holes, 2" deep, or as recommended by an arborist.
- (9) If Protected Trees **and/or Heritage Trees** were removed within one (1) year prior to the date the development, subdivision application, demolition, **grading** and building permit applications were submitted, these Protected Trees **and/or Heritage Trees** are also subject to the replacement policy set forth in paragraphs (4) **and (5)** above.
- (10) Any **tree transplanted on-site** shall not be counted as a protected tree **or heritage tree** under this section and **therefore does not require** ~~requires~~ replacement under this section, **provided it is viable at 36 months after the permit's final inspection per Part 12.**

(11) Amount of required replacement trees in (4) and (5) above shall be a variety of types and sizes as demonstrated below. Species shall comply with Hennepin County's "Recommended Tree List."

Deciduous (dbh)	Coniferous (in feet)	Lot size < 1 acre	Lot size >= 1 acre
3½" or greater	8' or greater	70%	50%
4½" or greater	10' or greater	20%	25%
5½" or greater	12' or greater	10%	25%

(12) Financial Guarantee.

- a. The City shall, at its option, require cash escrow or a letter of credit satisfactory to the City in the amount of 110 percent of the value of the tree replacement identified in the tree protection plan, securing the full performance of Tree Protection Plan. The amount of such security shall be calculated by the fees described in Parts 4f and 5f.
- b. Release of Financial Guarantee. The financial security shall be released based on the following schedule:
 - i. Upon issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy and approval by City Forester that the Tree Protection Plan has been met: Forester will inspect the site and calculate actual fee owed based on how much dbh preserved or replaced on site. The original escrow or line of credit, minus this fee, is 50% released at this time.
 - ii. 36 months after issuance of Certificate of Occupancy, an applicant must submit a landscape review by a certified arborist, indicating planted and preserved trees are still healthy. If any trees are found to be unhealthy, the certified arborist can replace these trees onsite and the balance of the financial guarantee (50% of financial guarantee net of fees in Part a) are released at this time. If the applicant does not opt to replace trees onsite, these fees are considered owed to the City and retained permanently.

Section 2. Chapter 24, Article I. Section 24-1 Definitions, in the Edina City Code is amended to add the following:

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Alley means a public right-of-way owned by the city or over which the city owns an easement which is less than 30 feet in width and which is used or is usable as a public thoroughfare.

Boulevard means that portion of a street not occupied by the traveled portion of the street or a

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sidewalk.

Easement means an easement owned by the city for any public purpose.

Park means property owned by the city which is used or is usable for park, recreation or open space purposes.

Public grounds means any land owned by the city, or over which the city owns an easement, including streets and alleys.

Right-of-Way means the surface and space above and below a public roadway, highway, street, cartway, bicycle lane and public sidewalk in which the city has an interest, including other dedicated rights-of-way for travel purposes and utility easements owned by the city for city utility purposes.

Sidewalk means an improved thoroughfare located on a public right-of-way or public easement limited to usage by pedestrians and nonmotorized vehicles.

Street means a public right-of-way owned by the city or over which the city owns an easement which is 30 feet or more in width and which is used or is usable as a public thoroughfare.

Section 3. Chapter 24, Article I. Section 24-2 through 3 is added as follows:

Sec. 24-2 – BOULEVARD TREE PLANTING

The City of Edina encourages the planting of trees in boulevards adjacent to homeowners' properties. Residents are responsible for planting trees on the boulevard area adjacent to their property and should consult the "Recommended Tree List" held by Hennepin County to avoid planting tree species which detract from the environment.

The City of Edina may initiate tree-planting on the boulevard.

Sec. 24-3 – BOULEVARD TREE MAINTENANCE

The City of Edina believes that it is in the best interest of the residents of Edina and the general public to regulate the planting, maintenance, and removal of trees on City boulevards, rights-of-way, and easements. The City encourages the proper planting and care of trees within the City, in order to increase our overall canopy for the purposes of aesthetics, traffic calming, and climate change response.

It is the responsibility of the adjacent property owner to maintain trees on their boulevard. Sightlines along roadways must be maintained at all times; Planted trees should comply with the regulations of City Code, Article VII – Clear Zone View. Pruning should be done between the months of November and March for best care of trees.

Section 4. This ordinance is effective January 1, 2023.

First Reading: September 7, 2022

Second Reading: October 6, 2022

Published:

ATTEST:

Sharon Allison, City Clerk

James B. Hovland, Mayor

Please publish in the Edina Sun Current on:
Send one affidavit of publication.
Bill to Edina City Clerk



PLAN PURPOSE

- Listen, learn, and have a dialogue with the community. Test ideas, concepts, and develop solutions.

DECISION

- Review and update, if necessary, the city's Tree Protection Ordinance

PARTICIPATION LEVEL: CONSULT



PROMISE TO THE PUBLIC

- We will listen to and keep the public informed, acknowledge concerns, and address any impact to the public. We will work to ensure that concerns are reflected in the options we develop. We will provide feedback on how input influenced the decision.

DATE: March 11, 2024

PREPARED BY: Luther Overholt, Tom Swenson, MJ Lamon

PROJECT PURPOSE

- The City has heard from concerned developers about the tree protection ordinance specifically related to the escrow. In an effort to ensure multiple voices are represented the City will conduct a public input process to gather more comprehensive feedback from residents.

TIMELINE

- Project page launched March 21
- Feedback by April 28
- City Council work session May 7

PARTICIPATION LEVEL

CONSULT

- **Goal:** Obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives, and/or decision.
- **Promise:** Updates will be presented, concerns taken seriously and acknowledged, and feedback shared on how public input impacts decisions.

INTERESTED PARTIES

- Residents
- City Council
- Internal project team?
- ALL Neighborhoods
- EEC & ETC Commission?
- Developers
- Other

PROJECT SCOPE

IN SCOPE (WHAT WE KNOW)

- Policy review – ensure policy continues to protect trees in Edina
- Collection of ideas for improvement

OUT OF SCOPE

- Dissolving the policy
- Removal of escrow
- Any legal or technical requirements?
- Any driving design or scope?

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

OVERALL OBJECTIVES

- Provide a city-wide opportunity for others to provide feedback on the policy

P2 TECHNIQUES

1. On-line survey April 8, 2024-April 29, 2024

ENGAGEMENT REPORT

The Tree Protection Ordinance was under a one-year review. This engagement report will focus on the community input review of the current Tree Protection Ordinance. The information gathered will be used to help City Staff determine if there are necessary amendments to be made to improve the effectiveness of the ordinance.

BETTER TOGETHER EDINA PROJECT PAGE

- Site Visits: 659
- Aware Visitors: 525
- Informed Visitors: 300
- Engaged Visitors: 68

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SUMMARY

From the survey results, there was a consensus that the preservation of trees in neighborhoods is important to many community members. The assessment of the results is that the Tree Protection Ordinance is beneficial to Edina. Reviewing the results of the survey staff did notice a trend of confusion from participants from the ordinance and the questions asked in the survey. Staff acknowledged that the ordinance may be difficult to understand and worked on writing this survey to their best ability for participants to understand. Many participants provided commentary on areas where the Ordinance can be amended. Many were in support of the ordinance and that the general goals of the Ordinance are what the city needs.

CHOOSE ALL THAT APPLY; I LIVE IN EDINA, I BUILD IN EDINA, I VISIT/WORK IN EDINA OR NONE OF THE ABOVE?

- I live in Edina: 60
- I build in Edina: 18
- I visit/work in Edina: 26
- None of the above: 1

These results provided staff with knowledge that most participants are providing their personal experiences with the ordinance in effects to their neighborhoods.

DO YOU FEEL PRESERVING TREES IN RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS IS IMPORTANT?

- 64 agreed
- 4 disagreed

When asked this question respondents were asked to state their level agree from strongly agree to strongly disagree. The result of this question shows that people are in favor of trees in their neighborhoods.

HAVE YOU READ THE UPDATED TREE PROTECTION ORDINANCE?

All participants answered that they have read the ordinance. The ordinance was linked to this survey question to allow participants to read through the ordinance prior to answering this question. Staff does recognize that the ordinance is not in plain language and can be difficult to understand for people not familiar with this aspect of development.

DO THE REQUIREMENTS OUTLINED IN THE TREE PROTECTION ORDINANCE UPHOLD THE VALUE OF PRESERVING EDINA'S TREE AND NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTER?

- 45 agreed
- 21 disagreed
- 2 did not know enough

This question allowed participants to answer with their level of agreement from strongly agree to strongly disagree with the option of 'I don't know enough to provide a response. These results well in agreement with the ordinance did provide insight for the areas of which the Tree Protection Ordinance is not being upheld.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT THE TREE PROTECTION ORDINANCE?

This question was an open comment question for participants to provide where the ordinance is best and what parts of the ordinance, or the ordinance are effective.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE LEAST ABOUT THE TREE PROTECTION ORDINANCE?

This question was an open comment question for participants to provide where the ordinance is least effective and what areas need to be reviewed for possible amendment.

DO THE REQUIREMENTS JUSTIFY THE REMOVAL OF PROTECTED TREES DURING REDEVELOPMENT?

- 20 agreed
- 23 disagreed
- 25 unsure

The review from the survey results showed that this question 7 as well as the following question 8 were difficult for participants to understand and answer correctly. Staff recognized that these questions were not worded properly, but staff did have difficulty writing this question for all participants to understand.

DO THE REQUIREMENTS JUSTIFY THE REMOVAL OF HERITAGE TREES DURING REDEVELOPMENT?

- 15 agreed
- 30 disagreed
- 23 unsure

This question gave us the same results as question 7, where there was confusion with participants in what the questions were asking, and many were unable to answer correctly.

RANKING THE PROJECTS OF WHICH SHOULD HAVE THE HIGHEST TREE PROTECTION POLICY REQUIREMENTS?

- 3.93 average ranked demolitions should have the highest tree policy
- 2.85 average ranked additions should have the lowest tree policy

These questions asked participants to rank the 5 current permit processes by which they believed should have the highest level of the Tree Protection Ordinance requirements. Staff did add in any tree removal and a process to be ranked since many residents over the year of the ordinance and during the development of the ordinance suggested that staff should be managing all tree removals without a building permit being necessary.

WHAT ARE OTHER OPTIONS COULD THE CITY USE TO PRESERVE TREES DURING RESIDENTIAL REDEVELOPMENT?

This question was an open comment question for participants to provide their thoughts on what else the city could do to enforce the preservation of tree preservation. This response varied from full support of this ordinance to this is not enough and this ordinance is too much on builders.

Survey Responses

30 January 2019 - 30 April 2024

Tree Ordinance

Better Together Edina

Project: Tree Protection Ordinance Review



VISITORS					
307					
CONTRIBUTORS			RESPONSES		
69			69		
69	0	0	69	0	0
Registered	Unverified	Anonymous	Registered	Unverified	Anonymous



Respondent No: 1

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 08, 2024 14:28:08 pm

Last Seen: Apr 08, 2024 21:22:57 pm

Q1. **Choose all that apply**

I live in Edina

I build in Edina

I visit/work in Edina

Q2. **Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?**

Strongly agree

Q3. **Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82**

Yes

Q4. **Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?**

Strongly agree

Q5. **What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?**

The fact that builders are not able to clear cut a lot for convenience. For too long, this was the standard practice of many active developers in Edina. With the ordinance, builders must be more intentional about the lot prep process.

Q6. **What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?**

There needs to be a variance procedure. There also should be a carve out for wooded lots.

Q7. **Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?**

Yes

Q8. **Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?**

No

Q9. **Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).**

1. Any residential tree removal

2. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools

3. Residential grading permits

4. Residential lot division applications

5. Residential demolition permits

6. Residential new home permits

Q10. **What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?**

We cannot go back to the old ordinance which was toothless and unenforced.



Respondent No: 2

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 08, 2024 15:08:46 pm

Last Seen: Apr 08, 2024 21:58:42 pm

Q1. **Choose all that apply**

I live in Edina

I visit/work in Edina

Q2. **Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?**

Strongly agree

Q3. **Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82**

Yes

Q4. **Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?**

Strongly agree

Q5. **What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?**

The escrow that ensures compliance and the large replacement trees.

Q6. **What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?**

It's not restrictive enough.

Q7. **Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?**

Yes

Q8. **Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?**

Yes

Q9. **Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).**

1. Residential grading permits
2. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools
3. Residential lot division applications
4. Any residential tree removal
5. Residential demolition permits
6. Residential new home permits

Q10. **What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?**

Higher escrow fees.



Respondent No: 3

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 08, 2024 16:44:35 pm

Last Seen: Apr 19, 2024 03:16:06 am

Q1. Choose all that apply	I live in Edina
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Q2. Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?	Strongly agree
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Q3. Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82	Yes
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Q4. Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?	Strongly agree
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Q5. What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?

It helps the City maintain/protect trees from developers and residents who would rather pay fines than maintain critical trees. We simply cannot allow the de-greening of Edina. This ordinance helps the City deliver on our Climate Action Plan

Q6. What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?

nothing

Q7. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?	Yes
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Q8. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?	Yes
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Q9. Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).	<div>1. Any residential tree removal</div> <div>2. Residential demolition permits</div> <div>3. Residential lot division applications</div> <div>4. Residential new home permits</div> <div>5. Residential grading permits</div> <div>6. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools</div>
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Q10. What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?

Eliminate lot scrapes from teardowns. Limit the size of the replacement homes---far too often you see modest homes bulldozed, lots scraped and MASSIVE homes go up



Respondent No: 4
Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 08, 2024 19:39:12 pm
Last Seen: Apr 09, 2024 02:27:54 am

Q1. Choose all that apply	I live in Edina
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Q2. Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?	Strongly agree
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Q3. Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82	Yes
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Q4. Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?	Strongly agree
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Q5. What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?

It protects a neighborhood-character-defining and climate-change fighting resource that really is communal, even if located on private property.

Q6. What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?

Calculations seem a bit obtuse to me, but perhaps this is the best way to manage it.

Q7. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?	Yes
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Q8. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?	No
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Q9. Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).	<div>1. Residential demolition permits</div> <div>2. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools</div> <div>3. Residential grading permits</div> <div>4. Any residential tree removal</div> <div>5. Residential lot division applications</div> <div>6. Residential new home permits</div>
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Q10. What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?

Fee to purchase equivalent trees to be planted on city park land or in other preservable public space.



Respondent No: 5

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 09, 2024 12:09:46 pm

Last Seen: Apr 09, 2024 18:53:26 pm

Q1. **Choose all that apply**

I live in Edina

I build in Edina

Q2. **Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?**

Strongly agree

Q3. **Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82**

Yes

Q4. **Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?**

Strongly agree

Q5. **What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?**

it doesn't cost anything if you aren't removing trees.

Q6. **What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?**

If one wants to remove trees, it can be done before you build/before you apply for a permit, or after your building project is done. There does not seem to be any treeprotection unless one pulls a permit for building. That's a major hole.

Q7. **Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?**

Yes

Q8. **Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?**

Yes

Q9. **Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).**

1. Residential grading permits
2. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools
3. Residential new home permits
4. Residential lot division applications
5. Residential demolition permits
6. Any residential tree removal

Q10. What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?

Disregard my yes answers for questions 7 and 8. My answer is actually "I don't know" for the 2 yes/no questions. I don't understand the question or how to figure it out. I also had a lot of trouble doing the tree protection worksheet only to discover there was no cost because I was not removing any trees during my garage addition.



Respondent No: 6

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 09, 2024 12:12:05 pm

Last Seen: Apr 09, 2024 18:52:02 pm

Q1. **Choose all that apply**

None of the above

Q2. **Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?**

Strongly agree

Q3. **Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82**

Yes

Q4. **Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?**

Strongly agree

Q5. **What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?**

The levels are high enough to encourage saving trees instead of removal. It is always preferable to save large mature trees.

Q6. **What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?**

The table is confusing. I would eliminate the table and just use the narrative. I don't understand what acreage has to do with it. Make it simple or compliance will be hard. I have no idea what the table questions below are even asking.

Q7. **Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?**

No

Q8. **Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?**

No

Q9. **Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).**

1. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools
2. Any residential tree removal
3. Residential grading permits
4. Residential demolition permits
5. Residential lot division applications
6. Residential new home permits

Q10. **What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?**

There is no better option for tree preservation.



Respondent No: 7

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 10, 2024 09:23:26 am

Last Seen: Apr 22, 2024 22:04:09 pm

Q1. Choose all that apply	I live in Edina
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Q2. Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?	Strongly agree
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Q3. Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82	Yes
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Q4. Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?	Strongly agree
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Q5. What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?

There are a lot of tear downs in our neighborhood. Protecting trees is usually the last thing on a builder's list. The ordinance ensures that there is consideration of tree protection early on which benefits both the neighborhood and the homeowner. It's important to remember that you can't really replace a Legacy/Heritage tree - it will take decades for replacement trees to truly replace mature trees. We already lose many trees to disease, storm damage, and changes in ground water level. I appreciate the city's work to make sure we have a mix of age class, trees that truly provide shade, and a beautiful tree canopy in all parts of our community. I strongly believe this benefits all property values in the city.

Q6. What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?

I have heard that some builders/developers are viewing the penalties for noncompliance as just a cost of doing business.

Q7. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?	Yes
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Q8. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?	Yes
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Q9. Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).	<div>1. Any residential tree removal</div> <div>2. Residential grading permits</div> <div>3. Residential new home permits</div> <div>4. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools</div> <div>5. Residential lot division applications</div> <div>6. Residential demolition permits</div>
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Q10. What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?

Really, the city's lot coverage rules and set back rules are part of the problem. So many residential lots are incredibly crowded and the allowable footprint for homes barely leaves room for mature trees. But if builders are opposed to stricter rules on footprints, they should be more supportive of the city's very reasonable efforts to protect mature trees in our established neighborhoods. A final note - I answered yes to the questions about tree requirements by acreage but I think the questions are confusing. If anything the replacement requirements could be more strict but that did not appear to be an option. These questions are confusing and I would question whether average citizens fully understood them.



Respondent No: 8

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 10, 2024 13:11:48 pm

Last Seen: Apr 10, 2024 19:22:11 pm

Q1. Choose all that apply	I live in Edina
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Q2. Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?	Strongly agree
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Q3. Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82	Yes
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Q4. Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?	Moderately agree
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Q5. What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?

The ordinance wishes to preserve and protect Edina's tree canopy, and give options to homeowners and developers to do so. Developers with sustainable practices will work with nature not toward it. If the city presume itself as a green and sustainable one, it should only make minor changes on two things: 1) the financial guarantee by allowing a letter of credit, and 2) by reducing the release of financial guarantee two years after the issuance of certificate of occupancy. Any other change should be no negotiable.

Q6. What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?

There is not amount of money that can cover the environmental services of a tree. The ordinance should be much more strict

Q7. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?	No
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Q8. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?	No
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Q9. Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).	<div>1. Residential grading permits</div> <div>2. Residential lot division applications</div> <div>3. Any residential tree removal</div> <div>4. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools</div> <div>5. Residential demolition permits</div> <div>6. Residential new home permits</div>
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Q10. What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?

City should be more strict in allowing redevelopment of lots in Edina. Edina demolish 14% of the houses being sold, while in Bloomington and Minneapolis that percentage is below 1%. By having that high percentage of demolition we are making living in Edina much more expensive. If homeowners can pay high prices for housing then they can pay some extra dollars to save the trees. This modification of the ordinance should be no negotiable.



Respondent No: 9

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 11, 2024 07:51:06 am

Last Seen: Apr 11, 2024 14:40:23 pm

Q1. Choose all that apply	I live in Edina
Q2. Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?	Strongly agree
Q3. Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82	Yes
Q4. Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?	Strongly agree
Q5. What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	It is a sensible and fair way to preserve trees from development
Q6. What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	Nothing
Q7. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?	Yes
Q8. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?	Yes
Q9. Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).	1. Any residential tree removal 2. Residential grading permits 3. Residential new home permits 4. Residential lot division applications 5. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools 6. Residential demolition permits
Q10. What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?	Educate residents on how to care for their trees. With heat and drought increasing this would be so helpful



Respondent No: 10

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 11, 2024 08:04:19 am

Last Seen: Apr 11, 2024 14:55:29 pm

Q1. **Choose all that apply**

I live in Edina

I visit/work in Edina

Q2. **Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?**

Strongly agree

Q3. **Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82**

Yes

Q4. **Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?**

Strongly agree

Q5. **What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?**

Helps curtail destruction of trees from construction projects

Q6. **What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?**

penalty for violating the ordinance is chump change for construction companies

Q7. **Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?**

Unsure

Q8. **Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?**

Unsure

Q9. **Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).**

1. Residential grading permits
2. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools
3. Residential lot division applications
4. Any residential tree removal
5. Residential demolition permits
6. Residential new home permits

Q10. **What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?**

Not informed enough to weigh in



Respondent No: 11

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 11, 2024 09:16:10 am

Last Seen: Apr 11, 2024 15:58:47 pm

Q1. **Choose all that apply**

I live in Edina

Q2. **Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?**

Strongly agree

Q3. **Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82**

Yes

Q4. **Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?**

Strongly agree

Q5. **What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?**

Trees greatly help with the fight against global warming. Urban areas are usually hotter also than rural areas. Trees also help with beautification of cities and upholding property values. For these reasons I am pleased Edina has this ordinance in it's current form.

Q6. **What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?**

Not sure

Q7. **Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?**

Yes

Q8. **Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?**

Yes

Q9. **Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).**

1. Any residential tree removal
2. Residential lot division applications
3. Residential grading permits
4. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools
5. Residential new home permits
6. Residential demolition permits

Q10. **What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?**

not sure



Respondent No: 12

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 11, 2024 11:19:01 am

Last Seen: Apr 11, 2024 18:11:27 pm

Q1. Choose all that apply	I live in Edina
Q2. Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?	Strongly agree
Q3. Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82	Yes
Q4. Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?	Strongly agree
Q5. What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	Keeping the legacy and air cleaning aspects of healthy trees
Q6. What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	Some people balk when being told what to do. Too bad.
Q7. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?	Unsure
Q8. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?	Unsure
Q9. Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).	1. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools 2. Residential new home permits 3. Residential grading permits 4. Residential lot division applications 5. Any residential tree removal 6. Residential demolition permits
Q10. What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?	Assessments for both tree removal to property owner, and road destruction to builder.



Respondent No: 13

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 11, 2024 14:00:01 pm

Last Seen: Apr 11, 2024 20:57:12 pm

Q1. Choose all that apply	I live in Edina
Q2. Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?	Moderatley agree
Q3. Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82	Yes
Q4. Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?	Moderately agree
Q5. What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	I like how it incentivizes builders to preserve trees.
Q6. What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	It's super expensive and can deter people from building and renovating.
Q7. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?	Unsure
Q8. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?	Yes
Q9. Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).	1. Residential new home permits 2. Residential demolition permits 3. Residential grading permits 4. Residential lot division applications 5. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools 6. Any residential tree removal
Q10. What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?	Help with building tree houses for families.



Respondent No: 14

Login: Admin

Responded At: Apr 11, 2024 18:25:22 pm

Last Seen: Apr 12, 2024 01:16:11 am

Q1. Choose all that apply	I live in Edina
Q2. Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?	Strongly agree
Q3. Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82	Yes
Q4. Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?	Strongly agree
Q5. What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	Protecting our tree canopy is absolutely essential and in the best interests of our entire community. In addition, caving to real estate developers who naturally find it an inconvenience would be yet another failure by the city to make meaningful progress on a core tenant of our Climate Action Plan.
Q6. What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	No complaints with the tree ordinance.
Q7. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?	Yes
Q8. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?	No
Q9. Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).	<div>1. Any residential tree removal</div> <div>2. Residential lot division applications</div> <div>3. Residential grading permits</div> <div>4. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools</div> <div>5. Residential demolition permits</div> <div>6. Residential new home permits</div>

Q10. What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?

The moment of permitting for building on residential property is the only opportunity for the city to influence the protection of our tree canopy. Outside of these building windows, residents are able to do whatever they want on private property. This is an opportunity for the city to lead on this critical goal for the city. It is critical we don't give in to businesses yet again. We seem to continually "lose" these battles with council siding with businesses despite the overwhelming evidence of a climate crisis.



Respondent No: 15

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 11, 2024 20:57:12 pm

Last Seen: Apr 11, 2024 14:48:01 pm

Q1. Choose all that apply	I live in Edina
Q2. Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?	Strongly agree
Q3. Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82	Yes
Q4. Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?	Strongly agree
Q5. What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	It tries to preserve trees
Q6. What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	It can be difficult to implement
Q7. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?	Unsure
Q8. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?	Unsure
Q9. Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).	1. Residential demolition permits 2. Residential grading permits 3. Any residential tree removal 4. Residential new home permits 5. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools 6. Residential lot division applications
Q10. What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?	Sorry, no comments



Respondent No: 16

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 12, 2024 10:00:32 am

Last Seen: Apr 12, 2024 16:54:58 pm

Q1. Choose all that apply	I live in Edina
Q2. Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?	Strongly agree
Q3. Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82	Yes
Q4. Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?	Moderately agree
Q5. What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	Preservation of nature and environment.
Q6. What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	It's only limited to construction. Too many lost oaks due to trimming outside of pruning season.
Q7. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?	Yes
Q8. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?	Yes
Q9. Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).	<div>1. Residential demolition permits</div> <div>2. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools</div> <div>3. Residential grading permits</div> <div>4. Any residential tree removal</div> <div>5. Residential new home permits</div> <div>6. Residential lot division applications</div>
Q10. What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?	Require a permit for trimming in order to stop flu by night companies to damage healthy trees, especially oaks.



Respondent No: 17

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 12, 2024 10:16:39 am

Last Seen: Apr 12, 2024 17:04:18 pm

Q1. Choose all that apply	I live in Edina
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Q2. Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?	Moderatley agree
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Q3. Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82	Yes
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Q4. Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?	Moderately agree
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Q5. What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?

I agree that A healthy canopy is important.

Q6. What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?

I think that the city should focus its attention on trees in parks and public rights of way, not on private property. Despite the amount of redevelopment in Erina, I do not think that the amount of tree loss justifies this restriction on private property owners' right to manage and landscape their property. In addition, this perpetuates the problem of overly expensive housing in Edina.

Q7. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?	No
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Q8. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?	No
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Q9. Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).	<div>1. Any residential tree removal</div> <div>2. Residential lot division applications</div> <div>3. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools</div> <div>4. Residential grading permits</div> <div>5. Residential new home permits</div> <div>6. Residential demolition permits</div>
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Q10.What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?

The city should be spending its time and money on tree preservation on public property.



Respondent No: 18

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 12, 2024 10:50:53 am

Last Seen: Apr 12, 2024 17:43:52 pm

Q1. Choose all that apply	I live in Edina
Q2. Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?	Strongly agree
Q3. Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82	Yes
Q4. Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?	Strongly agree
Q5. What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	Developments become less dense with more green space.
Q6. What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	Cost to developers
Q7. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?	Unsure
Q8. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?	Unsure
Q9. Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).	1. Residential lot division applications 2. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools 3. Residential new home permits 4. Residential grading permits 5. Residential demolition permits 6. Any residential tree removal
Q10. What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?	Monitoring to insure replaced tree are maintained.



Respondent No: 19

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 12, 2024 14:03:42 pm

Last Seen: Apr 12, 2024 20:54:08 pm

Q1. Choose all that apply	I live in Edina
Q2. Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?	Strongly agree
Q3. Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82	Yes
Q4. Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?	Moderately agree
Q5. What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	Trees removed due to major construction projects (home tear down/reconstruction, commercial construction) need to be replaced.
Q6. What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	Requiring replacement for smaller home construction - garage, shed, etc.
Q7. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?	Yes
Q8. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?	Yes
Q9. Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).	1. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools 2. Any residential tree removal 3. Residential lot division applications 4. Residential grading permits 5. Residential new home permits 6. Residential demolition permits
Q10. What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?	No input.



Respondent No: 20

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 12, 2024 14:07:57 pm

Last Seen: Apr 12, 2024 21:00:52 pm

Q1. Choose all that apply	I live in Edina
Q2. Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?	Moderately agree
Q3. Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82	Yes
Q4. Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?	Moderately agree
Q5. What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	Requirement to preserve Heritage Trees.
Q6. What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	Random nature of cutting down trees.
Q7. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?	Unsure
Q8. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?	Unsure
Q9. Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).	1. Any residential tree removal 2. Residential new home permits 3. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools 4. Residential demolition permits 5. Residential grading permits 6. Residential lot division applications
Q10. What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?	Treating



Respondent No: 21

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 12, 2024 14:19:21 pm

Last Seen: Apr 12, 2024 21:04:00 pm

Q1. **Choose all that apply**

I live in Edina

I build in Edina

I visit/work in Edina

Q2. **Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?**

Moderately disagree

Q3. **Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82**

Yes

Q4. **Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?**

Strongly disagree

Q5. **What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?**

It was a nice idea

Q6. **What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?**

The replacement expectations are unrealistic bordering on nonsensical. There are many real-life situations that would involve needing to plant a veritable forest on a 1/4 acre lot to replace tree dbh. It is also incredibly short sighted to not account for tree growth over time. In many cases, the density at which trees would have to be planted is actually unsustainable and would not allow replacement trees to thrive. Again, it is a good idea but the extremism in replacement ratio makes it untenable as written.

Q7. **Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?**

Yes

Q8. **Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?**

Yes

Q9. **Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).**

1. Residential new home permits

2. Residential demolition permits

3. Residential grading permits

4. Residential lot division applications

5. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools

6. Any residential tree removal

Q10. What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?

Having a reasonable replacement ratio and realizing that house construction is one of Edina's strengths, not something to be feared. Every house was once a new build and every heritage tree was once 2" dbh.



Respondent No: 22

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 12, 2024 14:33:04 pm

Last Seen: Apr 12, 2024 21:18:13 pm

Q1. Choose all that apply	I live in Edina
Q2. Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?	Strongly agree
Q3. Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82	Yes
Q4. Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?	Moderately disagree
Q5. What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	Clearly defined policies and procedures
Q6. What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	I think that the current ordinance has grossly inadequate penalties for failure to perform according to the requirements of the ordinance. I think that the fines should be increased at least tenfold. Also, there appears to be inadequate, surveillance, and enforcement of infractions.
Q7. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?	Yes
Q8. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?	No
Q9. Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).	1. Residential grading permits 2. Residential lot division applications 3. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools 4. Residential new home permits 5. Any residential tree removal 6. Residential demolition permits

Q10. What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?

The city could significantly increase the fines for failure to live up to the requirements of the ordinance, and could increase surveillance of compliance with the conditions of the permit. I live on Lochloy Drive, where we have had two recent home demolition and new house construction projects. Heritage trees have been damaged and destroyed, and numerous trees' root systems from the neighbors' properties have been severely damaged during these projects. It is unclear whether the builder or homeowner has faced any consequences for the damage they have caused.



Respondent No: 23

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 12, 2024 14:56:00 pm

Last Seen: Apr 12, 2024 21:50:27 pm

Q1. **Choose all that apply**

I live in Edina

Q2. **Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?**

Strongly agree

Q3. **Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82**

Yes

Q4. **Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?**

Moderately agree

Q5. **What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?**

recognizing how incredibly mature established trees and the canopy of shade and heat protection these trees provide.

Q6. **What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?**

I don't know

Q7. **Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?**

No

Q8. **Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?**

No

Q9. **Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).**

1. Residential new home permits
2. Residential grading permits
3. Any residential tree removal
4. Residential demolition permits
5. Residential lot division applications
6. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools

Q10. **What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?**

I don't know



Respondent No: 24

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 12, 2024 15:24:55 pm

Last Seen: Apr 12, 2024 22:20:36 pm

Q1. **Choose all that apply**

I live in Edina

Q2. **Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?**

Strongly agree

Q3. **Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82**

Yes

Q4. **Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?**

Strongly agree

Q5. **What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?**

Canopy protection

Q6. **What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?**

Nothing

Q7. **Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?**

Yes

Q8. **Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?**

No

Q9. **Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).**

1. Any residential tree removal
2. Residential grading permits
3. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools
4. Residential new home permits
5. Residential lot division applications
6. Residential demolition permits

Q10. **What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?**

Unsure. Perhaps find a way to incentivize the planting of small trees.



Respondent No: 25

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 12, 2024 16:44:06 pm

Last Seen: Apr 12, 2024 23:33:15 pm

Q1. **Choose all that apply**

I live in Edina

I visit/work in Edina

Q2. **Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?**

Strongly disagree

Q3. **Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82**

Yes

Q4. **Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?**

Strongly disagree

Q5. **What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?**

I feel you are overstepping again. You allow perfectly good houses to be torn down and monsters to be built. You then have an ordinance that is very hard on homeowners when builders always get a work around. and by this I mean apt, condo builders that seem to have \$\$\$ and that seems to be how there is always a work around for them. You decide which trees you like and which you don't. If you can't replant the number of trees there is an option to plant elsewhere. If you don't keep them alive (impossible if you plant off your property) for 3 years then you need to pay the city and loose the escrow. The escrow is also way to expensive for most homeowners, not the large builders with deep pockets. A number of years ago we tried to save a large tree on our property on Kellogg avenue so applied for a variance for our addition so we could save the tree. Back then you were only approving the addition with a huge driveway that would kill the tree. We finally won after a lot of work on our part. Today you want the opposite. This city has really lost focus on it's residents.

Q6. **What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?**

Everything above and then some.

Q7. **Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?**

Yes

Q8. **Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?**

No

Q9. Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).

1. Any residential tree removal
2. Residential grading permits
3. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools
4. Residential new home permits
5. Residential demolition permits
6. Residential lot division applications

Q10. What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?

Let homeowners do what they wish by approval WITHOUT the ridiculous fees. Make builders who are building all these awful apartments and condos pay these fees. It would keep them away!!!! Yes, I do NOT like all this multi housing in our wonderful family neighborhoods. It brings in riff rar and that is obvious from the huge increase in crime in our beautiful city. Yes, I did just say that. Also, awful interesting that this is a survey and we need to SIGN IN??? Is this so you can put a mark next to those of us that don't agree with all these people making all these terrible decisions for our city?



Respondent No: 26

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 12, 2024 18:49:18 pm

Last Seen: Apr 13, 2024 01:40:14 am

Q1. Choose all that apply	I live in Edina
Q2. Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?	Strongly agree
Q3. Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82	Yes
Q4. Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?	Moderately agree
Q5. What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	<p>It exists! It's about time. The Pamela Park neighborhood has been decimated by tree removal. Over a year ago, a concerned resident brought this to the city council's attention with careful documentation and research. The mayor's response was "thank you". Meanwhile, I live next door to a ridiculous teardown that took out mature trees. It's about time you started to take action. When the teardown next door to me was occurring,, including the tree removal, I called "arborist" Luther Overholst with concern. He couldn't have cared less.</p>
Q6. What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	<p>It doesn't go far enough. It is about time Edina start to show a little consideration for neighbors when allowing greedy developers to tear down our mature neighborhoods and replace them with ugly monsters that encroach on our privacy and remove our trees. I don't know why Edina has an environmental council when you've allowed the tree decimation to go on for so long.</p>
Q7. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?	No
Q8. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?	No
Q9. Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Residential grading permits2. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools3. Residential lot division applications4. Residential new home permits5. Residential demolition permits6. Any residential tree removal

Q10. What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?

forbid tree removal...period. When tearing down a house and impacting trees, MANDATE THE NEIGHBORING NEIGHBORS to approve or deny the removal of any tree. it's time to take radical action against the decimation of trees in this city. No action will go far enough. I feel very strongly about this and am ashamed of the way Edina is looking. Shameful greed without any consideration for long time tenants of this city.



Respondent No: 27

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 12, 2024 20:17:05 pm

Last Seen: Apr 13, 2024 03:06:55 am

Q1. **Choose all that apply**

I live in Edina

I visit/work in Edina

Q2. **Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?**

Strongly agree

Q3. **Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82**

Yes

Q4. **Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?**

Strongly agree

Q5. **What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?**

It help to to protect mature trees

Q6. **What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?**

I don't think i goes far enough to protect existing trees

Q7. **Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?**

No

Q8. **Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?**

No

Q9. **Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).**

1. Any residential tree removal

2. Residential demolition permits

3. Residential grading permits

4. Residential new home permits

5. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools

6. Residential lot division applications

Q10. **What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?**

Require trees of a certain size and distance from new construction or demolition for be preserved



Respondent No: 28

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 12, 2024 23:39:11 pm

Last Seen: Apr 13, 2024 05:19:31 am

Q1. Choose all that apply	I live in Edina
Q2. Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?	Strongly agree
Q3. Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82	Yes
Q4. Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?	Moderately agree
Q5. What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	Edina is trying to preserve and protect our trees for all the reasons stated in the ordinance.
Q6. What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	It does not address the impact that the building will have on the neighbor's trees. A mature heritage tree just over the lot line from construction can be destroyed with this plan, all at the neighbors expense and loss of beauty. —Also does this plan address the city's desire to maintain living streets - keeping trees in the front of properties? - Why does this plan require replacement of an evergreen with an evergreen? — protecting the roots of existing trees during construction is very important. This does not seem to leave enough space around trees that are not being removed. And in my neighborhood it seems that no one is enforcing these protected zones. —my answers to question 9 are not to be tallied. The preposition doesn't make sense but I can't submit this survey without answering.
Q7. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?	Unsure
Q8. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?	Unsure
Q9. Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).	<div>1. Any residential tree removal</div> <div>2. Residential grading permits</div> <div>3. Residential new home permits</div> <div>4. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools</div> <div>5. Residential lot division applications</div> <div>6. Residential demolition permits</div>

Q10. What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?

The fines for noncompliance seem very small compared to the impact of removing a mature tree. Consider calculating a carbon cost for removing a tree.



Respondent No: 29

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 13, 2024 18:58:32 pm

Last Seen: Apr 14, 2024 01:46:29 am

Q1. Choose all that apply	I live in Edina
Q2. Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?	Moderately agree
Q3. Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82	Yes
Q4. Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?	Strongly disagree
Q5. What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	That it provides motivation to preserve trees, though the previous ordinance also did that.
Q6. What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	It is an unreasonable burden on developers and future home owners who will have to bear the burden of these escrow fees. It is also unrealistic to assume an inch for inch (or 75%) replacement will be feasible on even the most generous lots in Edina. Replacing a single 28" tree would require at least 3, but more likely 4 trees to comply without paying escrow. This appears to be a simple fee collection scheme to force builders, developers, and homeowners pay for a department's budget, rather than actually solving a tree problem.
Q7. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?	Unsure
Q8. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?	Unsure
Q9. Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Residential new home permits2. Residential demolition permits3. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools4. Residential grading permits5. Any residential tree removal6. Residential lot division applications

Q10. What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?

The city should go back to the previous ordinance that allows for tree removal, and perhaps make replacement requirements more robust. For example, require the first tree to be larger dbh or taller, or provide other incentives to homeowners to plant additional trees. Trees are important, but so is the future development of our neighborhoods.



Respondent No: 30

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 14, 2024 09:40:35 am

Last Seen: Apr 14, 2024 16:34:43 pm

Q1. Choose all that apply	I live in Edina
Q2. Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?	Strongly agree
Q3. Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82	Yes
Q4. Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?	Strongly agree
Q5. What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	Slowing down the planning process for a project to force thoughtfulness into the property with the goal of maintaining a healthy ecosystem in the city
Q6. What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	I would like it to be tougher - but realize that there are individual property rights and that is very important to protect as well
Q7. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?	Unsure
Q8. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?	Unsure
Q9. Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).	<div>1. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools</div> <div>2. Residential demolition permits</div> <div>3. Residential new home permits</div> <div>4. Any residential tree removal</div> <div>5. Residential grading permits</div> <div>6. Residential lot division applications</div>
Q10. What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?	Unsure



Respondent No: 31

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 14, 2024 10:48:22 am

Last Seen: Apr 14, 2024 17:38:23 pm

Q1. Choose all that apply	I live in Edina
Q2. Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?	Strongly agree
Q3. Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82	Yes
Q4. Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?	Strongly agree
Q5. What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	Very understandable.
Q6. What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	Nothing.
Q7. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?	Unsure
Q8. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?	Unsure
Q9. Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).	1. Residential grading permits 2. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools 3. Residential new home permits 4. Residential demolition permits 5. Residential lot division applications 6. Any residential tree removal
Q10. What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?	I have no other options to suggest.



Respondent No: 32

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 15, 2024 10:19:42 am

Last Seen: Apr 15, 2024 16:53:51 pm

Q1. **Choose all that apply**

I live in Edina

Q2. **Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?**

Strongly agree

Q3. **Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82**

Yes

Q4. **Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?**

Moderately disagree

Q5. **What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?**

The intention of protecting heritage trees and the emphasis on maintaining/expanding the overall canopy in Edina for purposes of clean water, air, etc.

Q6. **What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?**

This ordinance is too weak. It allows the builder/owner to replace old growth trees with much smaller young trees that will take decades to reach a similar size and to produce equivalent environmental and aesthetic benefits outlined in the purpose. The near term loss is too substantial. Also, the associated fee is almost immaterial given that the builder/developer can simply fold it into a much larger purchase price or financing.

Q7. **Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?**

No

Q8. **Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?**

No

Q9. **Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).**

1. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools
2. Residential demolition permits
3. Residential grading permits
4. Residential new home permits
5. Residential lot division applications
6. Any residential tree removal

Q10. What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?

The policy needs to create a much higher threshold in order to drive the desired preservation, including 1) stronger requirements for removing protected and heritage trees and 2) much higher fees in doing so or failing to meet requirements. Consideration should be given to homeowner tax credits for tree preservation on new developments. Also, Edina needs to change the residential structure dimension allowance to discourage old growth tree removal.



Respondent No: 33

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 15, 2024 13:14:09 pm

Last Seen: Apr 15, 2024 20:03:18 pm

Q1. Choose all that apply	I live in Edina
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Q2. Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?	Strongly agree
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Q3. Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82	Yes
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Q4. Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?	Strongly agree
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Q5. What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	All of our trees are stressed from drought, from disease, from insect infestation. We need to do all we can to protect what we have for everyone to enjoy ESPECIALLY the climate
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Q6. What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	I don't like to "make" anyone do anything, I would like for them to want to do the right thing.
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Q7. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?	Unsure
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Q8. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?	Unsure
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Q9. Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).	<div>1. Any residential tree removal</div> <div>2. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools</div> <div>3. Residential demolition permits</div> <div>4. Residential new home permits</div> <div>5. Residential grading permits</div> <div>6. Residential lot division applications</div>
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Q10. What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?	This is a design issue and the ordinance makes one criteria govern. That isn't the way to achieve quality if it sacrifices water quality or site drainage or visibility at intersections or aesthetic harmony. A serious review by qualified design professionals may lead to better, more wholistic outcomes.
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Respondent No: 34

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 15, 2024 13:14:24 pm

Last Seen: Apr 15, 2024 19:54:35 pm

Q1. **Choose all that apply**

I live in Edina

Q2. **Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?**

Strongly agree

Q3. **Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82**

Yes

Q4. **Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?**

Strongly disagree

Q5. **What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?**

The tree ordinance provides considerations of tree preservations on already developed lots. Unfortunately, it does not provide reasonable standards and limitations for fully wooded lots.

Q6. **What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?**

This ordinance does not account for fully wooded lots previously zoned for residential building. Our escrow balance is nearly 20% of the city's total escrow holdings. This is an excessive burden for a single home owner when the city zoned the lot for residential building with already significant tree protections mandated in the zoning.

Q7. **Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?**

No

Q8. **Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?**

No

Q9. **Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).**

1. Residential new home permits
2. Residential grading permits
3. Any residential tree removal
4. Residential lot division applications
5. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools
6. Residential demolition permits

Q10. What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?

Question 9 should be rewritten for clarity. The city needs to cap the total amount held in escrow if a wooded lot has previously been zoned for residential building. Anything in excess of the average amount held by the city is excessive and undue burden. Variances to zoning ordinances necessarily affect preservation ordinances. Those variances given to businesses and corporations should be afforded to residential building as well. Maintaining a tree currently standing does not necessarily mean that you are preserving beauty.



Respondent No: 35

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 16, 2024 04:24:38 am

Last Seen: Apr 21, 2024 20:45:38 pm

Q1. Choose all that apply	I live in Edina
Q2. Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?	Moderately agree
Q3. Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82	Yes
Q4. Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?	Moderately disagree
Q5. What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	I like the idea of preserving trees when possible.
Q6. What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	I think the cost to preserve trees during a construction project could limit the ability of construction. For instance, we have a silver maple which isn't on the list of heritage trees but if it was we would not be able to complete our project because it is huge, in the way and there would be no way that we even find a tree that size to replace it, even if we could afford it. What happens if you buy a really expensive tree and it dies, then you have to pay to replace it again? This project really needs a feasibility study. In like preserving trees, however make it realistic
Q7. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?	Unsure
Q8. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?	Unsure
Q9. Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).	1. Any residential tree removal 2. Residential grading permits 3. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools 4. Residential lot division applications 5. Residential new home permits 6. Residential demolition permits

Q10. What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?

Having an option to speak with an arborist to develop a site specific plan. Having to pull multiple permits for a project and pay escrow is over the top.



Respondent No: 36

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 16, 2024 14:01:31 pm

Last Seen: Apr 16, 2024 20:54:45 pm

Q1. **Choose all that apply**

I live in Edina

I build in Edina

I visit/work in Edina

Q2. **Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?**

Strongly agree

Q3. **Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82**

Yes

Q4. **Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?**

Moderately disagree

Q5. **What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?**

I like the requirement to document existing trees before a project commences.

Q6. **What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?**

The cash escrow requirement is excessive. The previous tree ordinance was sufficient where it required replacement one to one with 3" trees of similar type.

Q7. **Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?**

Unsure

Q8. **Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?**

Unsure

Q9. **Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).**

1. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools

2. Residential grading permits

3. Residential lot division applications

4. Residential demolition permits

5. Residential new home permits

6. Any residential tree removal

Q10. **What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?**

Give extra credit if a developer or homeowner spades in a larger tree than required.



Respondent No: 37

Login: Admin

Responded At: Apr 17, 2024 12:06:34 pm

Last Seen: Apr 19, 2024 18:27:11 pm

Q1. Choose all that apply	I live in Edina
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Q2. Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?	Strongly agree
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Q3. Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82	Yes
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Q4. Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?	Strongly agree
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Q5. What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?

I like the entire Ordinance as is. The best parts are the Financial Guarantee section, and the specificity around how to replace protected or heritage trees that are removed.

Q6. What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?

I have no critiques for the Ordinance. Note to staff - this survey is poorly designed and unnecessarily confusing, making it less accessible to ordinary residents who care about protecting our trees.

Q7. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?	Unsure
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Q8. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?	Unsure
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Q9. Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).	<div>1. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools</div> <div>2. Residential grading permits</div> <div>3. Residential new home permits</div> <div>4. Residential lot division applications</div> <div>5. Residential demolition permits</div> <div>6. Any residential tree removal</div>
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Q10. What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?

Uphold this Tree Protection Ordinance in its entirety.



Respondent No: 38

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 17, 2024 12:29:59 pm

Last Seen: Apr 17, 2024 15:15:11 pm

Q1. Choose all that apply	I live in Edina
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Q2. Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?	Strongly agree
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Q3. Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82	Yes
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Q4. Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?	Strongly agree
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Q5. What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?

Think it provides strong protections for heritage trees.

Q6. What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?

In some cases the costs could become prohibitive to comply with the ordinance. Do want to make sure our mature tree canopy is protected, but we should also make sure families can build or add on to an existing house in an affordable way.

Q7. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?	Unsure
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Q8. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?	Unsure
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Q9. Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).	<div>1. Residential lot division applications</div> <div>2. Residential grading permits</div> <div>3. Any residential tree removal</div> <div>4. Residential new home permits</div> <div>5. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools</div> <div>6. Residential demolition permits</div>
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Q10. What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?

Not necessarily during development, but if the city / a property owner is removing a tree because of EAB could the city possibly offer a replacement tree at no charge?



Respondent No: 39

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 19, 2024 09:49:49 am

Last Seen: Apr 19, 2024 16:42:44 pm

Q1. **Choose all that apply**

I live in Edina

I build in Edina

I visit/work in Edina

Q2. **Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?**

Moderately agree

Q3. **Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82**

Yes

Q4. **Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?**

Moderately agree

Q5. **What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?**

That we are looking to preserve trees that are older and have value

Q6. **What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?**

It is WAY too restrictive. It stifles development and doesn't allow owners to use their land as they would like. Replacement should be a viable option. The ordinance is way too restrictive and aggressive.

Q7. **Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?**

No

Q8. **Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?**

No

Q9. **Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).**

1. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools

2. Residential lot division applications

3. Residential demolition permits

4. Residential new home permits

5. Residential grading permits

6. Any residential tree removal

Q10. What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?

Look boulevard trees. It is a bit disheartening, when the City takes out whole groves of trees in our parks with a goal of replanting in other areas, but wont allow a home owner to do the same. Boulevard trees complete aesthetic. strategically placed trees in yards do as well. Replacement should always be the first option rather than not allowing an owner to build or remodel due to ordinance or age of a tree.



Respondent No: 40

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 19, 2024 11:55:30 am

Last Seen: Apr 19, 2024 18:42:44 pm

Q1. **Choose all that apply**

I build in Edina

I visit/work in Edina

Q2. **Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?**

Moderately agree

Q3. **Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82**

Yes

Q4. **Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?**

Moderately agree

Q5. **What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?**

I like that appropriate trees have some protections.

Q6. **What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?**

3 year hold on half the tree escrow for builders. Will escrow be released with paid interest at fed interest rate?

Q7. **Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?**

Unsure

Q8. **Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?**

Unsure

Q9. **Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).**

1. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools
2. Residential grading permits
3. Residential new home permits
4. Residential demolition permits
5. Any residential tree removal
6. Residential lot division applications

Q10. **What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?**

Release of full escrow to after trees planted. The 3 year hold is not appropriate or fair to any and all private parties.



Respondent No: 41

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 19, 2024 12:13:21 pm

Last Seen: Apr 19, 2024 19:05:16 pm

Q1. Choose all that apply	I live in Edina
Q2. Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?	Strongly agree
Q3. Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82	Yes
Q4. Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?	I don't know enough to provide a response
Q5. What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	Promoting Trees
Q6. What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	You don't take into consideration when you buy a heavily wooded lot, or the topography, holding people's money for so long, no clear process to return it, no one at the city will talk to you about this, its the telephone game, when building on a hill and a heavy wooded lot, you cant put that many tress back.
Q7. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?	No
Q8. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?	No
Q9. Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).	1. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools 2. Residential demolition permits 3. Residential lot division applications 4. Residential new home permits 5. Residential grading permits 6. Any residential tree removal
Q10. What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?	Just use common sense if the lot is on a hill and heavy wooded and three years is WAY to long to hole peoples money.



Respondent No: 42

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 19, 2024 12:31:59 pm

Last Seen: Apr 19, 2024 19:21:30 pm

Q1. Choose all that apply	I build in Edina
Q2. Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?	Moderatley agree
Q3. Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82	Yes
Q4. Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?	Strongly disagree
Q5. What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	I like the idea of preserving/replacing trees
Q6. What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	The escrow amounts are absurd.
Q7. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?	No
Q8. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?	No
Q9. Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).	1. Residential new home permits 2. Residential lot division applications 3. Residential demolition permits 4. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools 5. Residential grading permits 6. Any residential tree removal
Q10. What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?	A smaller escrow . I like the idea or practice of preserving or replacing trees on construction sites. simply replace a tree with a similar tree- If the heights of maturity don't match require more trees



Respondent No: 43

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 19, 2024 12:36:14 pm

Last Seen: Apr 19, 2024 19:02:49 pm

Q1. **Choose all that apply**

I build in Edina

I visit/work in Edina

Q2. **Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?**

Moderately agree

Q3. **Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82**

Yes

Q4. **Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?**

Moderately disagree

Q5. **What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?**

It provides incentive to save as many trees as one can. To be fair, a one size fits all ordinance does not work. I've been building and developing for 34 years and at this stage, I don't know of one person that looks at a property and decides that they want to clear cut and devastate a property. On the contrary, most all people look at what they can do to protect what they can and also, replant what they can to enhance the property value. It is unfortunate that during the approval process of an apartment complex, or larger project, the city has and could provide relief of tree replacement to the developer when it is "deemed" in the best interest of the city, but yet have a one size fits all ordinance for someone coming in for a simple build permit. We all find value in trees but to not give relief for heavily wooded lots is not right. After all, the city is attaining additional tax revenue by the addition of a new house. That in and of itself is a benefit.

Q6. **What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?**

It is too broad and doesn't give any leeway to those sites that are heavily wooded and creates overwhelming compensatory damage to those homeowners that have a particular case of a heavily wooded lot. There should be some cap on overall and to hold a persons funds for 3 years is over reaching. Think about everyone's needs within a family - these funds being held could have a significant impact on their lives with no recourse.

Q7. **Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?**

Unsure

Q8. **Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?**

Unsure

Q9. Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).

1. Residential new home permits
2. Residential lot division applications
3. Residential demolition permits
4. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools
5. Any residential tree removal
6. Residential grading permits

Q10. What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?

To be fair, your questions in the poll are skewed to put residents against one another. Specifically, questions 7 - 9 pit interests against each other rather than being able to be flexible and have a few different criteria within each category. Why would one be better than another or rank higher than another? You could have a new single family home built upon a heavily wooded lot that could have a higher benefit to the city than a remodel / addition to a house but yet the heavily wooded lot would be penalized greatly just because of its natural state. You could have a developer come in to develop or redevelop a property into a new subdivision with 6 to 10 homes which would significantly contribute to the tax base but yet have compensatory requirements on tree replacement. But conversely have an addition that takes down a couple trees which is fairly easy to absorb financially and have a much less contribution to the city's tax base. I realize that the city is trying to do a one size fits all ordinance to make it easy on itself but truly, there needs to be more alternatives to each category. Yes, that would be more work on the city's part, but isn't that what a good policy should actually be? One size fits all doesn't work in this case. I DID NOT ANSWER NUMBER 9 RIGHTFULLY - THE RANKING IS NOT A FAIR ASSESSMENT.



Respondent No: 44

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 19, 2024 15:26:03 pm

Last Seen: Apr 19, 2024 22:02:10 pm

Q1. **Choose all that apply**

I build in Edina

I visit/work in Edina

Q2. **Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?**

Moderately agree

Q3. **Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82**

Yes

Q4. **Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?**

Strongly disagree

Q5. **What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?**

I agree with doing what we can to keep mature trees. But it has to make sense.

Q6. **What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?**

Basically everything. I understand tree preservation and being sure that none impacted trees survive. But putting a 3 year escrow with unheard of dollar amounts on trees that are needed to come down to keep up with normal construction is hurting builders, home owners, and I believe your city. Just passing down an escrow doesn't work. Prices will start to go down on houses for sale that have heritage trees in the building zone and people will get stuck with their property or worse neighbors that want the old rub down house demoed and built new may be stuck with a rental next door because there is \$80k of trees that are too close to build around.

Q7. **Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?**

Yes

Q8. **Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?**

Yes

Q9. **Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).**

1. Any residential tree removal
2. Residential new home permits
3. Residential lot division applications
4. Residential demolition permits
5. Residential grading permits
6. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools

Q10. What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?

I feel it is not the cities right to say what someone can do with the trees on private property. If you want to protect trees, protect the ones that are outside of the building pad.



Respondent No: 45

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 21, 2024 11:07:43 am

Last Seen: Apr 21, 2024 17:21:07 pm

Q1. **Choose all that apply**

I live in Edina

I build in Edina

I visit/work in Edina

Q2. **Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?**

Strongly agree

Q3. **Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82**

Yes

Q4. **Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?**

Moderately agree

Q5. **What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?**

the goal of preserving the tree canopy is a good one, but this ordinance has a lot of unintended consequences.

Q6. **What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?**

There are many things wrong with it. 1st, it seems like a land grab by the city. property values are now being affected by how many trees they have on them. When a buyer is considering a property for improvement (remodel, improve landscape, add play set for kids, tear down) they now have to consider a possible large financial barrier, which essentially reduces the value of the seller's property. 2nd, the amount of the escrow is ridiculous, and that a large chunk of it is being held for 3 years. Trees are now being left in place to avoid the requirement which is causing a safety issue down the road if the root system was affected. Does the city want this liability? 3rd, if a builder does a lot of work in Edina and plants more trees than are required by an ordinance they should get a credit for the additional trees to use on future projects if desired. They and their clients should not be discouraged from planting more than required. Incent them to plant more versus requiring them to plant a minimum. 4th, if the goal is what the ordinance states, why not require a tree removal permit for all properties, not just the ones looking for permits? Wouldn't that get the City to its goals much quicker? My guess is that would be seen by all as a land grab.

Q7. **Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?**

No

Q8. **Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?**

No

Q9. Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).

1. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools
2. Residential lot division applications
3. Residential demolition permits
4. Residential grading permits
5. Residential new home permits
6. Any residential tree removal

Q10. What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?

1st, I don't think this survey should require answers (like #9 above) to move on with the survey. Disregard all my rankings above except for the one that I have marked with a 6. I think the city should focus on incenting all residents to plant new trees, not just residents seeking to improve their property. Work with charities and government grants and volunteers to meet new trees per year in the city. We need new trees, but the current ordinance seems to have a lot of negatives and is pitting people against each other.



Respondent No: 46

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 21, 2024 18:35:46 pm

Last Seen: Apr 22, 2024 01:04:53 am

Q1. Choose all that apply	I live in Edina
Q2. Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?	Moderatley agree
Q3. Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82	Yes
Q4. Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?	Moderately agree
Q5. What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	It's clearly stated which trees the city wishes to maintain.
Q6. What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	The table in question 7 is unclear and I have no idea how or what to answer. The same situation is true with questions 8 and 9.
Q7. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?	Unsure
Q8. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?	Unsure
Q9. Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).	1. Residential lot division applications 2. Residential grading permits 3. Any residential tree removal 4. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools 5. Residential demolition permits 6. Residential new home permits
Q10. What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?	Consider no only preserving trees, but also taking care of existing trees by trimming and maintaining them, rather than letting trees just grow out of control by not maintaining them.



Respondent No: 47

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 22, 2024 09:15:41 am

Last Seen: Apr 22, 2024 16:00:41 pm

Q1. **Choose all that apply**

I build in Edina

I visit/work in Edina

Q2. **Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?**

Moderately disagree

Q3. **Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82**

Yes

Q4. **Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?**

Moderately disagree

Q5. **What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?**

That transplant trees can be used.

Q6. **What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?**

The tree escrow amount is unfairly burdensome to property owners where there are "heritage trees" that were removed prior to the new property owner that has purchased the land, and with the one-year look-back rule, this is unfair to the new land owner.

Q7. **Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?**

Yes

Q8. **Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?**

Yes

Q9. **Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).**

1. Residential demolition permits
2. Residential new home permits
3. Residential lot division applications
4. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools
5. Residential grading permits
6. Any residential tree removal

Q10. What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?

While I agree with some rules to preserve trees, there needs to be much less of a "big stick" to enforce that preservation, and something that is not simply being used to generate more permit fees and escrow funds for the city, which puts an unfair burden on home and land owners in the Edina.



Respondent No: 48

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 22, 2024 10:34:35 am

Last Seen: Apr 22, 2024 17:10:38 pm

Q1. Choose all that apply	I build in Edina
Q2. Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?	Strongly agree
Q3. Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82	Yes
Q4. Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?	Strongly disagree
Q5. What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	It contemplates everyone's goal of preserving trees in an aging urban area.
Q6. What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	No consideration given to the fact that Edina's developments of homes (with other close in MSP urban areas) are aging, hence the tree population is as well. No context given to this and how this punitive ordinance is impacting the ability for owners to update or replace the housing stock. The potential examples of this are too numerous to list here. Also no consideration for Mother Nature's impact on any tree.
Q7. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?	No
Q8. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?	No
Q9. Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).	1. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools 2. Residential new home permits 3. Residential demolition permits 4. Residential grading permits 5. Any residential tree removal 6. Residential lot division applications

Q10. What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?

Provide someone (not the forester and this is counter to his job description)to help with a common sense evaluation of current real world conditions of existing trees by an unbiased professional that does NOT cost an owner thousands of dollars.



Respondent No: 49

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 22, 2024 10:51:49 am

Last Seen: Apr 22, 2024 17:11:49 pm

Q1. Choose all that apply	I live in Edina
Q2. Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?	Strongly agree
Q3. Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82	Yes
Q4. Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?	Moderately agree
Q5. What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	It's basic goal .
Q6. What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	The very complicated method of determining the cost. The disproportionately high costs of the escrow vs what it really costs to replace trees, and the 3 year length of the escrow following completion of the project (which really means the escrow is for close to 4 years!)
Q7. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?	Unsure
Q8. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?	Unsure
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Q10. What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?

I believe it's in the best interest of the city to encourage residential redevelopment while preserving as many trees as possible. As currently written, I believe the current tree protection ordinance and resulting costs to many projects do not balance these goals, and (as city staff has told me) has resulted in canceling projects during design permitting. (hopefully this is not an option the staff and council believe is good one). I believe some simplification of the requirements, and reduction of costs and duration of the escrow would still meet the goals for preserving trees during residential redevelopment projects.



Respondent No: 50

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 22, 2024 11:30:30 am

Last Seen: Apr 22, 2024 18:09:39 pm

Q1. **Choose all that apply**

I live in Edina

I build in Edina

I visit/work in Edina

Q2. **Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?**

Moderately agree

Q3. **Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82**

Yes

Q4. **Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?**

Strongly disagree

Q5. **What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?**

There are a lot of issues with this ordinance. I don't think this ordinance is going to get to the intended outcome.

Q6. **What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?**

Section 4 and 5 - the 75% and 100% replacement is going to result in planting way too many trees that will all be weak as they grow and fit for sunlight and will snap in half as soon as we get a strong storm. I would much rather see trees planted with the room needed to grow with space to get to their full canopy. I don't think overplanting results in any kind of benefit in our community and is very shortsighted. Section 4 and 5 d I think is unacceptable. We should have a clear guideline and not leave a caveat for the city forester to have ultimate power in approval. Clear rules should be laid out.

Q7. **Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?**

No

Q8. **Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?**

No

Q9. **Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).**

1. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools
2. Residential demolition permits
3. Residential new home permits
4. Residential grading permits
5. Any residential tree removal
6. Residential lot division applications

Q10. What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?

I think this should be low. We are not a community that wants to clear cut lots. In my neighborhood we have had a number of neighbors plant trees in the last number of years. I don't think this is an issue the city should be focusing on with punishing regulations.



Respondent No: 51

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 22, 2024 16:43:58 pm

Last Seen: Apr 22, 2024 23:30:44 pm

Q1. Choose all that apply	I live in Edina
Q2. Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?	Strongly agree
Q3. Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82	Yes
Q4. Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?	Moderately agree
Q5. What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	I appreciate the effort the City is making. What prevents someone from taking down trees after they have moved in?
Q6. What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	What about new homes that don't have any existing trees? I see numerous new homes in my neighborhood that don't have a tree, or often times, no landscaping of any kind. In item 7 and 8 below, the wording is not clear, so I can't answer. Our future depends on trees, but builders typically don't care, so is there any way besides this ordinance to keep our City forested?
Q7. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?	Unsure
Q8. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?	Unsure
Q9. Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).	<div>1. Any residential tree removal</div> <div>2. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools</div> <div>3. Residential lot division applications</div> <div>4. Residential grading permits</div> <div>5. Residential new home permits</div> <div>6. Residential demolition permits</div>

Q10. What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?

Education / tax incentives / increase the fees for this ordinance (curious how people building multi-million dollar homes are impacted by the money this ordinance requires of them? Do they care?) / Require all new or renovated homes to have at least one major tree on their lot!



Respondent No: 52

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 23, 2024 06:03:34 am

Last Seen: Apr 23, 2024 12:53:49 pm

Q1. Choose all that apply	I live in Edina
Q2. Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?	Strongly agree
Q3. Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82	Yes
Q4. Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?	Strongly agree
Q5. What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	<p>That it will help maintain some degree of tree cover for our first-ring suburb - which I feel should be full of big, mature trees! It's an important asset of our community and part of our character, not to mention an environmentally sound practice. I'm struck when I pass into Minneapolis how many more trees they have. Good for them - we need to be as dedicated.</p>
Q6. What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	<p>I feel home owners should also be required to replace a diseased tree that gets removed, or that the city should do it. I speculate a lot of the ash now dying/gone were first planted by Edina anyway. The tree cover is important to maintaining our character and is the right thing to do for the earth.</p>
Q7. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?	No
Q8. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?	No
Q9. Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Residential lot division applications2. Any residential tree removal3. Residential grading permits4. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools5. Residential new home permits6. Residential demolition permits

Q10. What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?

Require larger trees be used for replanting. 3.5 inches in diameter is so small! Also, when a diseased tree gets removed, offer to plant a new one.



Respondent No: 53

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 23, 2024 07:23:37 am

Last Seen: Apr 23, 2024 14:13:18 pm

Q1. Choose all that apply	I live in Edina
Q2. Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?	Strongly agree
Q3. Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82	Yes
Q4. Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?	Strongly disagree
Q5. What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	Reinforces our shared value for preserving and expanding our city's trees
Q6. What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	It seems to be based on an assumption that Edina residents have to be compelled to do the right thing with respect to tree preservation and planting, or they will otherwise destroy our wealth of mature trees and fail to replace them. I've found Edina residents to be incredibly well-educated and ecology minded, and this fundamentally negative assumption is offensive to me..
Q7. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?	No
Q8. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?	No
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Q10. What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?

The city should provide incentives and support for tree protection and replacement, instead of imposing onerous escrow and replacement requirements that are tone-deaf to the wide range of needs and interests of our city's residents. Information on types of and sources for indigenous trees, options for older or lower-income residents to receive free trees or help planting them, partnerships with non-profits and local nurseries and landscapers, etc. -- all of which are creative and supportive instead of punitive and compulsory -- would be in better keeping with the values and civic-minded spirit of Edina and its residents. No one wants more to preserve the beauty of our city than those of use who own homes and live here.



Respondent No: 54

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 23, 2024 07:43:06 am

Last Seen: Apr 23, 2024 14:34:10 pm

Q1. Choose all that apply	I live in Edina
Q2. Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?	Strongly agree
Q3. Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82	Yes
Q4. Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?	Strongly agree
Q5. What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	It incentivizes new builds and tear down properties to preserve or replace trees
Q6. What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	It seems to allow builders to buy out of the trees by forfeiting the escrow funds. And I think it should apply to all properties!
Q7. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?	Unsure
Q8. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?	No
Q9. Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).	1. Any residential tree removal 2. Residential grading permits 3. Residential lot division applications 4. Residential new home permits 5. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools 6. Residential demolition permits
Q10. What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?	Require builders and contractors to work around existing trees and their roots



Respondent No: 55

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 23, 2024 09:07:49 am

Last Seen: Apr 23, 2024 15:36:53 pm

Q1. Choose all that apply	I live in Edina
Q2. Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?	Strongly agree
Q3. Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82	Yes
Q4. Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?	Moderately agree
Q5. What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	Protection of the diversity & ages of trees....it's been heartbreaking to see healthy trees torn down for me ew housing builds & little trees planted but having to be replanted every spring because they don't survive.
Q6. What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	I may have missed it....we had a 100+ year old silver maple, we had expensive arborists out sometimes 4x a year. And still lost huge limbs. It was heartbreaking to remove that tree, we wanted to keep it but it could've been a safety hazard for pedestrians/drivers as arborist said silver maples are known to just lose limbs. So just want to make sure the ordinance protects old "healthy" trees. Would also love to see a push for more variety - especially coniferous variety. As it's so bare year round & it helps with wind break & for animals to have shelter in coniferous trees.
Q7. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?	Yes
Q8. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?	Yes
Q9. Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).	<div>1. Residential lot division applications</div> <div>2. Residential grading permits</div> <div>3. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools</div> <div>4. Any residential tree removal</div> <div>5. Residential new home permits</div> <div>6. Residential demolition permits</div>

Q10. What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?

Require bee friendly lawns & diversity of coniferous & deciduous trees. Apply a penalty for new builds who take down healthy trees or require new builds to incorporate healthy heritage trees.



Respondent No: 56

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 23, 2024 13:34:05 pm

Last Seen: Apr 23, 2024 20:18:55 pm

Q1. **Choose all that apply**

I live in Edina

I build in Edina

Q2. **Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?**

Moderately agree

Q3. **Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82**

Yes

Q4. **Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?**

Moderately agree

Q5. **What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?**

The INTENT is good -- inspire (and force) trees to be replaced when they are removed due to construction

Q6. **What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?**

The ESCROW system is terribly designed. Either have homeowners replace the trees removed, OR have them escrow a price per foot removed. Taking Edina residence money for three years with zero interest is a terrible demonstration of partnership. This HAS to change.

Q7. **Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?**

Unsure

Q8. **Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?**

Unsure

Q9. **Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).**

1. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools
2. Any residential tree removal
3. Residential grading permits
4. Residential lot division applications
5. Residential demolition permits
6. Residential new home permits

Q10. What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?

Simply require residents to replace a percentage of removed trees. The concept of having homeowners spend thousands or tens of thousands to replace trees...AND then having homeowners spend thousands or tens of thousands to escrow interest free is wrong and excessive.



Respondent No: 57

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 23, 2024 16:31:02 pm

Last Seen: Apr 23, 2024 23:10:53 pm

Q1. **Choose all that apply**

I build in Edina

Q2. **Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?**

Moderately disagree

Q3. **Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82**

Yes

Q4. **Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?**

I don't know enough to provide a response

Q5. **What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?**

Nothing

Q6. **What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?**

The builder or resident is required to escrow for 36 months. That's a fee, not an escrow. That's a longer period than some of the sections of the state statutory warranties for new houses. Warranty something that is fully dependent on nature and the environment, and is completely out of the control of the warrantor, is asinine.

Q7. **Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?**

Unsure

Q8. **Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?**

Unsure

Q9. **Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).**

1. Residential demolition permits
2. Residential new home permits
3. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools
4. Residential lot division applications
5. Residential grading permits
6. Any residential tree removal

Q10. **What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?**

You're not going to preserve all trees. Planting enough replacement trees will be impossible on small lots. Make it simple: charge \$x,xxx.xx per permit, buy and plant trees in a park or anywhere there's room in the city.



Respondent No: 58

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 24, 2024 10:35:41 am

Last Seen: Apr 24, 2024 17:22:51 pm

Q1. Choose all that apply	I live in Edina
Q2. Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?	Moderately agree
Q3. Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82	Yes
Q4. Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?	Strongly disagree
Q5. What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	I think the intention to increase tree canopy coverage is good.
Q6. What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	The process to determine the health of a tree on the front end and upon release of the escrow are inconsistent. The lack of transparency around how the escrow funds are held at the city is wrong. What happens to the escrow funds that are not released?
Q7. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?	No
Q8. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?	No
Q9. Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).	1. Residential new home permits 2. Residential demolition permits 3. Any residential tree removal 4. Residential grading permits 5. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools 6. Residential lot division applications

Q10. What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?

Collect fees to create a fund that other Edina residents could use to plant more trees on their own properties. Requiring 100% of the tree replacement to happen on the property where the new construction is occurring removes the vast majority of residential properties in Edina from the goal of increasing the tree canopy.



Respondent No: 59

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 25, 2024 13:38:35 pm

Last Seen: Apr 25, 2024 20:30:49 pm

Q1. **Choose all that apply**

I live in Edina

Q2. **Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?**

Strongly agree

Q3. **Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82**

Yes

Q4. **Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?**

Moderately agree

Q5. **What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?**

I am glad we are making some attempt to keep the city from looking like a new housing development.

Q6. **What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?**

We still lose tall canopy trees which take years to replace, for more McMansions and less natural surface for water drainage.

Q7. **Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?**

No

Q8. **Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?**

No

Q9. **Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).**

1. Residential grading permits
2. Any residential tree removal
3. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools
4. Residential new home permits
5. Residential lot division applications
6. Residential demolition permits

Q10. **What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?**

Limit tear downs, lot raising and homes too big for the available lot.



Respondent No: 60

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 25, 2024 21:41:34 pm

Last Seen: Apr 26, 2024 04:13:42 am

Q1. **Choose all that apply**

I live in Edina

I build in Edina

I visit/work in Edina

Q2. **Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?**

Moderately agree

Q3. **Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82**

Yes

Q4. **Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?**

Strongly disagree

Q5. **What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?**

Many builders will clear all on site trees to make project easier, this ordinance makes developers think more about preserving

Q6. **What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?**

The penalties are too extreme for replacements/escrow fees. There is no reasonable judgement on a healthy tree (if it is any bit green is healthy). A homeowner/builder attempting to improve property value by building is penalized if improving property when tree removal is necessary, but anyone choosing to remove tree for any other reason is not held liable. We have preserved "heritage trees" before the new ordinance (\$450 penalty vs, \$20,000) to find that the new owner removes them after building without penalty. (5929 Drew ave s.)

Q7. **Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?**

No

Q8. **Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?**

No

Q9. **Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).**

1. Any residential tree removal

2. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools

3. Residential demolition permits

4. Residential new home permits

5. Residential lot division applications

6. Residential grading permits

Q10. What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?

Revert to previous rules for reasonable necessary removals are needed. If a tree is 20' away from an existing or new structure is removed, penalize to the fullest. Many trees that are being removed are unsafe/unhealthy for the existing structures and should not be penalized just because a new structure is being built. The ordinance states the objective of preserving healthy trees, we have had trees w/ root girdling considered to be protected because is still green. The ordinance is irresponsible and not safe for any community.



Respondent No: 61

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 26, 2024 18:02:32 pm

Last Seen: Apr 27, 2024 00:44:40 am

Q1. Choose all that apply	I live in Edina
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Q2. Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?	Strongly agree
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Q3. Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82	Yes
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Q4. Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?	Moderately agree
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Q5. What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	The effort to maintain the tree canopy in the city.
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Q6. What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	UMN extensions recommends planting young trees. Your requirements are not in line with that. Young trees have a better chance of thriving and establish themselves more easily than more mature trees.
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Q7. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?	Unsure
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Q8. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?	Unsure
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Q10. What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?	I have an additional question/comment. Why are silver maples excluded? They have been included on lists of trees that will be more likely to survive in our changing climate.
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Respondent No: 62

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 26, 2024 18:40:55 pm

Last Seen: Apr 27, 2024 01:20:08 am

Q1. Choose all that apply	I live in Edina
Q2. Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?	Strongly agree
Q3. Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82	Yes
Q4. Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?	Moderately agree
Q5. What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	Inclusion of Root zone protection.
Q6. What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	The tables shown in question 7 and 8 are very confusing. I am a highly educated individual, I spent quite a while studying these and reading the ordinance, and still I have no idea what these are trying to tell me.
Q7. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?	Unsure
Q8. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?	Unsure
Q9. Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).	1. Residential demolition permits 2. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools 3. Residential new home permits 4. Residential lot division applications 5. Residential grading permits 6. Any residential tree removal
Q10. What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?	I would increase fines/protections for heritage trees. Maybe assess by height? Some high canopy trees are effectively irreplaceable.



Respondent No: 63

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 27, 2024 07:04:37 am

Last Seen: Apr 27, 2024 14:00:03 pm

Q1. Choose all that apply	I live in Edina
Q2. Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?	Strongly agree
Q3. Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82	Yes
Q4. Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?	Strongly agree
Q5. What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	No more clear cut lots with a little twig tree when a home is leveled and rebuilt
Q6. What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	Nothing
Q7. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?	Yes
Q8. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?	Yes
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Q10. What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?	Ability to purchase trees and get them installed at affordable rates



Respondent No: 64

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 28, 2024 09:15:50 am

Last Seen: Apr 28, 2024 16:08:15 pm

Q1. **Choose all that apply**

I live in Edina

I build in Edina

I visit/work in Edina

Q2. **Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?**

Strongly agree

Q3. **Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82**

Yes

Q4. **Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?**

Strongly disagree

Q5. **What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?**

The ordinance in its current form does not work. I like the idea of protecting trees but it does has gone too far.

Q6. **What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?**

The three years and the cash escrow and the replacement amount.

Q7. **Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?**

No

Q8. **Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?**

No

Q9. **Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).**

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3. Residential lot division applications
4. Residential new home permits
5. Any residential tree removal
6. Residential grading permits

Q10. **What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?**

Require an arborist sign off on the type of trees and where they should be planted and inspect after planted.



Respondent No: 65

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 28, 2024 10:20:20 am

Last Seen: Apr 28, 2024 17:05:11 pm

Q1. Choose all that apply	I live in Edina
Q2. Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?	Moderately agree
Q3. Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82	Yes
Q4. Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?	Strongly disagree
Q5. What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	Nothing
Q6. What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	It is too expensive for single family homeowners. It may be ok for commercial developments. The ordinance is unnecessarily complicated for single family homeowners. The money in escrow for single family homes is held too long. Also, it is unclear if the funds are intermingled with other City funds.
Q7. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?	Yes
Q8. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?	Yes
Q9. Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).	<div>1. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools</div> <div>2. Residential demolition permits</div> <div>3. Residential new home permits</div> <div>4. Residential grading permits</div> <div>5. Any residential tree removal</div> <div>6. Residential lot division applications</div>

Q10. What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?

How about a simple policy for single family homes? If you take a tree down during redevelopment or remodeling, you need to replace it with another tree. Some homeowners are being charged excessive fees. I have no idea what you are asking in question #9. I randomly completed it because I couldn't submit my survey without completing it.



Respondent No: 66

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 28, 2024 10:29:00 am

Last Seen: Apr 28, 2024 17:12:04 pm

Q1. Choose all that apply	I live in Edina
Q2. Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?	Strongly agree
Q3. Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82	Yes
Q4. Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?	Strongly agree
Q5. What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	I think the city is just placating current residents with these ordinances. The majority of new build sites violate these protections and are not being punished.
Q6. What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	The fact enforcement of the root protection area is not happening. Builders put the fencing around the roots and within a month the fenced area is moved closer to the tree for construction equipment storage. Consequently, the trees that were supposed to be protected are dying 2 to 4 years later.
Q7. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?	No
Q8. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?	No
Q9. Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).	1. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools 2. Residential grading permits 3. Any residential tree removal 4. Residential lot division applications 5. Residential demolition permits 6. Residential new home permits

Q10. What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?

If a builder violates the tree policy multiple times they should not be allowed to do business in the city since they have violated the public's trust.



Respondent No: 67

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 28, 2024 10:57:49 am

Last Seen: Apr 28, 2024 17:47:27 pm

Q1. Choose all that apply	I live in Edina
Q2. Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?	Strongly agree
Q3. Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82	Yes
Q4. Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?	Strongly disagree
Q5. What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	It seems good on paper but enforcement is poor. I witnessed it, next door
Q6. What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?	Doesnt do the job intended. Next door they took down a healthy and beautiful 40 yp Blue Spruce, edina tree person came out and gave approval. OUTRAGEOUS!
Q7. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?	No
Q8. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?	No
Q9. Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).	1. Residential lot division applications 2. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools 3. Residential demolition permits 4. Residential new home permits 5. Residential grading permits 6. Any residential tree removal
Q10. What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?	Conserve trees! Save trees, esp when they are healthy and over 5 yo DISREGARD #9, as it is a poorly stated question and my answers will be only Random Guesses, ie., 123456. . Who wrote this survey?? Ugh



Respondent No: 68

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 28, 2024 16:41:19 pm

Last Seen: Apr 28, 2024 23:25:34 pm

Q1. **Choose all that apply**

I live in Edina

I build in Edina

Q2. **Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?**

Moderately agree

Q3. **Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82**

Yes

Q4. **Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?**

Strongly disagree

Q5. **What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?**

Realistically, the only item I like about the tree ordinance is that some form of trees should be added back if a tree is removed.

Q6. **What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?**

The escrow is a huge impediment to building homes in Edina and it unfairly targets homebuilders. Additionally, city lots can only sustain a certain number of trees. This ordinance needs to be significantly improved because it does not take into account any kind of real life situations. It's based on a spreadsheet formula which is flawed. This ordinance does nothing to encourage existing homeowners to add trees to their lots which I believe is the goal; increase canopy. This ordinance adds thousands of dollars to homes and actually decreases the value of people's homes by making construction costs so expensive. Instead of increasing the cost of home ownership, I would expect a city government to try and make home ownership less expensive.

Q7. **Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?**

No

Q8. **Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Heritage Trees during redevelopment?**

No

Q9. Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).

1. Any residential tree removal
2. Residential new home permits
3. Residential demolition permits
4. Residential lot division applications
5. Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools
6. Residential grading permits

Q10. What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?

Provide a tax break or reduced permitting costs. This ordinance drives up the cost of construction in Edina and reduces the value of people trying to sell their homes for new re-development. The city has benefited tremendously from new homes being built and now that same industry is under threat by this ordinance. As a homebuilder, I am now looking to other communities to build as this ordinance and specifically the escrow and the 3-yr period makes building homes too burdensome in the city.



Respondent No: 69

Login: Registered

Responded At: Apr 29, 2024 06:04:51 am

Last Seen: Apr 29, 2024 12:54:08 pm

Q1. Choose all that apply	I live in Edina
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Q2. Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?	Moderately disagree
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Q3. Have you read the updated Tree Protection Ordinance? Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82	Yes
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Q4. Please read through the replacement requirements (section 4-5) of the Tree Protection Ordinance here: Tree Protection Ordinance 10-82. Once you have read them, do the requirements outlined in the Tree Protection Ordinance uphold the value of preserving Edina's trees and neighborhood character?	I don't know enough to provide a response
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Q5. What do you like most about the Tree Protection Ordinance?

The principal behind the ordinance appears to be in good faith.

Q6. What do you like least about the Tree Protection Ordinance?

People should be able to remove trees from their property whenever they feel like doing so, without city intervention. Some trees such as large oaks can be a pain to deal with, such as massive amounts of acorns falling in vehicles causing damage similar to hail damage, constant leaves and sticks requiring daily cleanup, the attraction of unwanted squirrels and other pests.

Q7. Please review the Tree Requirements by Acreage table below. Do the replacement requirements justify the removal of Protected Trees during redevelopment?	No
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Q10. What are other options could the city use to preserve trees during residential redevelopment?

There are a lot of trees in Edina. I think the city is just fine.



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Review of Ordinance 10-82 Tree Protection and Preservation

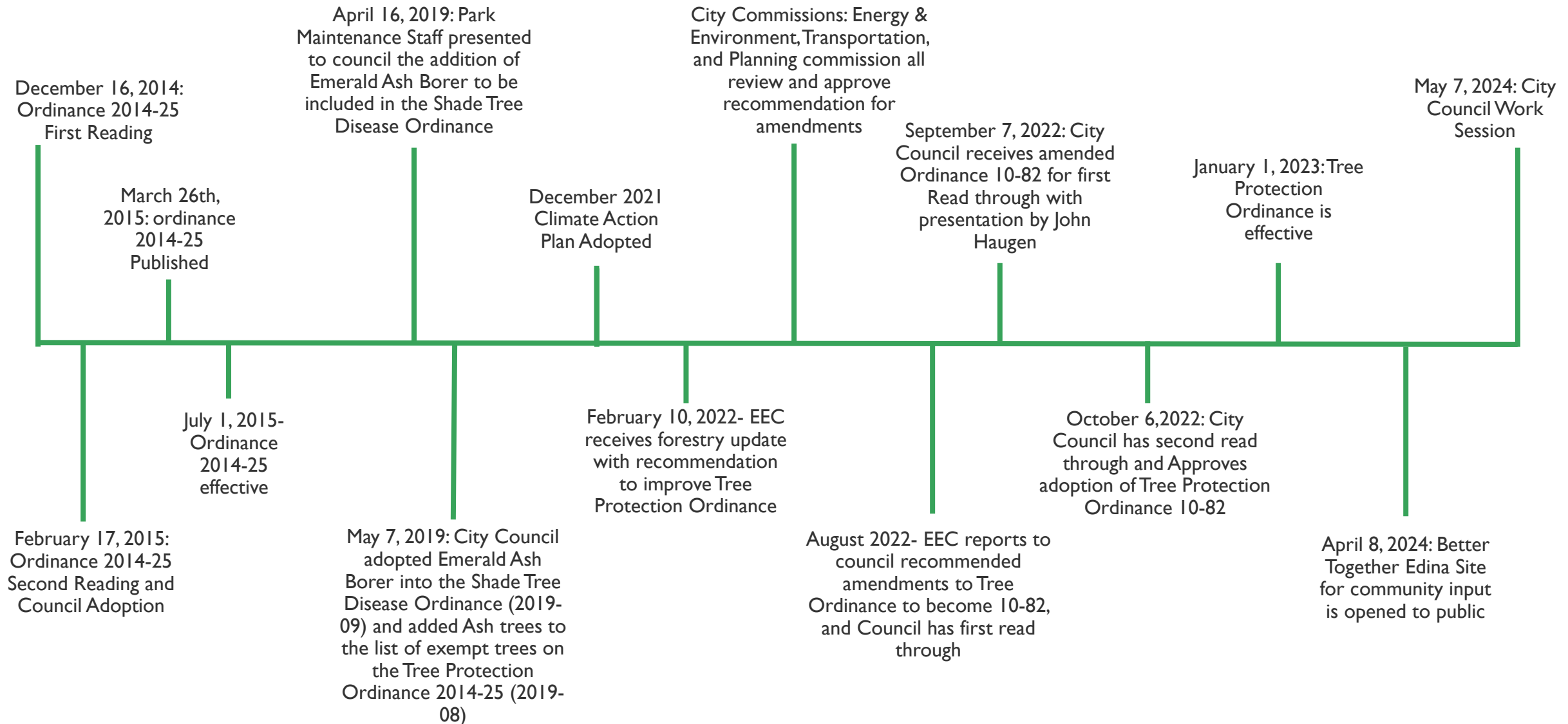
City Council Work Session

Tuesday May 7th, 2024

Outline

- Introductions
- History of the tree protection in Edina
 - 2015 Ordinance
 - 2021 Climate Action Plan
 - 2022 Commission Work Plan Initiative
 - John Haugen - Vice Chair of Energy and Environment Commission
- Ordinance Details
 - Application and Plan Review
 - 2023 look back
 - Better Together Edina Feedback
- Discussion on Ordinance





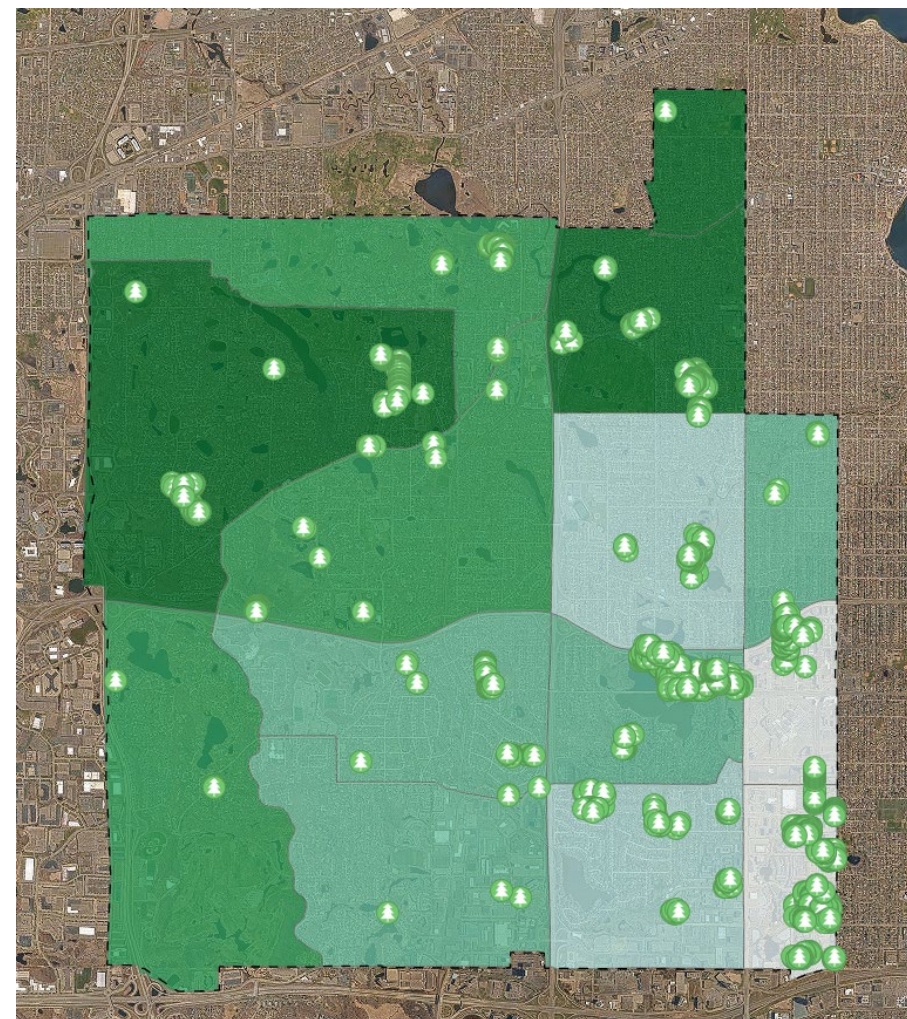
2015 Ordinance 2014-15

- Ordinance Adoption: February 15, 2015
- Ordinance Effective Date: July 1, 2015
- Amended May 7, 2019, to include Ash trees on the list of exempt trees



2021 Climate Action Plan Initiatives

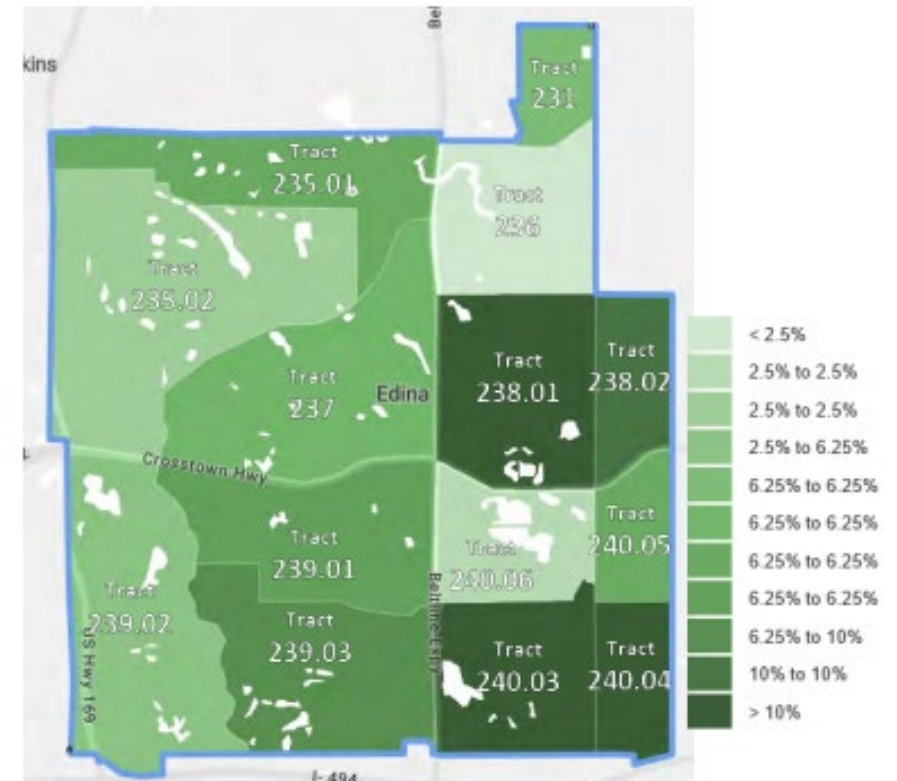
- Revising the 2015 tree ordinance
- Implementing NEXTGEN Trees program: over 1,000 trees planted since 2022
- Annual Arbor Day Events
 - 2022: Rosland planted 250 trees
 - 2023: Rosland planted 50 trees,
 - 2024: Centennial Lakes park planted 106 trees
- Edina Tree Sale
 - 2023: 250 Trees sold
 - 2024: 600 trees in spring & 400 trees in fall



Commission Work Plan

- Climate Action Plan 2021
- Tree Cover Goals GS I: Increase tree cover from 35.9% to 39.5% by 2030, and; and to 43% by 2040
- Concern of loss of neighborhood tree canopy and character
- GSI-5 Update current tree preservation ordinance requirements to protect tree root systems and large legacy trees during construction. Explore options for increases in legacy tree protection and increases in performance-based requirements of tree planting within parking lots.

Suggested Tree Canopy Increase by Neighborhood
(in absolute land cover percentage):



EEC Ordinance Development and Review

- There is a single goal of these revisions:
to maintain a canopy of healthy, mature trees
- Consulted and influenced by Tree Ordinance in:
 - Wayzata
 - St. Louis Park
 - Minnetonka,
 - District of Columbia
- Cross Commissions Work Plan Initiatives
 - Planning Commission:
 - Transportation Commission

Consulted Group	Result of Collaboration
City staff, including City Manager, Forester, Sustainability, Community Development Director, Parks Director, Building Official, City Engineer, Transportation Planner, City Attorney/outside Counsel	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support for all recommended changes related to Chapter 10 proposed amendments• Support for most recommended changes related to Chapter 24 proposed amendments.
Members of the Planning Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advisory Communication in support
Members of the Transportation Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advisory Communication in support• Verbiage related to boulevard trees



Energy and Environment Commission presentation to City Council

- First reading: 9/7/22 - Second reading: 10/6/22
- Limited Tree Protection in 2015 Ordinance
- Significant lack of tree canopy protection
- Accountability for tree protection:
 - the prior \$350 donation per removed tree provided recognition for donation and not accountability for removed tree
 - Lack of enforcement of current ordinance provisions:
 - forestry division responsible for enforcement is understaffed
 - Ordinance lack numerous provisions vs. SLP, Wayzata, Minnetonka:
 - Surrounding cities had tree preservation based on the value of trees removed

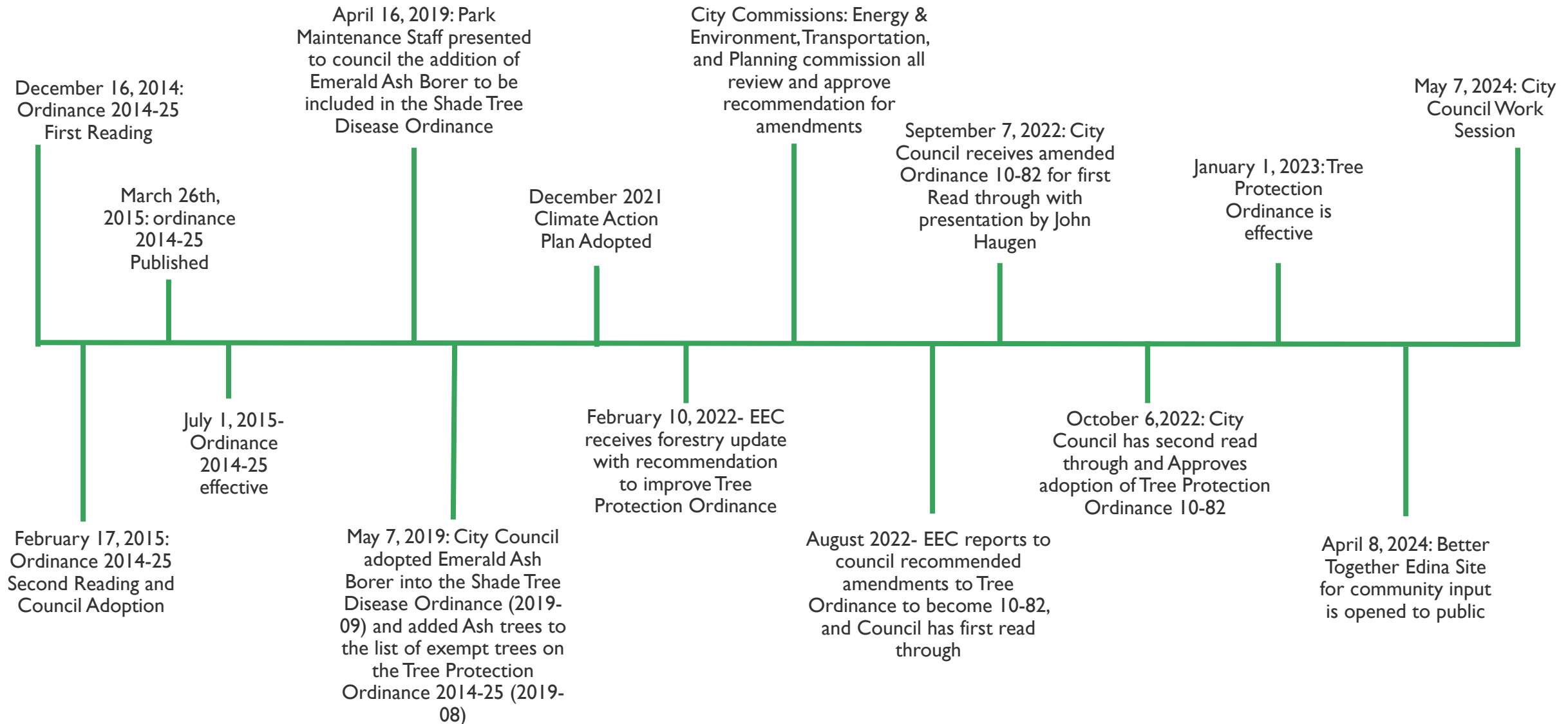


City Adoption: Ordinance 10-82

- Effective January 1, 2023
- Protected tree: deciduous tree is **5-inch dbh**, coniferous tree is **15 feet** in height
- Addition Heritage tree: deciduous tree at least **30-inch dbh** or coniferous tree at least **30 feet in height**
- Mitigation of tree removal:
 - Protected tree: \$300 per dbh/foot of 75% total protected tree removed
 - Heritage Tree: \$500 per dbh/foot of 100% total heritage tree removed
 - Replacement must be 3.5" or 8' for protected and 4.5" or 10' for heritage trees
- No longer any exemptions for tree location from mitigation requirements

	2015 Ordinance 2014-25	2023 Ordinance 10-82
Protected Tree Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deciduous tree at least 8" dbh • Coniferous tree at least 20' in height 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deciduous tree at least 5" dbh • Coniferous tree at least 15' in height
Heritage Tree Status	NA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deciduous tree at least 30" dbh • Coniferous tree at least 30' in height
Protected tree Replacement	Replace 1:1 with similar like tree	Replace 75% of total protected dbh/height removed
Heritage Tree Replacement	NA	Replace 100% if total dbh/height removed
Projects Impacted	Demolition. Subdivisions, primary or secondary structures, garage, deck, pool, additions	Grading , demolition. Subdivisions, primary or secondary structures, garage, deck, pool, additions
Failure to replace	\$350 tax exempt donation to the city to replant tree in a city park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protected tree: \$300 per Dbh/height • Heritage tree: \$500 per Dbh/height
Exemptions to mitigation to Replace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within 10' of proposed building, deck or patio • Within 5' of proposed driveway • Within 10' of roadway, stormwater retention areas and utilities 	NA - exemptions were removed





10-82 Ordinance Details

Removed PROTECTED size X 75% = **Replacement Requirements** X \$300= **Potential Fee**

Removed HERITAGE size X 100% = **Replacement Requirements** X \$500= **Potential Fee**

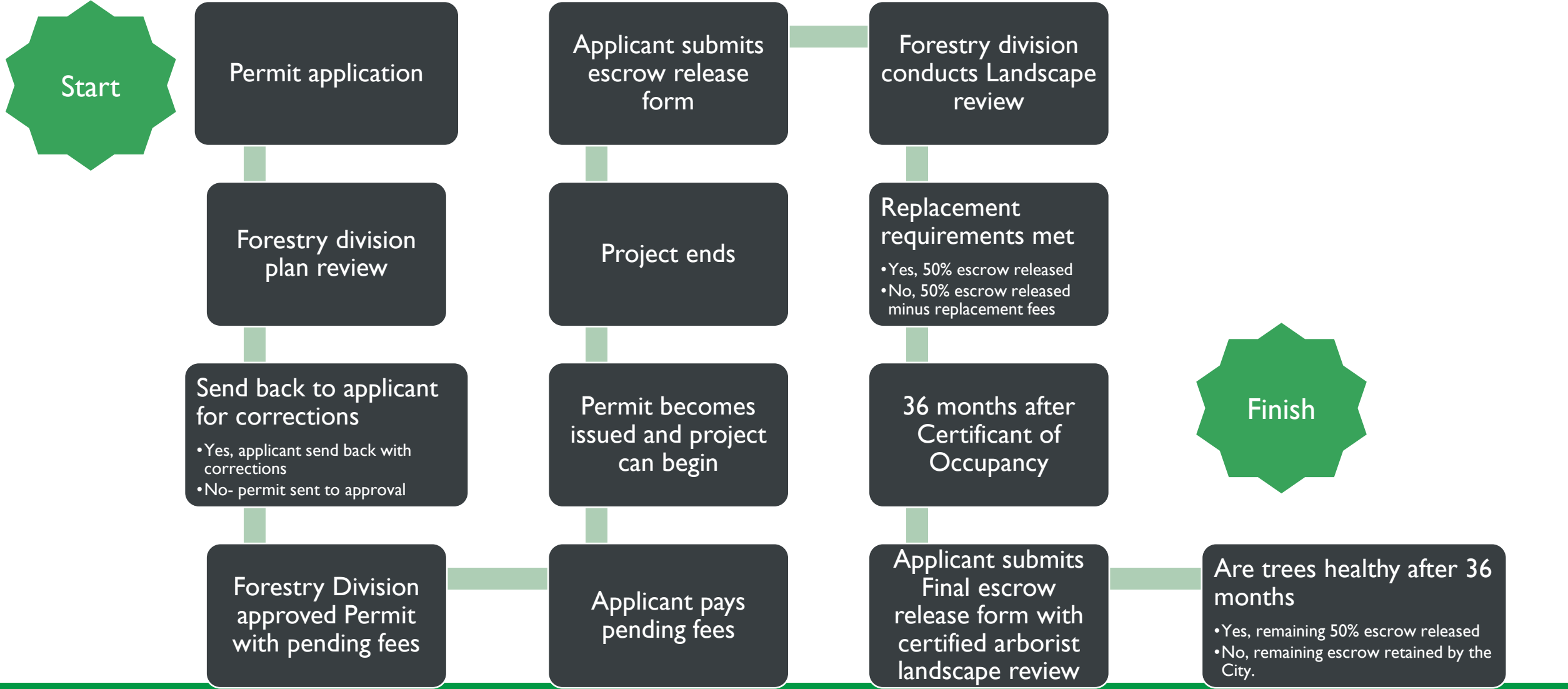
Estimated Escrow Fee= PROTECTED Potential Fee + HERITAGE Potential Fee

Total Escrow Owed= Estimated Escrow Fee X 110%

Escrow Schedule

	When	Fees
Total Tree Escrow Owed	Once Permit is approved by the City Forester	110% X tree replacement value = Total Escrow owed (B.3.f), (Ordinance 12a.)
50% Original Escrow – Fees Released	Building Final Inspection - Subject to City Forester approval	Replacement failure fee (\$300 protected and \$500 heritage) X 110%
Remaining 50% of Escrow –Fees Released or Retained by City	36 months after CofO date- Subject to City Forester approval	Escrow retained by City if landscape review does not match original

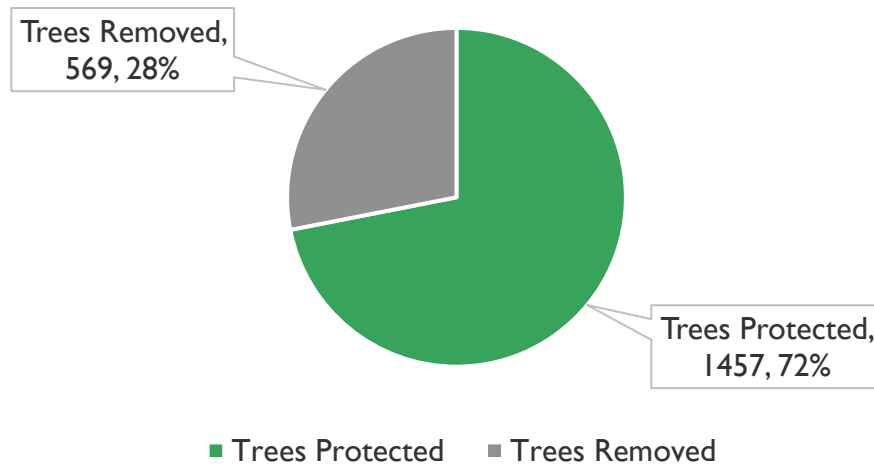




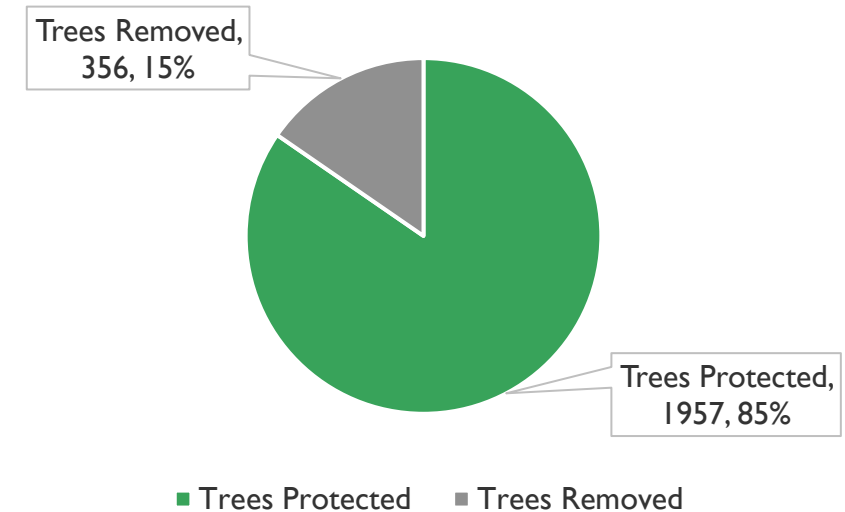
Tree Permit Workflow Diagram

One Year Look Back

2022 Trees Protected and Removed Trees during Residential Development



2023 Trees Protected and Removed during Residential Development

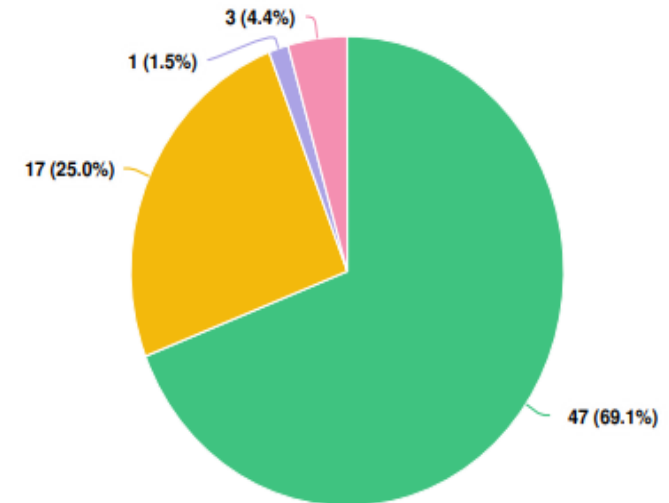


Better Together Edina Feedback

Provide ranking to the following types of projects based upon the level of tree replacement policy you feel a project should have (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest).

OPTIONS	AVG. RANK
Residential addition permits including deck, garage, retaining walls and pools	2.85
Residential grading permits	3.24
Any residential tree removal	3.44
Residential new home permits	3.74
Residential lot division applications	3.81
Residential demolition permits	3.93

Do you feel preserving trees in residential neighborhoods is important?



Question options

● Strongly agree ● Moderately agree ● Strongly disagree ● Moderately disagree



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Identified Factors for Discussion

- **Discussion Question #1** – Does the City Council desire to distinguish permit applications differently for unbuilt lots versus additions, remodels or rebuilds?
- **DQ #2** – Does the City Council desire to modify the financial components of the ordinance, such as capping the escrow, changing the DBH cost or review alternate forms of escrow?
- **DQ #3** – Does the City Council desire to make any changes to the ordinance that exempts affordable housing or the valuation of exempt permits?
- **DQ #4** – Does the City Council wish to remove certain permit activities that require a tree plan as part of the application process?
- **DQ #5** – Does the City Council support the modification of the ordinance to include a provision to require a certified arborist be part of the application process by the applicant?
- **DQ #6** – Does the City Council wish to incorporate a variance process for the tree ordinance?
- **DQ #7** – Does the City Council wish to address Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) differently in the tree ordinance?
- **DQ #8** – Does the City Council wish to amend portions of the tree ordinance? What process would the council prefer if updates are desired?

