

Greenway Planting and Tree Preservation Policies

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Greenways

The Council is responsible for all the trees in the greenway (the space between the curb and the sidewalk) except on Connecticut Avenue where the State Highway Department is responsible. The primary tree planted in the greenway is the single stem Serviceberry tree the cultivar is “Autumn Brilliance.” Residents who wish to plan the greenway with a garden must first get approval from the Council or from the Buildings and Roads Representative. The planting materials must be under 18” in height to make certain that pedestrians are visible.

In an effort to promote biodiversity, the Council, in September of 2015, has agreed to a pilot program of planting the following species three each of the following species: Japanese Lilac or Peking Lilac, European, American or Hop Hornbeam, Autumnalis Cherry trees. Single stem crepe myrtle are to be planted only on the no parking side of the street. At the end of the year after the initial planting, the Council will re-evaluate which of the street trees it will continue to purchase and plant in the greenways as openings occur.

Tree Preservation

Section 3 does not require a permit to cut down a tree on private property. We ask that you let us know when work is to be done to be certain that streets are not blocked and that the work is not done on a day when trash or recycling is picked up if possible. We also ask, if possible, that residents plant another tree on their property if they take one down. This is not a requirement, merely a request.