

Key Components of Approved Tree Preservation Policy

- A tree removal permit (\$75 fee) will be required for the removal of any tree which is 6” in diameter breast height or greater
 - **Upon approval of the Village Forester, the fee will be waived for dead, dying, diseased, hazardous, or invasive trees and none of the other requirements listed below would apply**
- To limit the number of unnecessary removals, and to replace canopy when trees have to be removed, the following replacement requirements will apply when a healthy tree is removed:

Protected Trees		
Size of Tree Removed	Tree Replacements	Fee in Lieu of Replacement
6 – 9”	TBD after data collection	TBD after data collection
10 – 12”	2	\$1,000
13 – 16”	3	\$1,500
17 – 19”	4	\$2,000

Fees would be prorated by \$500 for every new tree planted. New plantings may be required by the Village Forester depending on the specific conditions of each site

- Trees which have been identified as being particularly valuable, are considered Heritage Trees, and their removal, when healthy, would be subject to the following replacements:

Heritage Trees		
Size of Tree	Tree Replacements	Fee in Lieu of Replacement
10 – 19” (Oak and Hickory)	Inch for Inch	\$125 per inch
20”+	Inch for Inch	\$125 per inch

Fees would be prorated by \$125 per inch for every new tree planted. New plantings may be required by the Village Forester depending on the specific conditions of each site

- For Heritage Trees, if the tree is located in the required front or rear yards of the property (where a house cannot be built), a variation, with notice to neighboring properties impacted by the tree removal, will be required to authorize removal of the tree
 - The zoning process for new homes, garages and additions will be expedited, meaning it will be initially conducted by Village staff and if the removal is authorized, the property owner may remove the tree (above replacement requirements will apply)
 - If the Village staff does not approve the variation, or for variations for recreational purposes (such as swimming pools or ice rinks) the property owner may bring the request to the Zoning Board of Appeals and Village Board
- For Heritage Trees in the required side yards, the Village Forester will determine if the tree can be properly protected during construction. If the tree will not survive construction, removal will be authorized subject to replacement requirements
- To ensure compliance with the above provisions, penalties for the removal of a tree without a permit will increase from \$1,500 to a fine of up to \$7,500 plus the above replacement fees