# PLANTING MANUAL AND LANDSCAPE REGULATION GUIDELINES

### I. INTRODUCTION

The following charts, graphic details, specifications and guidelines are provided to assist persons in conforming to the Landscape Ordinance, of the Zoning Regulations. The plant lists that are provided are suggested plant materials for the various use groups and are plants that have been successful in this region for urban landscaping. The plant list is not limited to the plant materials indicated in this manual. The graphic details and planting specifications are not mandatory but are the guidelines that are helpful in completing a landscape project in a proper manner. The plan submission guidelines should be helpful to the Zoning/Building Inspection personnel in reviewing and approving plans.

### II. PLAN SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Plans must be submitted to indicate new project conformity to the Landscape Ordinance. The plan must be a scaled drawing preferably no smaller than 1" = 100'.

- A. TREE INVENTORY: The following information is required to be contained on each tree inventory submitted for review:
  - 1. The disturbed and construction limits
  - 2. Existing and proposed buildings
  - 3. Existing and proposed utilities
  - 4. Approximate boundary of the area beyond the disturbed limit with 50 percent canopy cover.
  - 5. Statistical summary of acres within disturbed and construction limits, and area of site that is undisturbed.
  - 6. Location of all trees to be preserved/protected within disturbed limits and a completed Tree Protection Schedule (See Chart A)
  - 7. Contour lines
- B. LANDSCAPE PLAN: The following is information required to be contained on each landscape plan submitted for review:
  - 1. All property lines with metes and bounds shall be shown for the

- project parcel.
- 2. All adjacent property owners, land uses/zones, rights-of-way and easements must be identified on the plan.
- 3. Location of all existing and proposed buildings and structures.
- 4. Location of all driveways, parking areas, loading areas and adjacent off-site roads and streets.
- Location of dumpster and trash facilities, including dumpster screening details.
- 6. Location of existing trees and vegetation.
- 7. Location of underground and overhead utility lines in addition to location of utility easements.
- 8. Proposed grading/excavation information contour lines would be preferable.
- 9. Location of all proposed plant material keyed to a plant schedule.
- 10. Plant schedule that shall contain information as follows: Plant common and botanical name, plant size (height, spread, caliper or container size), quantity of each specie to be planted and any specific planting notes.
- 11. Indication of areas for sodding and seeding.
- 12. Statistics that contain total square footage of parking/drive areas and interior parking lot landscaping.
- 13. Plan certification that shall read as follows:

Date

I/We do hereby certify that this landscape plan by me/us and do adopt this plan and all in herein as the plan for minimum landscape of project. I do further certify that all plant material maintained to meet the requirements Ordinance unless an approval to amend the I	nformation contained development for this ial will be perpetually of the Landscape
by	
	Owner(s)

C. A Tree Protection/Planting Plan requires the applicant to locate all trees planned for preservation and to describe protection methods to be used during construction. This plan may be a part of the landscape plan and shall include the following information:

Witness

- Location of trees to be preserved
- Dbh of all trees to be protected
- Contour lines
- 4. Indicate trees with dbh 22 inches or greater
- 5. Limits of clearing, trenching, access routes for heavy equipment, etc. that may be dangerous to the tree(s).
- 6. Methods of tree protection shall be noted
  - a. tree fencing
  - b. erosion control if needed
  - c. retaining walls/tree wells if needed
  - d. tunneling for utilities if needed
  - e. aeration systems if needed
  - f. transplanting if needed
  - g. staking
  - h. Tree signing, etc.
- 7. Building locations and concrete features
- 8. Indicate material storage, concrete washout, and debris burn and burial holes where these area might affect tree protection.
- 9. Tree Protection/Planting Schedule

shall accompany this plan listing the Chart tree (genus, species, variety, cultivar), dbh, and overall quality of the tree. This quality is judged on the health of the tree and shall be marked acceptable (A) or Unacceptable (U). Determination of tree quality should be made by an arborist or someone else with appropriate training and experience. Information used to determine tree quality should include, but not be limited to insect infestation, trunk damage, and so on. If a tree is declining it should be classified as unacceptable. An unacceptable tree will not count against the applicant if it is removed and conversely, credit will not be granted if the tree is preserved. The primary consideration of this quality classification is the health of the tree.

### III. TREE DENSITY CALCULATION

This technique for measuring/defining tree density is designed to strike a balance between the needs for tree conservation and the concerns of land development. The density figure, which is the basis for this calculation, is established as 10 for city of Cold Spring (the density figure of 10, which represents 10

square feet of basal area per acre, was selected since it will provide tree canopy cover of approximately 10 to 40 percent per acre). This figure represents the tree density, measured in basal area, which is desired for the urbanized and developing areas within Kenton County.

### Step 1

Calculate the **density factor for the site (DSF)** using the formula below:

This number tells how much tree density is required for the given site.

total acreage of site x density figure = Density Factor of Site (DFS) Example: 2.2 acres x 10 = 22

### Step 2

Calculate the **existing density factor (EDF).** 

This represents the trees that you are proposing to save and are going to protect during the construction process. These and trees with a 22 inch DBH or greater are the only trees that must be included on the tree inventory for a site.

Example: A total of 14 trees will remain on the 2.2 acre site. These trees include:

Number of Trees	DBH (in.)	Species
7	12	Oaks
3	14	Maples
3	18	Hickory
1	20	Maple

These must then be converted into a **density factor** using Table 1.

	No. Trees	Units/Tree	Density Factor
12" Oaks	7	.8	5.6
14" Maples	3	1.1	3.3
18" Hickory	3	1.8	5.4
20" Maples	1	2.2	2.2

16.5

### Total density for existing trees 16.5 EDF

### Step 3

Calculate the required Replacement Density Factor (RDF).

This number represents the density factor of trees that must be planted on the 2.2 acre site. Step 4 explains how this process works.

#### DFS - EDF = RDF

Example: 22 - 16.5 = 6.7 **RDF = 5.5** 

### Step 4

At this point you must calculate the density factor of your proposed trees as per Table 2.

Example:	NUMBER	SIZE	SPECIES	DENSITY FACTOR
	12	1"	Pines	$(12 \times .4) = 4.8$
	10	2"	Red Maples	$(10 \times .5) = 5.0$
	2	6"	Oaks	$(2 \times 1.0) = 2.0$
	5	4"	Maples	$(3 \times .7) = 2.1$
				13.9

This number is then added to the **EDF** and if it equals or exceeds the **DFS** then you are in compliance.

Example: 13.9 + 16.5 = 25.5 The plan is in compliance.

### IV. TREE PRESERVATION GUIDELINES

Trees provide many benefits to people and they help to maintain the quality of life in our city. Although people receive many benefits from trees, they seldom realize that their activities may injure or kill a tree. Healthy trees contribute to man's enjoyment but an unhealthy tree is both unsightly and dangerous. Since trees are easily disturbed by changes in their environment, one should

consider the following before disrupting the tree surroundings.

### Evaluation

Decide which of your trees to save by evaluating each one of them carefully. Analyze the location, species, size, age, and vigor of each tree and then consider the costs and benefits involved in protecting the tree. If additional information on tree preservation is needed, consult the Urban Forestry Resource Evaluation Study (Bibliography Page).

### **Location of Trees**

The location of each tree should be analyzed with respect to its relative location in the landscape. Before building a structure near trees ask yourself these questions.

- Will the tree provide shade where it is wanted or will it block out desired sunlight?
- Will the tree protect the structure from winter winds or will it block out the summer breezes?
- Will the tree screen an unpleasant view or will it block out a desirable view?

### **Species**

The tree species is considered to determine if its characteristics are desirable for the proposed situation. Shallow rooted trees hinder the growth of lawns and gardens while deep rooted trees are notorious for blocking storm and sanitary sewer lines. Some trees are susceptible to diseases and insects, which may make saving them uncertain. So consult the tables in this manual or ask a specialist before deciding which trees to retain.

### Size, Age, and Vigor

When considering the size, age, and vigor of a tree, keep these points in mind.

- Large and old trees do not adapt well to changes in their environment, hence should have minimal changes.
- A small tree can be replaced easily and replacing it may be cheaper than preserving it.

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 Annual twig growth, amount of dead material, and the size and color of leaves are indications or health and vigor. Compare the tree with other trees of the same species.

After deciding which trees to keep, remove the undesirable trees before construction begins. Use a professional with experience in tree removal so that the remaining trees will not be damaged. The trees chosen to be saved will have to be protected from one or more of the following:

- Construction equipment
- Grade changes
- Excavation for utilities
- Paving
- Footers for the house or wall

### **Protection From Machinery**

Most of the damage caused by machinery occurs to the root system from compaction. Some damage by machinery may also occur to the trunk and low hanging branches. Construct a simple fence or barrier which encloses the entire area beneath the tree canopy. Be sure that all exposed roots are enclosed in this area. As an added note of caution roots can go out much wider than the tree canopy in many cases.

### **Protection From Grade Changes**

Grade changes, either raising or lowering the grade greatly affects the amount of air, water and minerals available to the tree. Air, water and minerals are necessary for the trees survival, so any alterations in the trees grade should be planned properly. If a tree is valuable enough to justify saving, get professional help from a landscape architect, arborist or the County Extension Agent.

### Raising the Grade

Fill added around a tree prevents normal air and water circulation in the original soil and will damage the roots. Minor fills - less than 4" will not harm most species, if the fill is high in organic matter. Be sure that a particular species can survive this change before fill is added. Major fill around a tree requires that air be supplied to the roots and that excess water be removed. This is usually done by installing a tile drain system. This system has to be designed

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for each tree individually so an expert should be consulted.

### Lowering the Grade

While protecting a tree from a lowered grade is less complicated than protecting it from a raised grade, it can be equally harmful unless proper attention is given to root pruning, pruning branches and stimulating root growth. Generally, protection is achieved by terracing the grade, if the space is available. Another way to protect a tree from a lowered grade is to build a retaining wall. This in an effective way of achieving a grade difference to save a tree, if it is less than 2' (see Figure 1).

### Excavating

Trees need to be protected from excavations for utilities because the soil moisture content is altered and the number of roots are decreased. If the route of the utilities can't be kept from underneath the tree, then tunneling should be done to reduce damage to the roots. Tunneling should be done from both sides. Start tunneling below the main lateral roots as soon as a 1" diameter root is encountered (see Figure 2).

### Protection From Paving

When paving is installed over the roots of the tree, it is necessary to insure the proper aeration of the root zone. This can be accomplished with a tree well as described in the grade changes section. If paving is laid directly over the roots, soil should be removed to the bottom of the lateral roots. Gravel should be filled in around the roots and 4" layer of Styrofoam should be laid over the roots to allow for root expansion.

#### Protection From Foundations

When constructing foundations, tree roots can be dealt with in two ways; by cutting the roots or by bridging over them. When a basement is to be installed, roots have to be cut and a 3' deep trench should be dug between the roots and the foundation. After the roots are properly pruned, the trench should be filled with decomposed organic matter. Treatment of the roots should be done prior to the installation of the forms.

The second method, bridging, should be used when a foundation is placed

over the roots. Roots should be exposed and the desired depth of the footers should be dug between the roots . 4" of Styrofoam should be wrapped around the roots where the concrete is placed over them.

### **Procedures**

Whenever a trees' environment is disturbed, the following procedures should be observed.

### **Root Pruning**

When it becomes necessary to cut roots, it should be done by the following procedure. Uncover the shattered end of the roots so that the root can be cut off squarely. Do not allow roots to remain exposed for an extended period of time. The ends of the cut roots should be covered with decomposed organic matter and the tree should be fertilized. The amount and frequency of fertilization will be determined by the extent of the root cutting. If possible the affected tree should be fertilized a year in advance.

### **Compensatory Trimming**

After root trimming is completed, trimming of the tree should be done to reduce the physiological demands on the remaining roots, and to reduce the possibility of the tree being uprooted by wind. Refer to the pruning section of this manual for further details.

### Limb Pruning

If a tree has been construction damaged, pruning should be delayed 1 - 3 years or until the deadwood near and at the tree crown becomes evident. Removing these limbs before this time could endanger the health of the tree and possibly kill it.

Topping trees or cutting of limbs to stubs is not considered proper for the maintenance of trees as required by these Regulations. Tree pruning cuts shall be made sufficiently close to the trunk or parent limb without cutting into the branch collar or leaving a protruding stub so that closure can readily start under normal conditions. All branches should be precut so as to avoid bark splitting or peeling.

### Watering

If drainage patterns are altered, be sure that the tree is not damaged. If a trees' normal moisture level is changed some form of mitigation will be required. Trees will also have to be watered when their roots are cut. This should be done by setting a sprinkler on at low pressure and allowing it to operate until run-off occurs. Allow 4 - 8 hours to pass and reapply the water in the same manner.

### V. PLANT LISTS

The following lists of trees and plants are to be used for reference when preparing landscape plans for compliance with the (city/county) zoning ordinance. Please note that with the exception of Plant List G, Unacceptable Plants, the Plant Lists are only suggestions of use groups that have been successful in this region for urban landscaping. The choice of plant materials is not limited to those of the lists, but all plants and trees specified on landscape plans that are not included must have proven acceptable in this region.

**PLANT LIST A:** SHADE TREES (Mature height greater than 30 ft.)

PLANT LIST B: FLOWERING AND NON - FLOWERING TREES

(Mature height less than 30 ft. for use under power lines.)

PLANT LIST C: EVERGREEN/BROADLEAF TREES

PLANT LIST D: DECIDUOUS SHRUBS

PLANT LIST E: EVERGREEN/BROADLEAF SHRUBS

PLANT LIST F: STREET TREES

PLANT LIST G: UNACCEPTABLE PLANTS AND TREES

**EXAMPLE LEGEND OF PLANT LIST:** 

Common Plant Name Anglojap Yew
Plant Botanical Name Taxus media
Specie Cultivars x brownii

x hicksii

x wardii

### PLANT LIST A SHADE TREES

Trees that are hardy in zones 5 - 6 are deciduous and reach a mature height of greater than 30 feet.

<b>Common Plant Name</b>
<b>Plant Botanical Name</b>
Specie Cultivars

Littleleaf Linden
Tilia cordata
x chancellor
x greenspire
x june bride

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars **European Beech** Fagus sylvatica

Acer platanoides x columnaire x crimson king x summershade

**Norway Maple** 

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars **Ginkgo**Ginkgo biloba (male only)

x autumn gold x fastigiata x sentry Pin Oak

Quercus palustris x sovereign x crown rite

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars

**Green Ash**Fraxinus pennsylvanica lanceolata

x marshall seedless

Red Maple
Acer rubrum
x autumn flame
x october glory
x red sunset

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars Japanese Pagoda Tree Sophora japonica

x regent

Red Oak Quercus rubra

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Quercus coccinea Specie Cultivars Japanese Zelkova Zelkova serrata **Scarlet Oak** 

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars **London Plane Tree** Platanus acerifolia

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars Sugar Maple
Acer saccharum

**Sweetgum** Liquidambar styraciflua

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**Tulip Poplar** 

Yellowwood

Cladrastis lutea

Liriodendron tulipifera

### **PLANT LIST A (continued) SHADE TREES**

**Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars** 

**Common Plant Name** 

**Plant Botanical Name** 

**Specie Cultivars** 

**Thornless Honey Locust** Gleditsia triacanthos

x moraine x shademaster x skyline x imperial

Willow Oak Quercus phellos

**Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars** 

**Black Maple** Acer saccharum x nigrum

**Katsura Tree** Cercidiphyllum japonicum

**Hardy Rubber Tree** Eucommia ulmoides

**American Beech** Fagus grandifolia

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### **PLANT LIST B FLOWERING TREES**

Trees that are hardy in zones 5 - 6 are deciduous and reach a mature height not exceeding 30 feet.

**Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars** 

**Callery Pear** Pyrus calleryana x aristocrat x chancellor

**Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars** 

Crabapple Malus varieties x bob white x sargeant x snowdrift x white angel

**Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars** 

Eastern Redbud Cercis canadensis

x flame

x forest pansy

x royal

**Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars** 

Flowering Dogwood\*

Cornus florida x cherokee chief x cherokee princess

x rubra x white cloud

**Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars** 

Kousa Dogwood\* Cornus kousa x milky way

**Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars** 

Pagoda Dogwood\* Cornus alternifolia

**Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars** 

**Golden Raintree** Koelreutaria paniculata

**Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars** 

**Green Hawthorne** Crataegus viridis x winter king

### PLANT LIST B (continued) FLOWERING TREES

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars Sargent Cherry
Prunus sargentii
x columnaris
x kwanzan

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars

Saucer Magnolia\* Magnolia soulangiana

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars Star Magnolia\* Magnolia stellata

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars

Fringe Tree Chionanthus virginicus

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars **Higan Cherry**Prunus subhirtella

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars **Downy Serviceberry** Amelanchier arborea

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars Sweet Bay\* Magnolia virginiana

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars **Sourwood**Oxydendron arboreum

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars **Eastern Redbud** Cercis canadensis

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars Washington Hawthorn Crataegus phaenopyrum

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars **Green Hawthorn**Crataegus virides
x winter king

## PLANT LIST B (continued) FLOWERING TREES

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars **Japanese Flowering Crabapple** 

Malus floribunda

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars **Japanese Flowering Cherry** 

Prunus serrulata

\* These trees survive better in shady, sheltered conditions and would not be acceptable unless planted on the north or east of buildings.

# PLANT LIST B (continued) NON-FLOWERING ORNAMENTAL TREES AND OTHER TREES SUITABLE FOR USE UNDER POWER LINES

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars

Japanese Maple
Acer palmatum

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars Camperdown Elm Ulmus galbra camperdownii

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars Paperbark Maple Acer griseum

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars **River Birch** Betula nigra

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars **Trident Maple**Acer buereranum

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars **Hedge Maple**Acer campestre

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars Amur Maple Acer ginnala

### PLANT LIST C EVERGREEN/BROADLEAF TREES

Trees that are hardy in zones 5 - 6 are evergreen, can reach a mature height over 30 feet and if not limbed - up can create a screen from the ground level up.

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars

American Holly
llex opaca
x xanthocarpa

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars **Austrian Pine** Pinus nigra

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars

Canadian Hemlock Tsuga canadensis

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars **Carolina Hemlock** Tsuga caroliniana

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars **Eastern Red Cedar** Juniperus virginiana

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars Colorado Blue Spruce Picea pungens

x glauca

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars Norway Spruce Picea abies

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars Scotch Pine Pinus sylvestris

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars White Fir Abies concolor

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars White Pine Pinus strobus

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# PLANT LIST C (continued) EVERGREEN/BROADLEAF TREES

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars **Japanese Red Pine**Pinus densiflora

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars **Lacebark Pine**Pinus bungeana

### PLANT LIST D DECIDUOUS SHRUBS

Perennial woody plants that grow at least 3 feet in height, are tolerant in zones 5 - 6 and are deciduous.

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars

Burning Bush
Euonymus alata
x compacta

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars **Doublefile Viburnum**Viburnum plicatum tomentosum

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars

**Forsythia Species** 

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars **Glossy Abelia** Abelia grandiflora

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars **Quince**Chaenomeles specina

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars

Shrub Cinquefoul Potentilla fruticosa

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars Spiria Species

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars **Spreading Cotoneaster** Cotoneaster divaricata

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars

Wintergreen Barberry Berberis julianne

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars Cornelian Cherry Dogwood
Cornus mas

### PLANT LIST D (continued) DECIDUOUS SHRUBS

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars Large Fothergilla\*
Fothergilla major

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars Arnold Promise Witchhazel\*
Hamamelis intermedia
x arnold promise

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars Vernal Witchhazel Hamamelis vernalis

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars **Snowball Hydrangea** Hydrangea paniculata x grandiflora

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars Winterberry Ilex verticullata

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars

Panicle Hydrangea Hydranga paniculata

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars **Beauty Bush** Kolkwitzia amabilis

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars **Spicebush** Lindera benzoin

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars

Cutleaf Buckthorn Rhamnus frangula x asplenifolia

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars **Burkwood Viburnum** Viburnum burkwoodii

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars Fragrant Viburnum Viburnum carlcephalum

## PLANT LIST D (continued) DECIDUOUS SHRUBS

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars **Arrowwood Viburnum** Viburnum dentatum

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars **Chinese Snowball Viburnum** Viburnum macrochphalum

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars **Black Haw** Viburnum prunifolium

### PLANT LIST E EVERGREEN /BROADLEAF SHRUBS

Perennial, woody plants that grow at least 3 feet in height are tolerant in zones 5 - 6 and are evergreen.

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars

Anglojap Yew
Taxus media
x brownii
x densiformis
x hicksii
x wardii

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars Blue Holly
llex meserveae
x blue angel
x blue prince
x blue princess

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars Chinese Juniper Juniperis chinensis

x hetzii
x keteleeri
x mint julip
x robusta green
x mount batten
x pfitzeriana

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars Japanese Holly llex crenata x microphylla x rotundifolia

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars Japanese Yew
Taxus cuspidata
x capitata
x intermedia

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars Korean Boxwood
Buxus microphylla koreana

x koreana

x nana

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars **Leatherleaf Viburnum** Viburnum rhytidophyllum

## PLANT LIST E (cont.) EVERGREEN /BROADLEAF SHRUBS

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars Mugho Pine Pinus mugho

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars Spreading Yew Taxus baccata

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars

**Mountain Laurel** Kalmia latiolia

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars Dwarf Alberta Spruce
Picea glauco
x conica

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars Catawba Rhododendron Rhododendron catawbiense

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars **Azalea** (Evergreen) Rhododendron

### PLANT LIST F STREET TREES

### **Small trees**

Recommended street trees that are hardy in zones 5 and 6. Some of these trees may also be suitable for shade trees. See Plant List A.

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars **Trident Maple**Acer ginnela

x lavallai

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars Cockspur Hawthorn Crataegus crus-galli

Common Plant Name
Plant Botanical Name

English Hawthorn
Crataegus monogyna
x laevigata

Specie Cultivars

**Medium Trees** 

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars

American Hornbeam Carpinus caroliniana Hop Hornbeam Ostrya virginia

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars \* Callery Pear Pyrus calleryana Japanese Hornbeam Carpinus carolina x japonica

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars

**European Hornbeam** Carpinus betulas

Nikko Maple Acer maximowicziana

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars

Green Hawthorn Crataegus viridis x winter king **Mulberry spp.** Morus spp.

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars Hedge maple Acer camestre

**Amur Corktree** 

### **PLANT LIST F (continued)** STREET TREES

### **Large Trees**

**Common Plant Name** 

Botanical Plant Name Specie Cultivars	Phellodendron amurense	
Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars	Blue Ash Fraxinus quadrangulata	* <b>Linden spp.</b> Tilia spp.
Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars	Bur Oak Quercus macrocarpa	*Northern Red Oak Quercus rubra
Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars	Chestnut Oak Quercus prinus	*Norway Maple Acer platanoides
Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars	Common Hackberry Celtis occidentalis	* <b>Pin Oak</b> Quercus palustrus
Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars	* <b>Ginkgo</b> (male variety only) Ginkgo biloba	* <b>Red Maple</b> Acer rubrum
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**Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars** 

\* Green Ash Fraxinus pennsylvanica x marshall's seedless

Shingle Oak Quercus imbricaria

**Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars** 

\* Honey locust Gleditsia triacanthos x sunburst x skyline

\* Sweet Gum Liquidamber styraciflua

**Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars** 

\* Japanese Pagoda Tree

\* Tulip Poplar Liriodendron tulipifera Sophora japonica

x moraine

These trees are also be acceptable for shade trees.

### PLANT LIST G UNACCEPTABLE PLANTS

Trees and shrubs that are not hardy in zones 5 - 6 may have excessive fruit, leaf or limb drop, may interfere with underground utilities, attract excessive insects, are weak wooded, disease prone, pollution intolerant, noxious or require excessive maintenance.

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars Apple (common)
Malus pummila

Mountain Ash Sorbus species

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars

Black Locust Robinia pseudoacacia Osage Orange Maclura promifera

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars

Box Elder Acer negundo Mulberries Morus species

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars Chinese Holly llex cornuta

Privet
Ligustrum species

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars **Devil's Walking Stick** Aralia spinosa **Poplars**Populus species

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars Elms (except Chinese & American)

Ulmus species

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars Ginkgo (female) Ginkgo biloba Silver Maple Acer saccharinium

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars Hickories Carya species **Sycamore**Platarius occidentalis

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars Honey locust (common)
Gleditsia triacanthos

Tartarian Honeysuckle Lonicera tartarica

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars Horse Chestnut Aesculus species **Tree of Heaven**Ailanthus altissima

# PLANT LIST G (continued) UNACCEPTABLE PLANTS

**Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name** 

Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars

**Kentucky Coffee Tree (female)** 

Gymnocledus dioica

Walnut

Juglans species

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars **Mimosa** Albizza julibrisson Weigela Weigela florida

Common Plant Name Plant Botanical Name Specie Cultivars Weeping Willow Salix babylonica

Note: If mature trees exist on site prior to development, they may be accepted by the

legislative body.

### VI. RECOMMENDEDGUIDELINESFORFIELDINSPECTIONANDVERIFICATIONOF CONFORMANCE TO LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE

Prior to final approval of a new development project, the requirements of the Landscape Ordinance must have been met. The following guidelines are for the benefit of the Inspector to aid in checking the requirements of the approved landscape plan. In addition to these guidelines, the Inspector shall use the "Inspection Guide for Landscape Planting", published by the American Association of State Highway Officials. A copy of this publication shall be on file at the Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission, 2332 Royal Drive, Ft. Mitchell. "The American Standard for Nursery Stock", published by the American Association of Nurserymen shall be used in checking plant material quality. This publication will also be on file at the Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission.

- A. Verify the location and area requirements for all interior landscaping so that conformance to Vehicular Use Area requirements will be met.
- B. Check dumpster screening requirements and determine if screening materials meet the minimum construction requirements as specified on the approved landscape plan.
- C. Check plant material quantities, species, sizes and locations to determine conformance to approved landscape plan.
- D. Verify that perimeter landscape requirements have been met and determine if there are any encroachments into landscape easements.
- E. Use the various check lists that are provided in the "Inspection Guide for Landscaping Planting".
- F. Upon completion of inspection, file a report with the project Owner. If a reinspection is necessary, schedule after adequate time has been given for corrections to be made.
- G. Place a one year inspection into inspection schedule.

### CHART A TREE PROTECTION/PLANTING SCHEDULE

KEY	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	DBH*	QUALITY	REPLACEMENT	CREDIT

See Section III

Key = Location code as indicated on plan

Botanical Name = Scientific name, genus, specie

Common Name = Common lay name of tree

DBH = Diameter at breast height (measured 4.5 feet above the ground) or calipar for replacement trees (See Table 2)

Quality = Acceptable (A) or unacceptable (U), see text

Replacement = Units per Table 2, Replacement Trees

Credit = Units per Table 1, Existing Trees to Remain

The Landscape Ordinance states that the tree inventory and tree protection plan can be submitted any time before the Final Stage of a project. It is advisable, however, that you submit the inventory at the preliminary stage to insure that problems do not occur close to the construction phase. If an inventory is submitted at the later stages of the project, and there is a problem concerning a particular tree, the plan could be denied and more design work would be warranted to protect the tree, therefore, costing the developer time and money. Construction will also not be approved until the inventory is in compliance with this ordinance.

TABLE 1
EXISTING TREES TO REMAIN

DBH	UNITS	DBH	UNITS	DBH	UNITS
1 - 4	.1	22	2.6	37	7.5
5 - 7	.3	23	2.9	38	7.9
8 - 9	.5	24	3.1	39	8.3
10	.6	25	3.4	40	8.7
11	.7	26	3.7	41	9.2
12	.8	27	4.0	42	9.6
13	.9	28	4.3	43	10.1
14	1.1	29	4.6	44	10.6
15	1.2	30	4.9	45	11.0
16	1.4	31	5.2	46	11.5
17	1.6	32	5.6	47	12.0
18	1.8	33	5.9	48	12.6
19	2.0	34	6.3	49	13.1
20	2.2	35	6.7	50	13.6
21	2.4	36	7.1		

These numbers were arrived at by calculating the square footage of the basal tree area. The tree trunk area equals the trunk basal area and is computed by squaring the radius of the tree trunk at breast height and multiplying by 3.14, then converting to square footage.

TABLE 2
REPLACEMENT TREES

CALIPER	UNITS	CALIPER	UNITS
1	.4	8	8
2	.5	9	9
3	.6	10	10
4	.7	11	11
5	.9	12	12
6	1.0	13	13
7	1.2	14	14

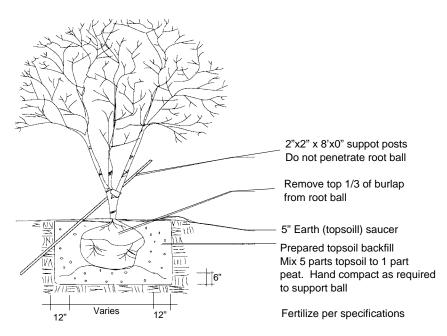
These numbers were arrived at by the same formula as in Table 1, with the exception of a growth curve. The unit numbers for these calipers were taken from the projected tree basal area in 15 years. For example, the projected tree basal area is predicted to be seven inches for a one inch tree.

### VII. EXAMPLE DRAWINGS

The following drawings are intended to provide further explanation for the requirements found in the Landscape Requirements Table and for typical planting of large and small trees, evergreen trees, and shrubs.

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### TYPICAL SMALL TREE PLANTING

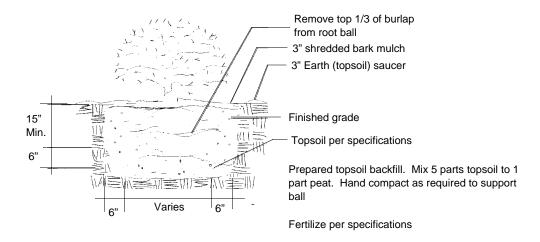


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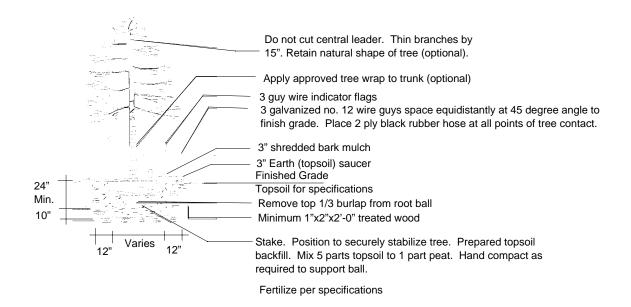
Container grown plant material may be substitututed for burlap material

Plant material shall not be pruned prior to installation; after plants have been installed, each plant may be pruned for uniformity

### TYPICAL SHRUB PLANTING



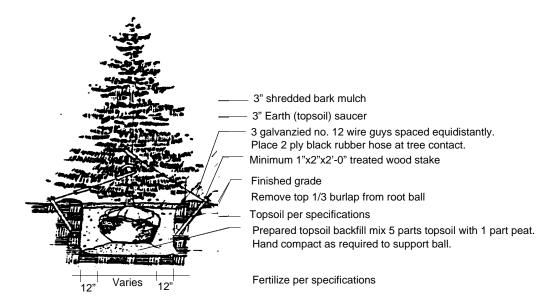
### TYPICAL LARGE TREE PLANTING



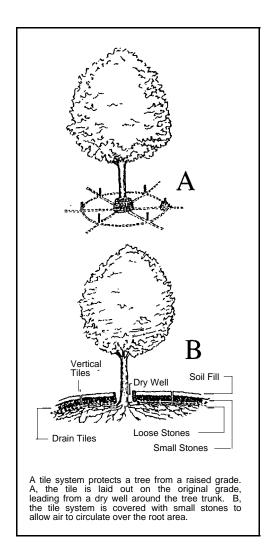
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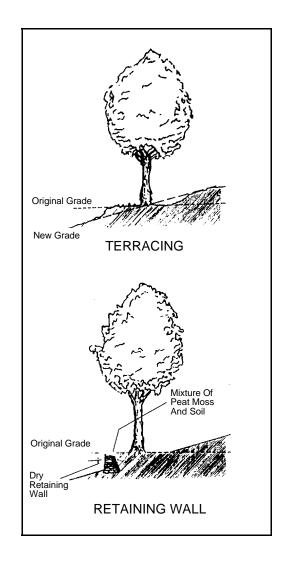
Any series of trees placed in a particular arrangement will be field checked for accuracy. Any trees misplaced will be subject to rejection.

### TYPICAL EVERGREEN TREE PLANTING

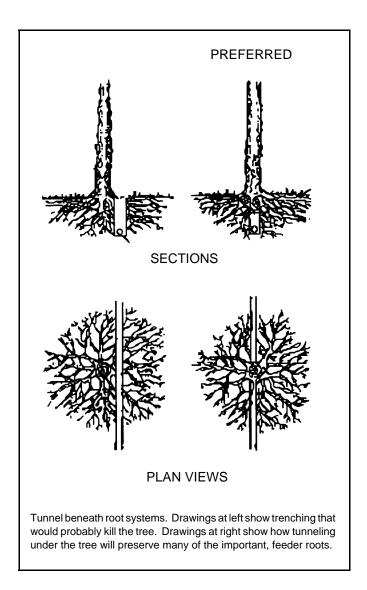


### FIGURE 1

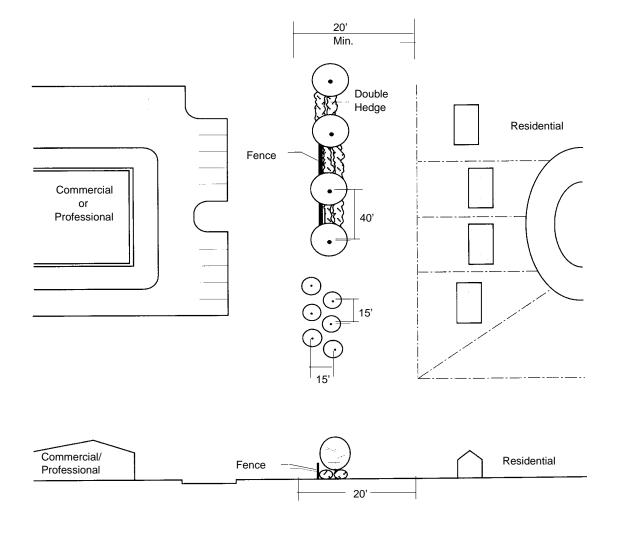




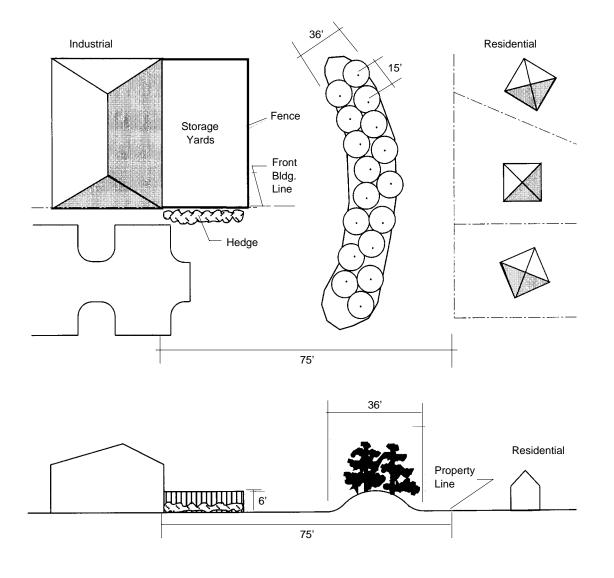
### FIGURE 2



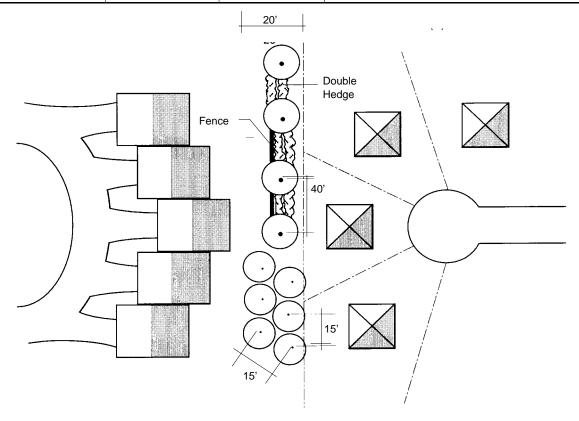
WHEN	ADJOINS	MINIMUM PLANTING STRIP	PLANT MATERIAL/OPTIONS
Any commercial or professional office zone or land use, or any conditional use	Any residential zone or land use	20 feet	<ol> <li>1 tree from plant list a or list B per 35 feet of linear boundary or fraction thereof and a double row 6 foot hedge from list E or 6 foot wall, fence, or earth mound and a hedge from list D 1 tree from list A or list B per 40 feet of linear boundary or fraction thereof         <ul> <li>OR</li> </ul> </li> <li>double row, staggered, planting of trees from list C at 15 feet on center</li> </ol>

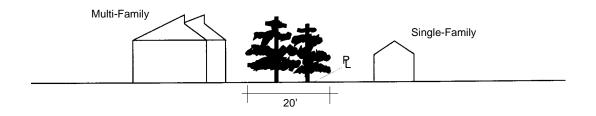


WHEN	ADJOINS	MINIMUM PLANTING STRIP	PLANT MATERIAL/OPTIONS
Any industrial zone or land use	Any residential, commercial, or professional office zone	75 feet side and rear yard	36 foot wide, 6 foot tall, earthen berm and a double row of staggered trees from list C at 15 feet on center.  STORAGE YARD: 6 foot fence or wall and hedge, from list E, facing front yard only and/or any public/private street

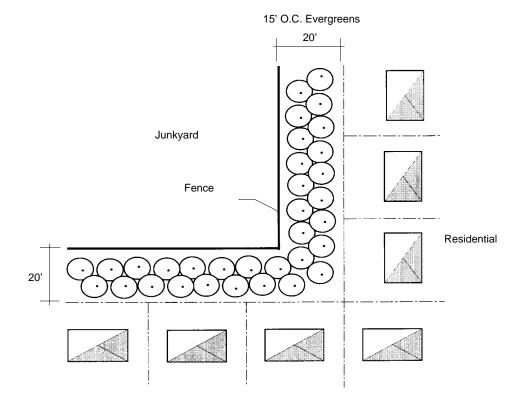


WHEN	ADJOINS	MINIMUM PLANTING STRIP	PLANT MATERIAL/OPTIONS
Any multi-family residential (3 units per building or greater density) zone or land use	Any single-family residential zone or land use	20 feet	1. 1 tree from plant list A or list B per 45 feet of linear boundary and a double row 6 foot hedge from list E or 6 foot wall, fence, or earth mound and hedge from list D  OR      2. continuous staggered double row planting of trees from list C at 15 feet on center

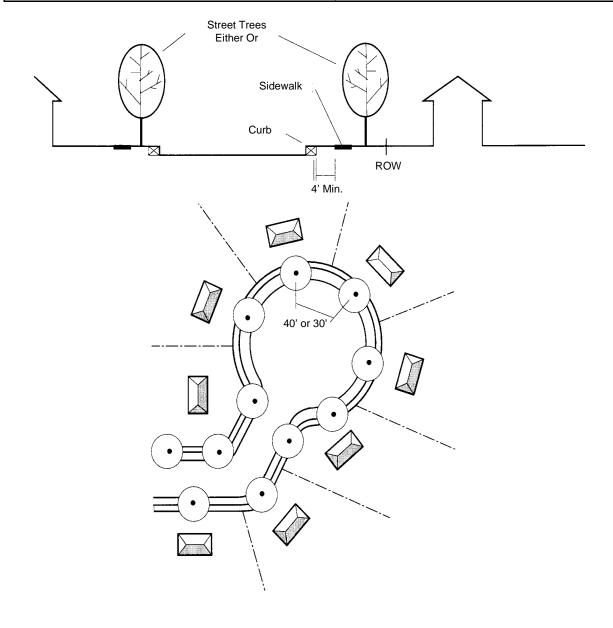




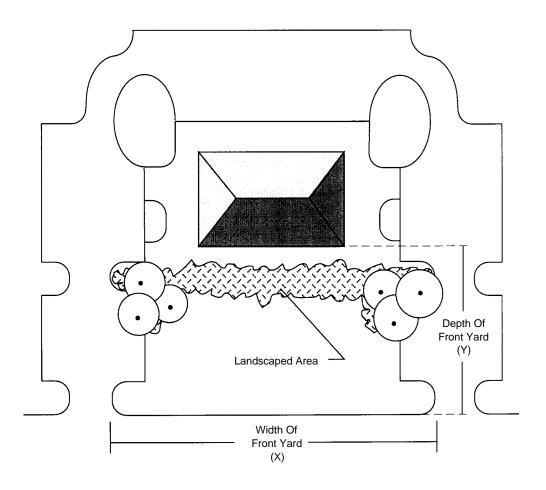
WHEN	ADJOINS	MINIMUM PLANTING STRIP	PLANT MATERIAL/OPTIONS
A junk, salvage, refuse, or parts yard or recycling center	Any zone or street (public or private)	20 feet	6 foot solid wall or fence and a single row hedge from list D or list E and 1 tree from list A or list B per 35 feet of linear boundary or fraction thereof     OR     6 foot solid fence or wall and staggered double row evergreens from list C at 15 feet on center



WHEN	ADJOINS	MINIMUM PLANTING STRIP	PLANT MATERIAL/OPTIONS
Street trees may be planted to meet the tree density requirements and shall be placed within the street right-of-way or within an easement immediately adjacent to the street right-of-way		1. 1 tree from list A or list F at least 60 feet on center (maximum)     OR     2. 1 tree from list B at least 60 feet on center (maximum)	



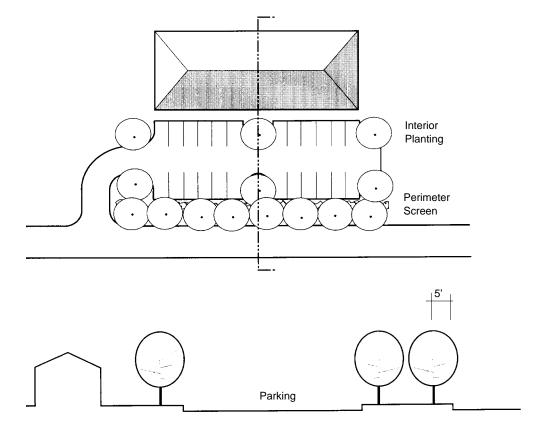
WHEN	ADJOINS	MINIMUM PLANTING STRIP	PLANT MATERIAL/OPTIONS
Any general commercial zone or highway commercial zone or land use	The public right- of-way, public or private street	10% of total front yard area must be landscaped	Trees, shrubs, planting beds, and/or perennials in a motif designed by the owner. This is in addition to other required landscaping.



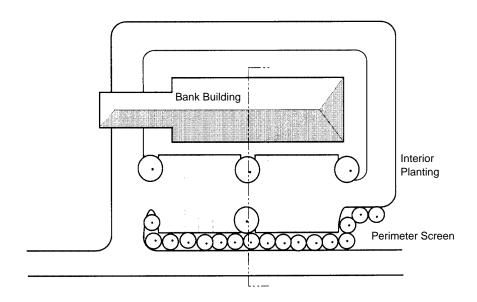
Required Front Yard Landscaping

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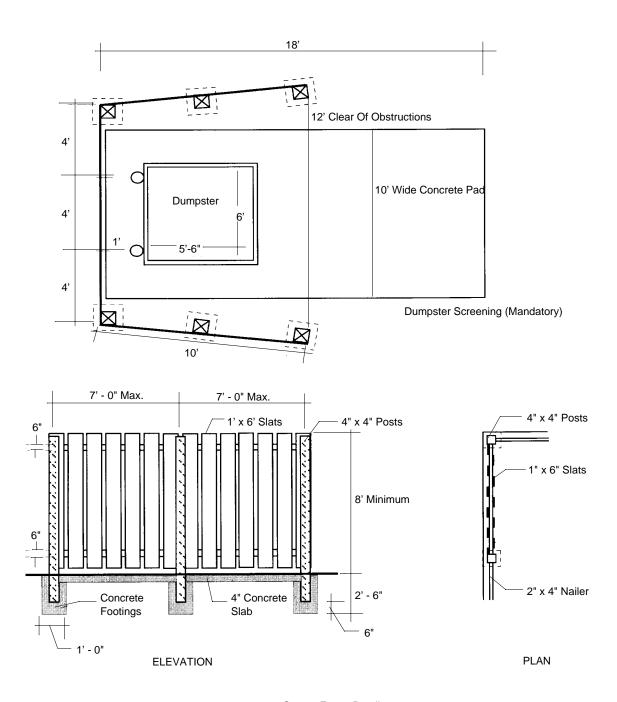
WHEN	ADJOINS	MINIMUM PLANTING STRIP	PLANT MATERIAL/OPTIONS
A vehicular use area associated with any zone or land use, except single-family residences, banks, savings and loan, and mortgage companies, and	Any public or private street	5 feet perimeter screening easement	<ol> <li>1 tree from list A per 40 feet of linear boundary or fraction thereof and shrubs from list D or list E at least 3 feet on center         OR         1 tree from list B per 25 feet of linear boundary or fraction thereof and shrubs from list D or list E at 3 feet on center (1 tree minimum)</li> </ol>
auto dealerships	PLUS	PLUS	PLUS
	In all cases	5% interior	1 tree from list A or list B per 250 square feet
		landscaped	of interior landscaped area
		area	



WHEN	ADJOINS	MINIMUM PLANTING STRIP	PLANT MATERIAL/OPTIONS
A vehicular use area at a bank, savings and loan, mortgage company, or	Any public or private street	5 feet perimeter screening easement	Trees from list B at 20 feet on center
auto dealership	PLUS	PLUS	PLUS
	In all cases	5% interior landscaped area	1 tree from list A or list B per 250 square feet of interior landscaped area







Screen Fence Detail
(Guidelines)
Other Material Such As Brick, Block, Hedges, Etc. May Be Used For Screening

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