



# **City of Tampa**

## **Tree and Landscape Technical Manual**

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## PREFACE

This Technical Manual is a compendium of ordinance requirements of a technical nature, policy statements, and industry accepted standards. It provides applicants, city departments, other governmental agencies, and the general public with technical requirements and information corresponding to the City of Tampa's tree and landscape regulations, as set forth in Chapter 27 of City Code, ("Tree and Landscape Code"). It includes:

- Tree protection minimum standards with related graphics
- Technical standards for plant materials
- City of Tampa Tree Matrix with related graphics
- City of Tampa Tree Condition Evaluation Form
- Other representative, regulatory illustrations and graphics

### Additional References:

USDA, Forest (Forestry) Service:

- (Tree) Facts Sheets, most current publications
- i-Tree: Tools for Assessing and Managing Community Trees and Forests (<http://www.itreetools.org/>)
- *Volume Prediction from Stump Diameter and Stump Height of Selected Species in Louisiana*, pub. 197

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*Trees: North & Central Florida – A Field Guide to 140 Tree Species*, Koeser, Hasing, Friedman, and Irving

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- Chapter 162 'County or Municipal Code Enforcement'
- Chapter 163 'Intergovernmental Programs'
- Chapter 166 'Municipalities'
- Chapter 369 'Conservation'
- Chapter 581 'Plant Industry'

State of Florida, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services:

- *Florida Grades and Standards for Nursery Plants 2017*, pub. 2017, Fifth Edition
- Florida Forest Service:
  - 'Florida's Federally Listed Plant Species' (<http://www.freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Florida-Forest-Service/Our-Forests/Forest-Health/Florida-Statewide-Endangered-and-Threatened-Plant-Conservation-Program/Florida-s-Federally-Listed-Plant-Species>)
  - 'Champion Tree Program' and Registry (<http://www.freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Florida-Forest-Service/Our-Forests/Florida-Champion-Trees>)

State of Florida, Florida Administrative Code:

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- Rule Chapter 14-40,
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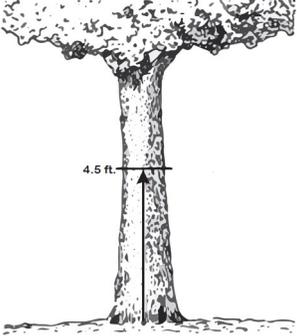
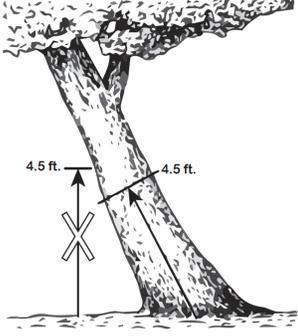
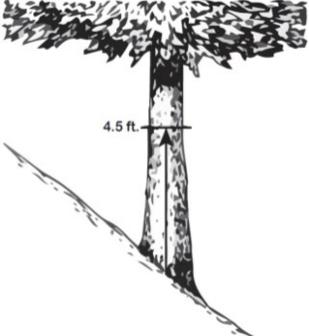
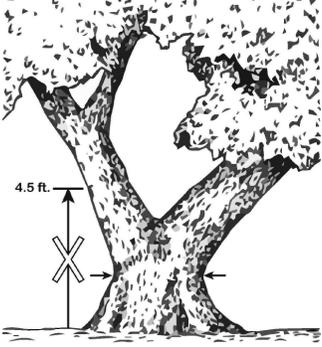
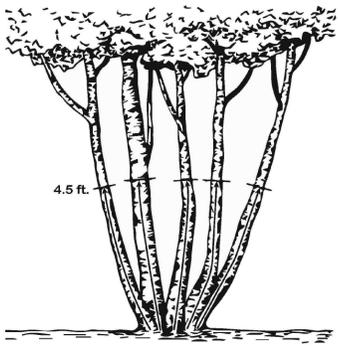
**SECTION A.**

**STANDARDS & METHODS:**

**TREE MEASUREMENT, EVALUATION, STAKING, PROTECTION;  
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS DETAILS;  
PROTECTION OF OTHER NATURAL RESOURCES**

## A.1. MEASUREMENT & EVALUATION DETAILS

(a) Diameter at Breast Height (DBH) methods (Sec. 27-284.1.2(c))

<b>284.1.2-A: Straight Tree, on land with minimal-to-no slope</b>	<b>284.1.2-B: Sloped Tree, on land with minimal-to-no slope</b>	<b>284.1.2-C: Straight Tree, on sloped land</b>
		
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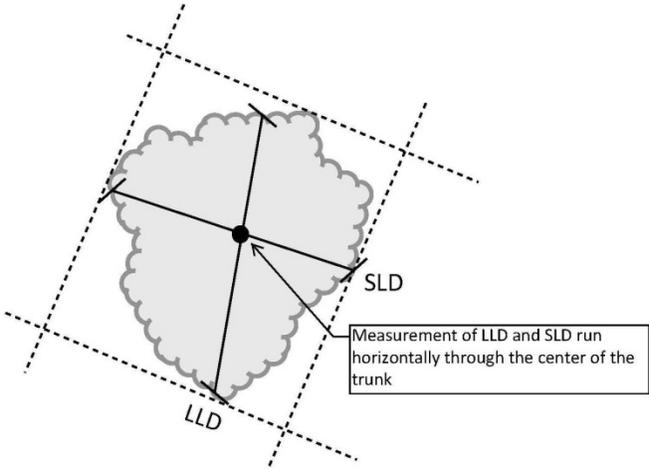
(b) Crown Spread (CS) and Crown Footprint (CF) methods with formulas (Secs. 27-43, 27-284.4.1)

**CROWN SPREAD ("CS") & CROWN FOOTPRINT ("CF")  
MEASUREMENT METHODS & FORMULAS**

Crown Spread ("CS") Formula

Long Form: (Long Length Diameter "LLD" + Short Length Diameter "SLD") ÷ 2 = Crown Spread "CS"

Short Form: (LLD + SLD) ÷ 2 = CS



Crown Footprint ("CF") [Area] Formula

Long Form:  $\pi(\text{Crown Spread "CS"} \div 2)^2 = \text{Crown Footprint "CF"}$

Short Form:  $\pi(\text{CS} \div 2)^2 = \text{CF}$

### **A.1. MEASUREMENT & EVALUATION DETAILS (cont'd)**

- (c) *Tree survey* (Sec. 27-43): A land survey, prepared by a surveyor and mapper, that indicates the location, scientific name, and DBH of any tree on the subject parcel and within twenty (20) feet of the perimeter of the subject parcel, as verified by an arborist. The survey must also indicate the 'crown spread' dimensions and corresponding 'crown area' for any non-'exempt' tree, measuring thirty-two (32) inches DBH and greater.



## A.1. MEASUREMENT & EVALUATION DETAILS (cont'd)

### (d) Tree Condition Evaluation Report Requirements (Sec. 27-284.1.1) (cont'd)

#### RATING INFORMATION

Tree Condition Evaluation:

A tree's condition is determined from the average of the condition ratings established from the individual rating of the tree's roots, trunk, limb/branch structure, twigs and foliage. The condition ratings range from excellent to poor and are determined by a condition point system that weighs problems identified on each component of the tree. The condition point system is structured as follows: no apparent problem = A, minor problem = B, major problem = C, extreme problems = D and Dead = F

<b>ROOTS</b> Condition = _____ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Root anchorage</li> <li>• Restricted root system relative to canopy</li> <li>• Mechanical Injury</li> <li>• Girdling roots</li> <li>• Compaction or water-logged roots</li> <li>• Presence of insects or diseases</li> </ul>	<b>LIMB/ BRANCH STRUCTURE</b> Condition = _____ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strong attachments, no included bark</li> <li>• Free of decay and cavities</li> <li>• Well-proportioned, good form</li> <li>• Wound closure</li> <li>• Dead limbs/epicormic sprouting</li> <li>• Presence of insects and disease</li> </ul>
<b>TRUNK</b> Condition = _____ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sound Bark and wood, no cavities</li> <li>• Upright trunk (well-tapered)</li> <li>• Included bark between co-dominant stems</li> <li>• Mechanical or fire injury</li> <li>• Cracks</li> <li>• Swallowed or sunken area</li> <li>• Presence of insects or disease</li> </ul>	<b>TWIGS</b> Condition = _____ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shoot vigor compared to past 3-year growth</li> <li>• Presence of weak or dead twigs</li> <li>• Presence of insects and disease</li> </ul>
<b>FOLIAGE</b> Condition = _____ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Normal appearance (size, color, density)</li> <li>• Nutrient deficiencies</li> <li>• Herbicide, chemical injury symptoms</li> <li>• Wilted or dead leaves</li> <li>• Presence of insect and disease</li> </ul>	

Total Condition Points \_\_\_\_\_

#### TREE HAZARD EVALUATION FORM

**Failure potential (4 points)**

Failure potential identifies the most likely failure and rates the likelihood that the structural defects(s) will result in failure within the inspection period. Examples of ratings are:

1. Low: defects are minor (e.g. dieback of twigs, small wounds with good wound-wood development).
2. Medium: defects are present and obvious (e.g. cavity encompassing ten (10) to twenty-five (25) percent of the circumference of the trunk, co-dominant stems without included bark).
3. High: numerous and/or significant defects present (e.g. cavity encompassing thirty (30) to fifty (50) percent of the circumference of the trunk, multiple pruning wounds with decay along a branch).
4. Severe: defects are very severe (e.g. heart-rot decay conks along the main stem. Cavity encompassing more than fifty (50) percent of the trunk).

**Size of defective part (4 points)**

Size of defective part rates the size of the part most likely to fail. The larger the part that fails, the greater the potential for damage. Therefore, the size of the failure affects the hazard potential. Examples are:

1. Most likely failure less than six (6) inches (fifteen (15) cm) in diameter.
2. Most likely failure six (6) to eighteen (18) inches (fifteen (15) to forty-five (45) cm) in diameter.
3. Most likely failure eighteen (18) to thirty (30) inches (forty-five (45) to seventy-five (75) cm) in diameter.
4. Most likely failure greater than thirty (30) inches (seventy-five (75) cm) in diameter.

**Target rating (4 points)**

Target rating rates the use and occupancy of the area.

1. Occasional use: (e.g. jogging/cycling trail).
2. Intermittent use: (e.g. picnic area, day-use parking).
3. Frequent-use secondary structure: (e.g. seasonal camping area, storage facilities).
4. Constant-use, structures: (e.g., year-round use for a number of hours each day, residences).

The points in each category are added to obtain the overall hazard rating, with twelve (12) being the maximum value.  
 Hazard Rating = Failure Potential + Defective Size of Part + Target Rating

Hazard Rating = (Failure Pot.) \_\_\_\_\_ + Defective Part Size \_\_\_\_\_ + Target Rating \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

The assignment of a rating is made with three (3) considerations in mind:

- Length of evaluation cycle
- Level of resolution required by the goals of the hazard management program
- Past history and rating

If records are not available and not employed in the process, then the rating reflects only one moment in time, rather than the long-term development of the tree. Ratings have only relative meaning (i.e., a tree rated an 11 has a greater hazard potential than one rated a 5). By definition, a tree rated a twelve (12) represents a significant hazard. But abating this hazard could be as simple as removing the target.

## A.2. TREE PROTECTION DETAILS

Protection Standards for Construction Activities proximate to Protective Root Zone (Secs. 27-43, 27-284.2)

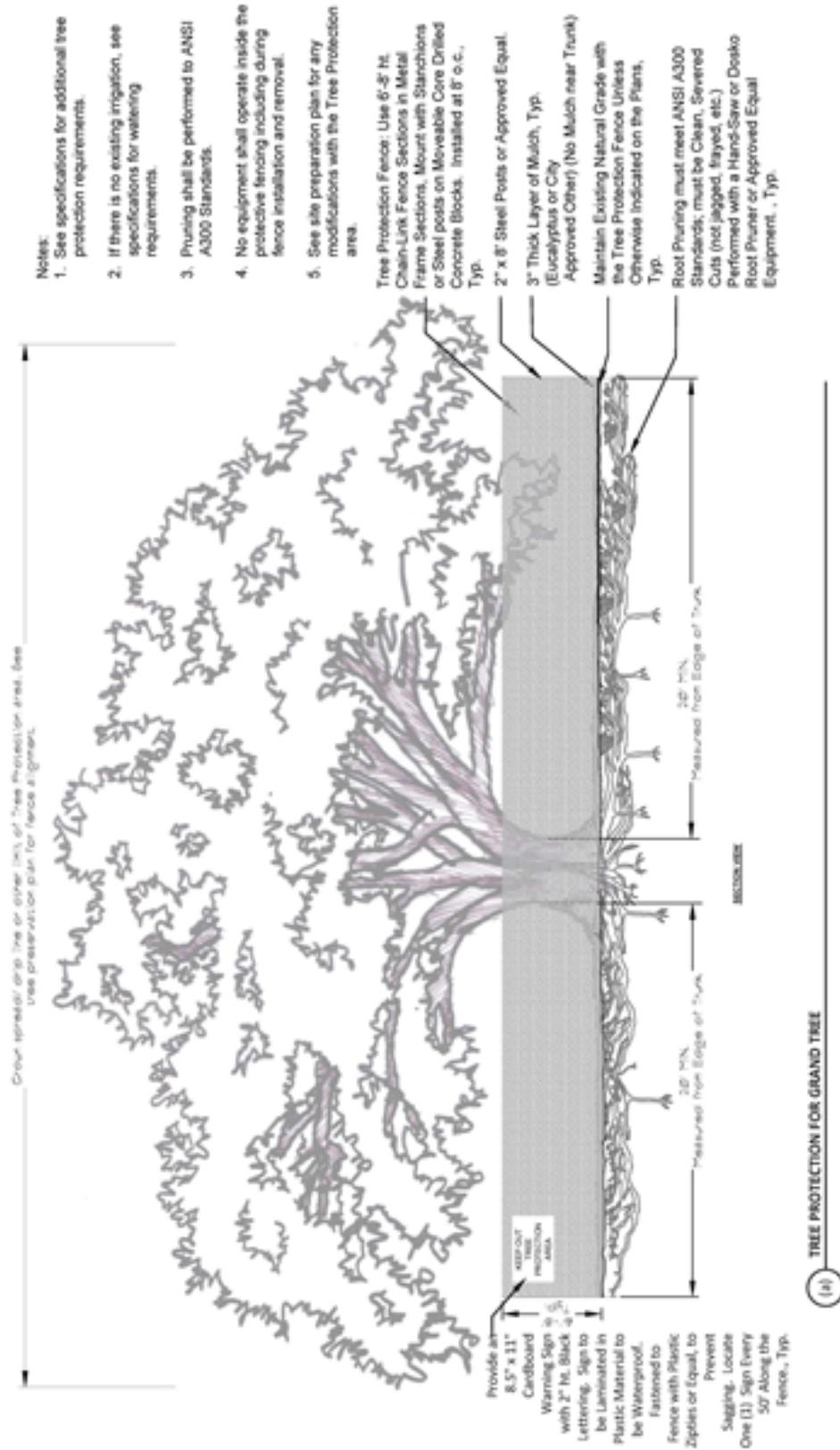
### Specific Conditions

- i. Minimum protection standards shall be met for all protected trees, prior to commencement of any construction activities on a development site and/or in public or private right-of-way, in accordance with the tree protection graphics below.
- ii. No changes to the predevelopment conditions within the approved protective root zone during the construction process.
- iii. Protective barricades may be removed only to prepare the development site for final landscaping activities. During this activity only non-mechanical techniques may occur within the designated protective root zone. No alteration(s), of any kind, shall be made to any part of the tree (roots, trunk, canopy/crown), other than those that are approved by the Natural Resources Coordinator or designee, as part of the related permit.
- iv. No parking or storing of vehicles, equipment, or materials is permitted within the minimum protective area, at any time.
- v. No site clearing or grading is permitted within the minimum protective area, other than those changes that are approved by the Natural Resources Coordinator or designee, as part of the related permit.

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## A.2. TREE PROTECTION DETAILS (cont'd)

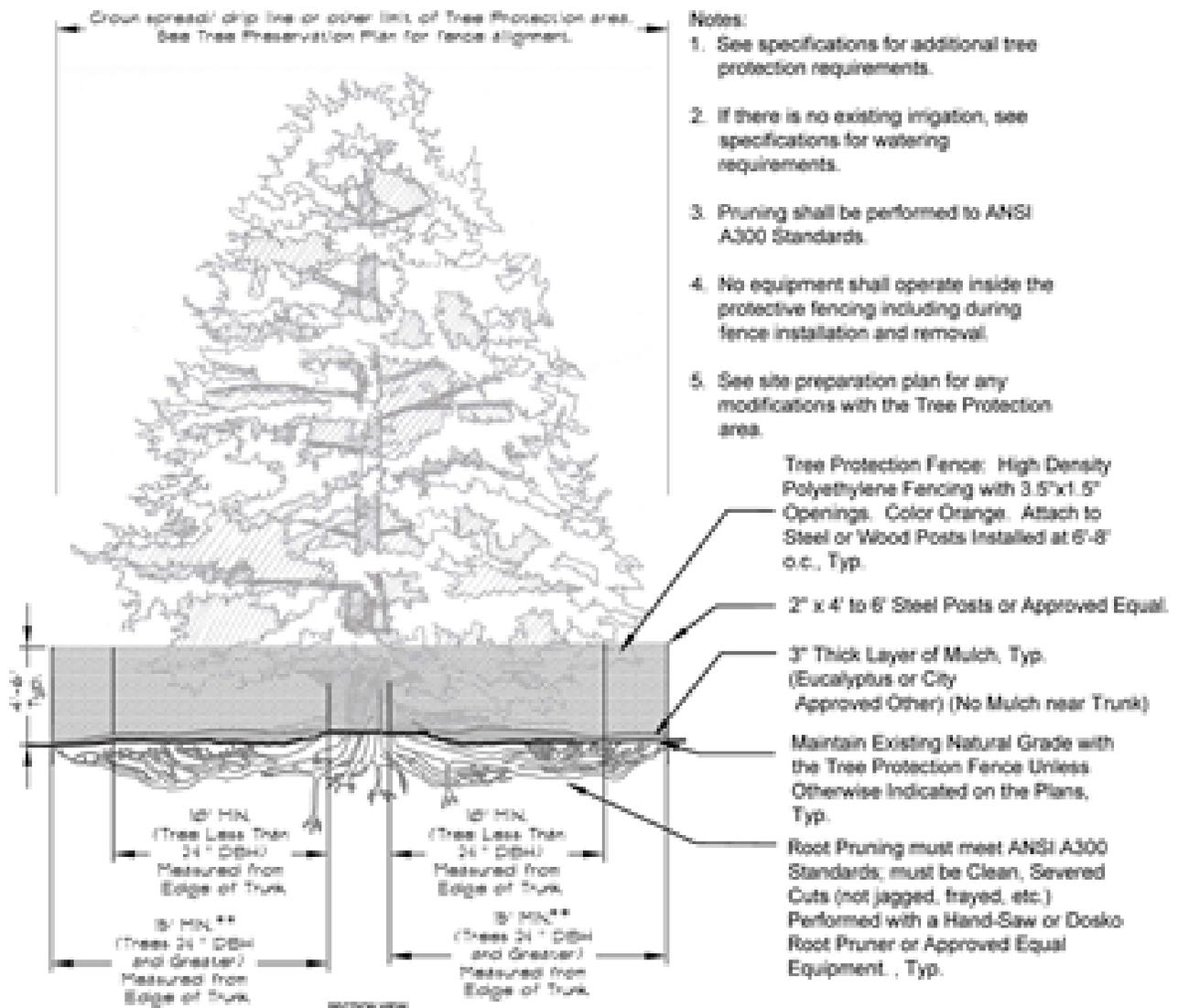
### (a) Grand Tree Protection Details



## A.2. TREE PROTECTION DETAILS (cont'd)

### (b) Protected Tree Protection Details, by Tree Type

#### (1) Large Ornamental, Shade, and Conifer Trees (protection details for Specimen Trees included)



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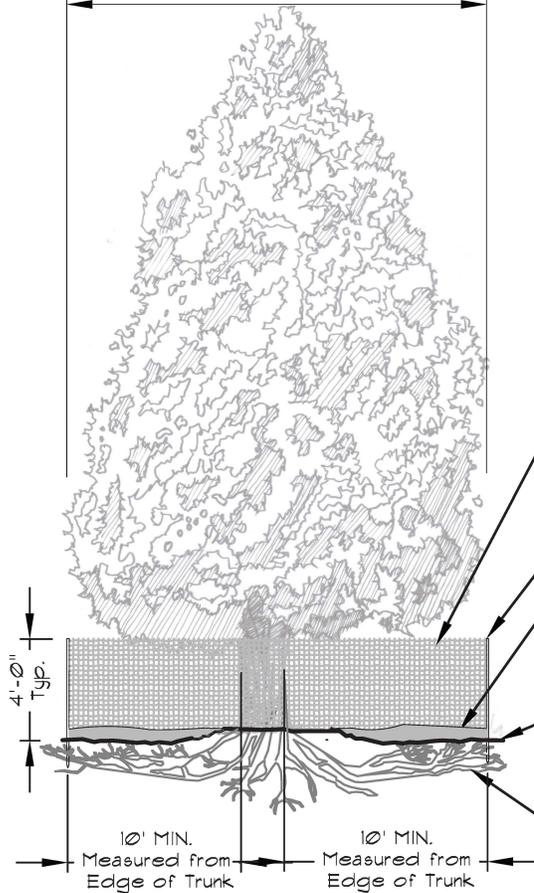
### TREE PROTECTION FOR LARGE ORNAMENTAL, SHADE, AND CONIFER TREES

\*\*15' Minimum Protective Root Zone applies to Specimen Trees. See Sec. 27-43.

## A.2. TREE PROTECTION DETAILS (cont'd)

### (2) Medium Ornamental, Shade, and Conifer Trees

Crown spread/ drip line or other limit of Tree Protection area.  
See Tree Preservation Plan for fence alignment.



SECTION VIEW

#### Notes:

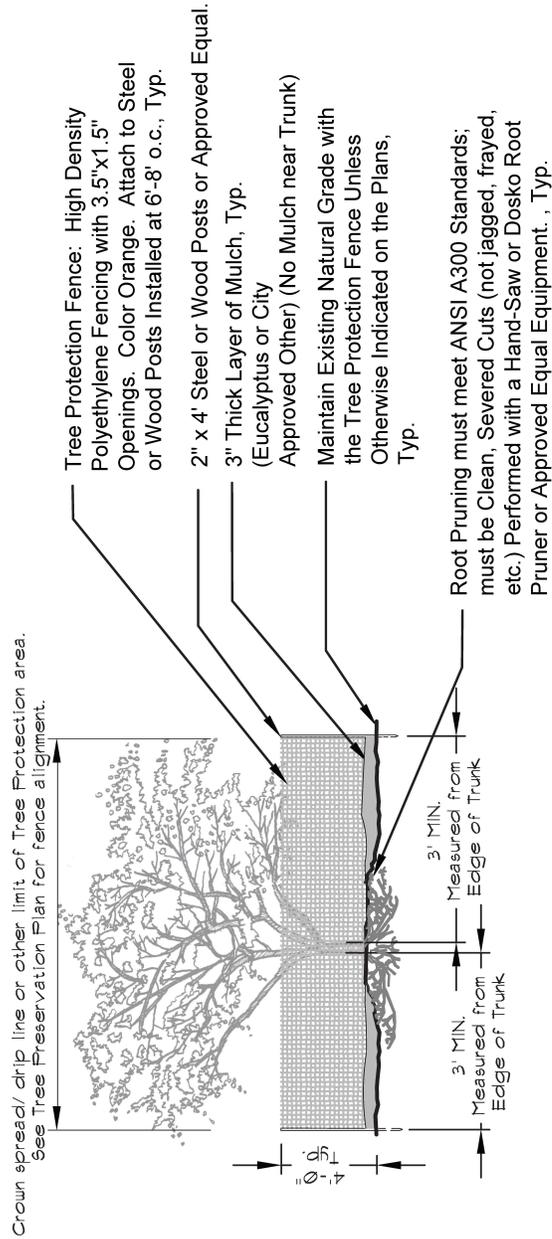
1. See specifications for additional tree protection requirements.
2. If there is no existing irrigation, see specifications for watering requirements.
3. Pruning shall be performed to ANSI A300 Standards.
4. No equipment shall operate inside the protective fencing including during fence installation and removal.
5. See site preparation plan for any modifications with the Tree Protection area.

- Tree Protection Fence: High Density Polyethylene Fencing with 3.5"x1.5" Openings. Color Orange. Attach to Steel or Wood Posts Installed at 6'-8' o.c., Typ.
- 2" x 4' Steel or Wood Posts or Approved Equal.
- 3" Thick Layer of Mulch, Typ. (Eucalyptus or City Approved Other) (No Mulch near Trunk)
- Maintain Existing Natural Grade with the Tree Protection Fence Unless Otherwise Indicated on the Plans, Typ.
- Root Pruning must meet ANSI A300 Standards; must be Clean, Severed Cuts (not jagged, frayed, etc.) Performed with a Hand-Saw or Dosko Root Pruner or Approved Equal Equipment. , Typ.

### (2) TREE PROTECTION FOR MEDIUM ORNAMENTAL, SHADE AND CONIFER TREE

## A.2. TREE PROTECTION DETAILS (cont'd)

### (3) Small Ornamental Trees

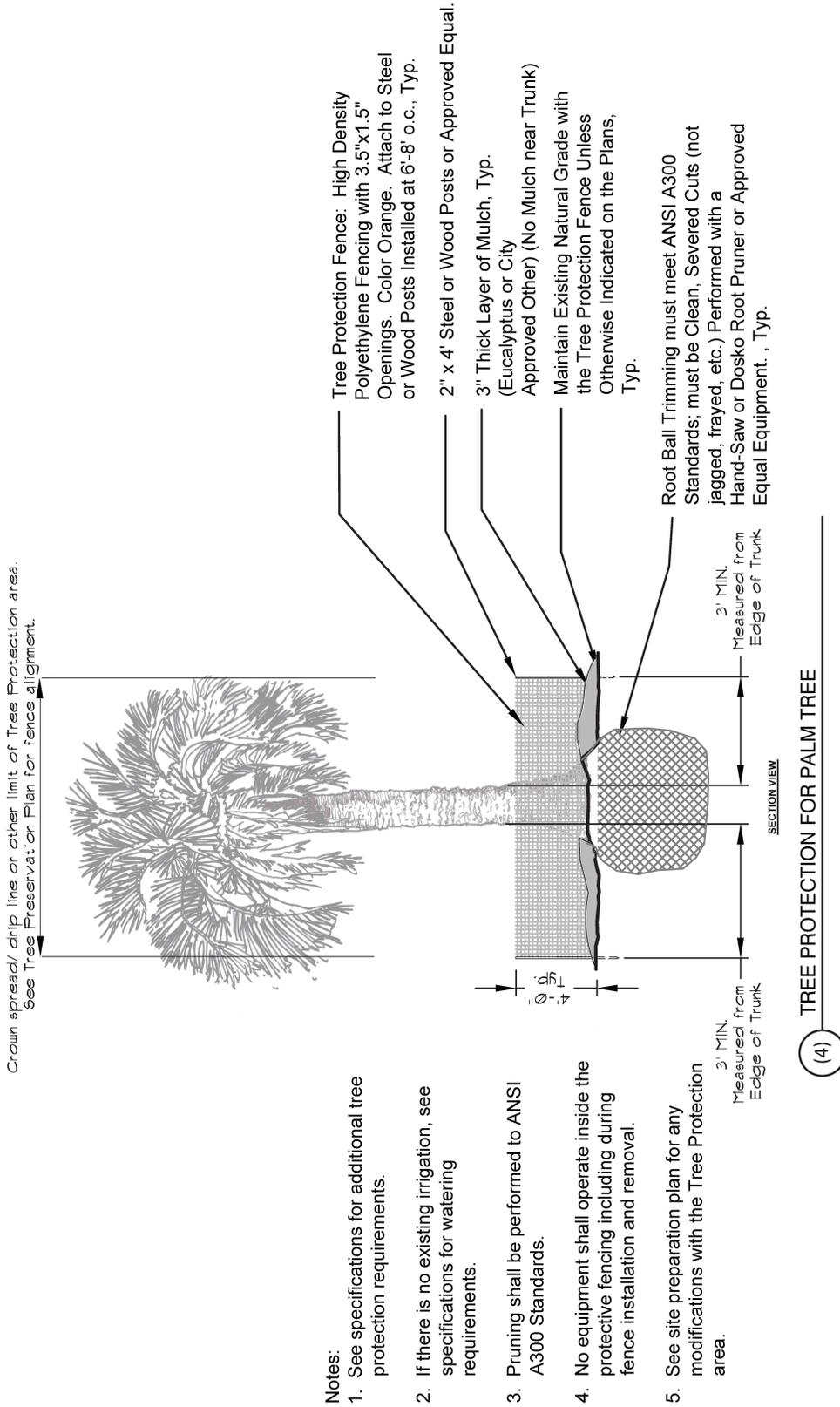


(3) TREE PROTECTION FOR SMALL ORNAMENTAL TREE

- Notes:
1. See specifications for additional tree protection requirements.
  2. If there is no existing irrigation, see specifications for watering requirements.
  3. Pruning shall be performed to ANSI A300 Standards.
  4. No equipment shall operate inside the protective fencing including during fence installation and removal.
  5. See site preparation plan for any modifications with the Tree Protection area.

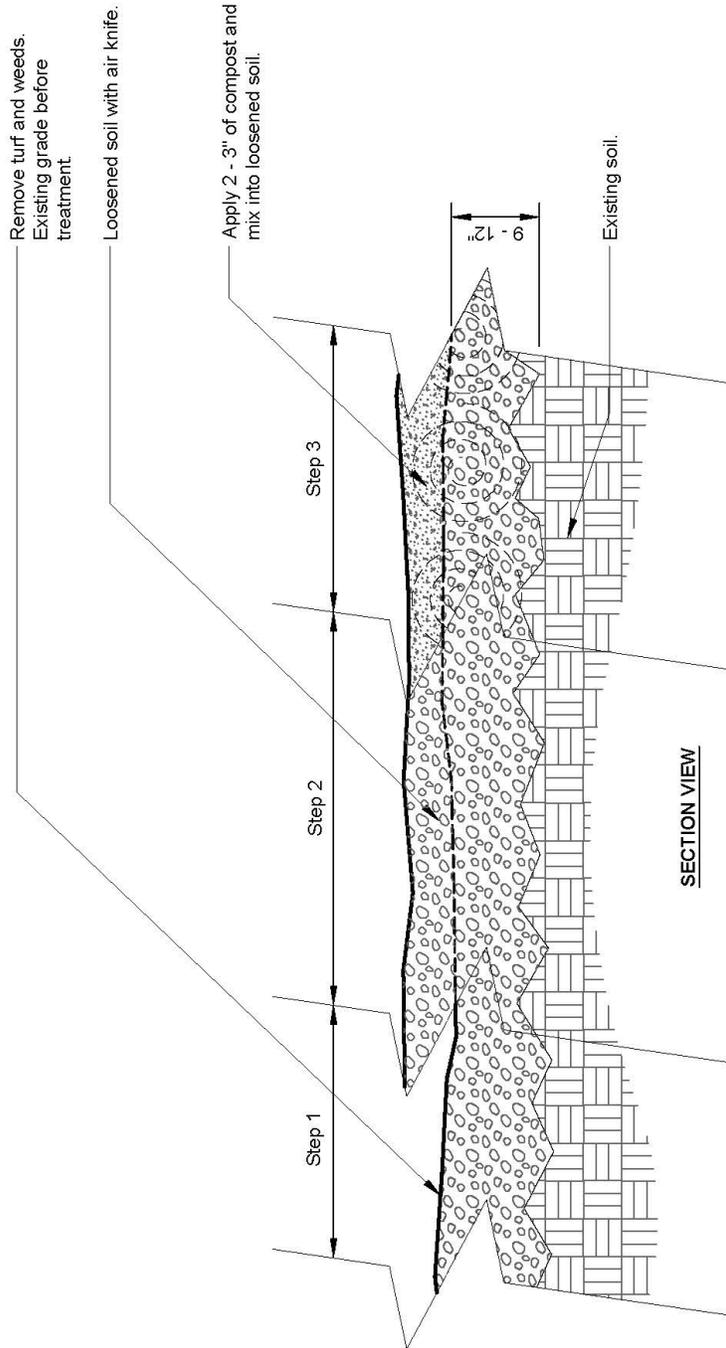
## A.2. TREE PROTECTION DETAILS (cont'd)

(4) Palms



### A.3. MISCELLANEOUS DETAILS

#### (a) Removal of Existing Soil – Root Exposure for Structure Placement



**Notes:**

- 1- Prior to the start of work remove all thatch, sod, and/or weeds.
- 2- Loosen soil with Air Knife or approved equal to a depth of 9 - 12" and work around encountered roots.
- 3- Apply 2 - 3" of compost over loosened soil. Using an air knife mix compost into loosened soil.
- 4- Water entire root zone at end of each work day.

**(a) REMOVAL OF EXISTING SOIL - ROOT EXPOSURE FOR STRUCTURE PLACEMENT**

### **A.3. MISCELLANEOUS DETAILS (cont'd)**

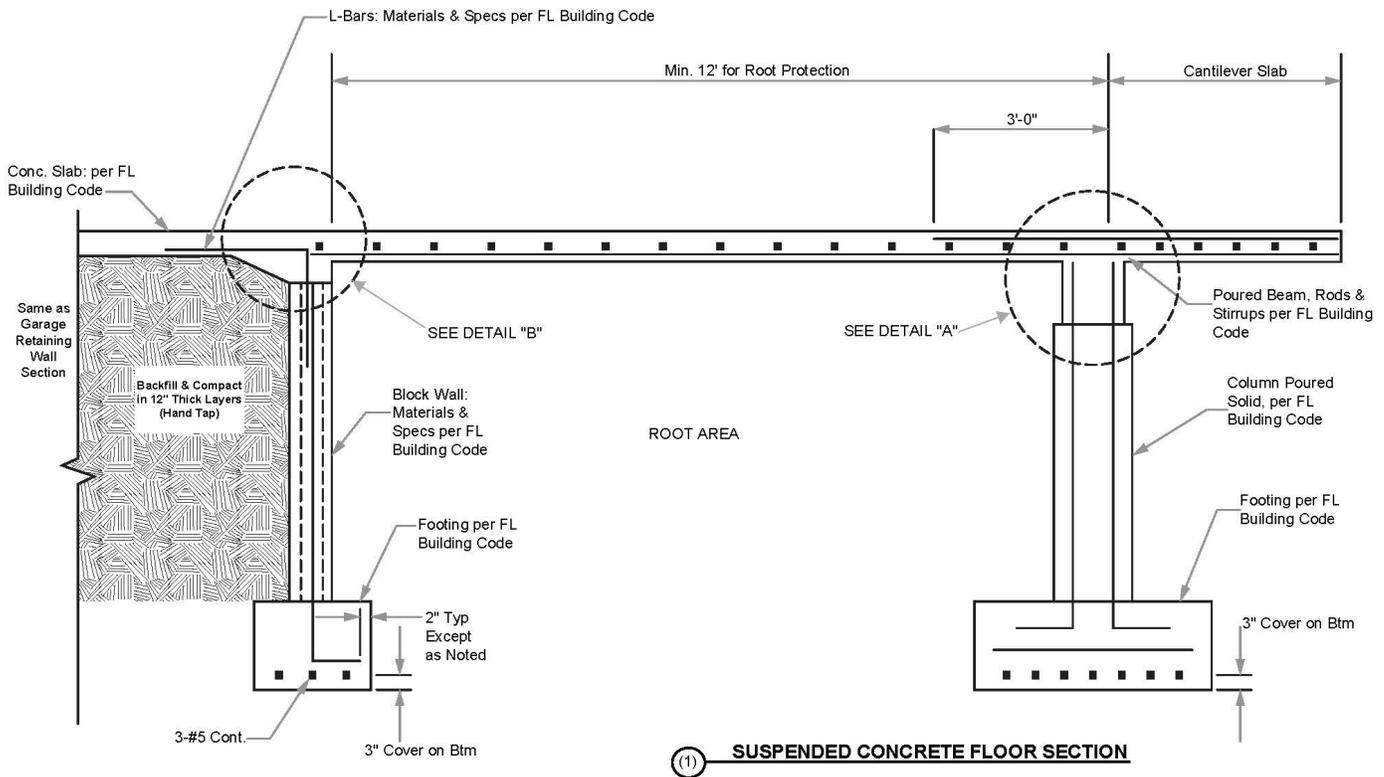
(b) Root pruning standards:

1. All root pruning shall be overseen and approved by an arborist, prior to the pre-construction site inspection.
2. All roots must be severed clean at the protective root zone of protected and grand trees to prevent root damage.
3. Root pruning must be performed with an approved cutting type of equipment, such as a chainsaw, hand saw, or other cutting equipment (i.e. Dosko).
4. Root pruning must be performed prior to any construction activities and inspected before requesting inspections.

### A.3. MISCELLANEOUS DETAILS (cont'd)

(c) Work within the protective root zone of protected, specimen, and grand trees:

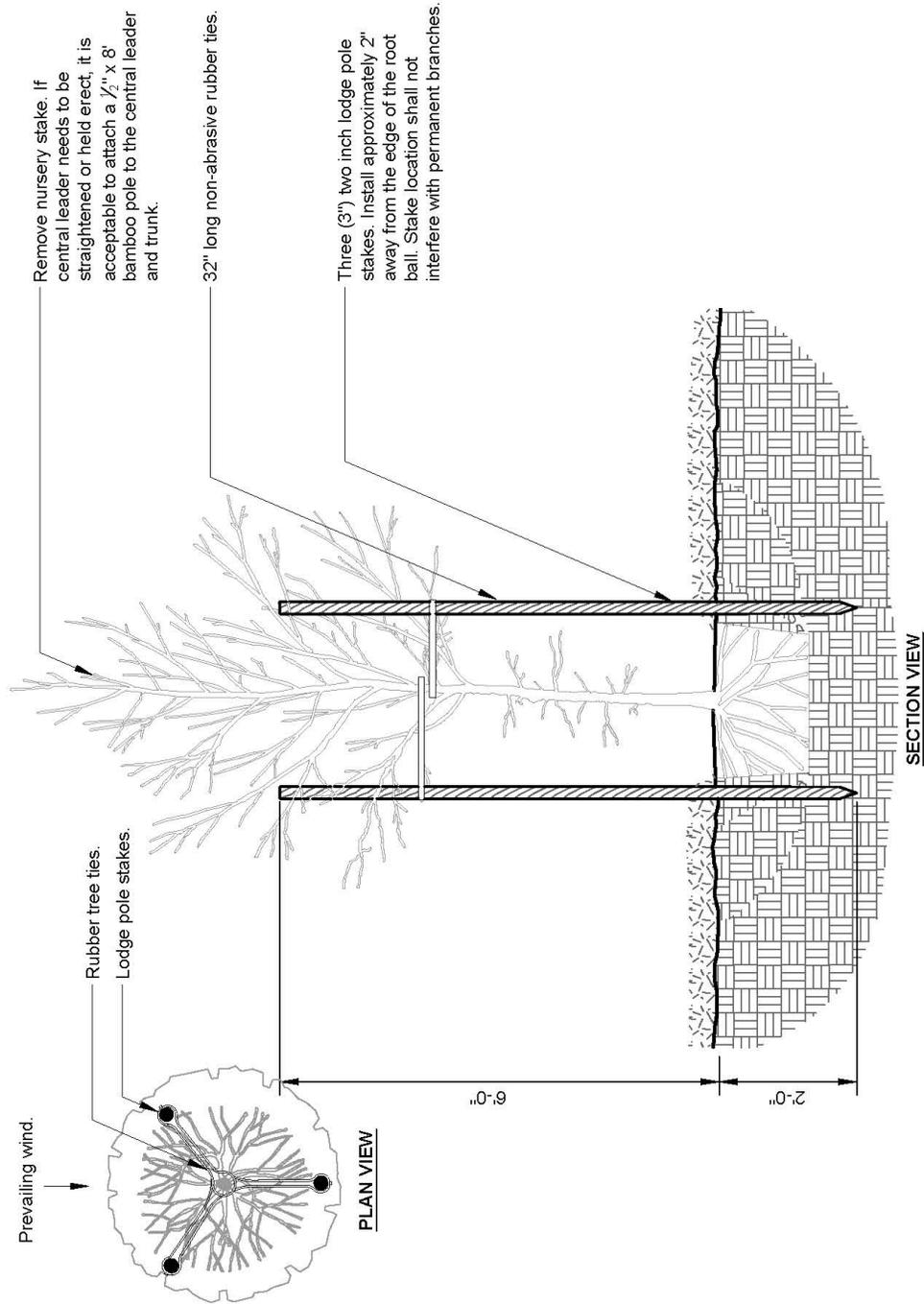
- (1) Structural foundations may be allowed within the minimum protection zone of a protected tree, with alternative construction techniques used, as shown in the Protection Zone Graphics below, by Tree Shape and Size (refer to Tree Matrix).
- (2) If the protected tree is to be retained/preserved, then alternative construction techniques shall be required for work within the protective root zone. Suspended floors, stem walls must be constructed and placement of structural foundation piers must be located as to minimize damage to the root system.
  - a. Use of "Bio-barrier" or equivalent material and installation method may also be considered.
  - b. Root pruning must occur around the locations of the structural piers prior to any excavation.
  - c. Use of such alternative construction techniques shall be as limited as possible relative to the area of the tree protection zone, major limbs, and/or major roots, in order for the tree to be considered retained/preserved.



- d. Pervious pavement, such as brick pavers, turfblock, interlocking pavers, or pervious concrete, or other approved material equivalent, may be used in certain circumstances where trees are located proximate to driveways and/or parking areas. Pavement materials shall be installed above the existing grade, and no changes are permitted to the existing grade within the protection zone, and the construction activity must follow the approved plan. Protective barricades must remain around the protective root zone until all construction activity has been completed on the site.

## A.4. PLANTING DETAILS

(a) Typical Tree Staking – Lodge Poles

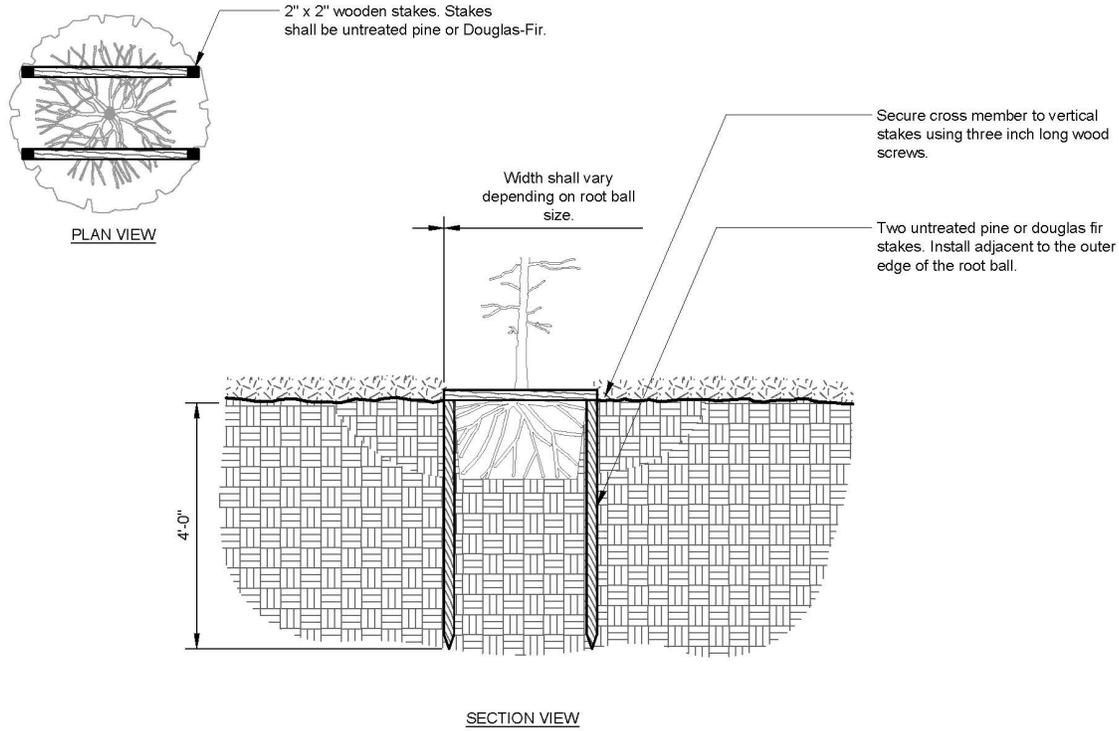


TYPICAL TREE STAKING - LODGE POLES (3)

(a)

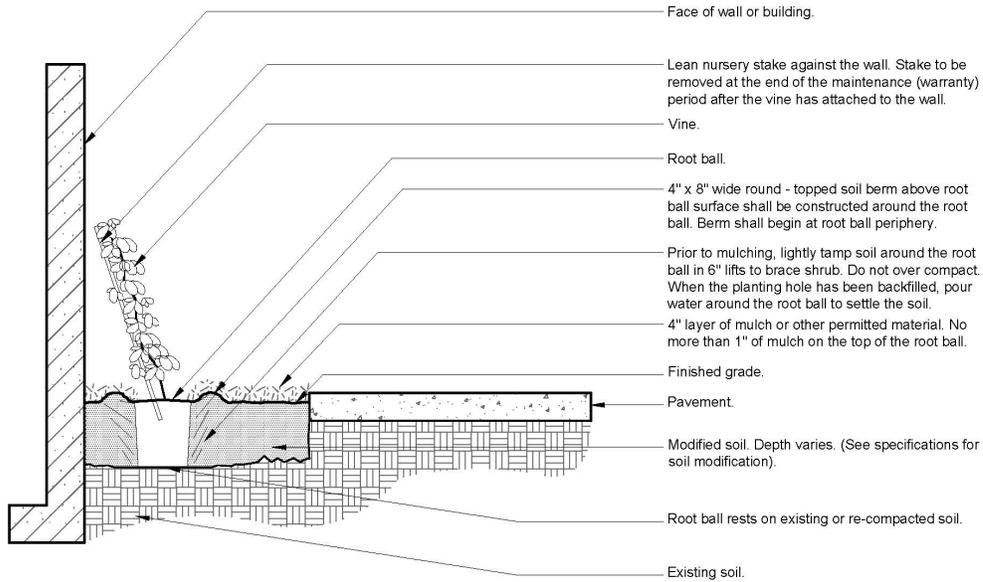
## A.4. PLANTING DETAILS (cont'd)

### (b) Tree Staking [Staple] for Streetscape, Parking Lot Islands, and other Constrained Areas



### (b) TREE STAKING - STAPLE - USE IN STREETScape, PARKING LOT ISLANDS, OTHER CONSTRAINED SPACES

### (c) Vine - Modified Soil



### (c) VINE - MODIFIED SOIL

## SECTION B.

### LIST OF GRAND TREE SPECIES (Sec. 27-284.1.2)

<b>Table 284.1.2: Grand Tree Species</b>		
<b>Scientific Name</b>	<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Florida Native</b>
Acer rubrum	Red Maple	Yes
Carya glabra	Pignut Hickory	Yes
Carya illinoensis	Pecan	No
Cinnamomum camphora	Camphor	No
Fraxinus tomentosa (sp. "profunda")	Pumpkin Ash	Yes
Liquidambar styraciflua	Sweetgum	Yes
Magnolia grandiflora	Southern Magnolia	Yes
Magnolia virginiana	Sweetbay Magnolia	Yes
Nyssa sylvatica	Black Gum (Black Tupelo)	Yes
Pinus elliottii var densa	Slash Pine	Yes
Pinus palustris	Longleaf Pine	Yes
Pinus taeda	Loblolly Pine	Yes
Platanus occidentalis	(American) Sycamore	Yes
Quercus austrina	Bluff Oak	Yes
Quercus durandii (sinuata)	Durand Oak	Yes
Quercus falcata	Southern Red Oak	Yes
Quercus geminata	Sand Live Oak	Yes
Quercus laurifolia	Laurel Oak (Diamond Leaf Oak)	Yes
Quercus michauxii	Swamp Chestnut Oak	Yes
Quercus virginiana	Southern Live Oak (Live Oak)	Yes
Taxodium ascendens	Pondcypress	Yes
Taxodium distichum	Baldcypress	Yes
Ulmus alata	Winged Elm	Yes
Ulmus americana	American Elm	Yes
<b>Notes:</b>		
[1] Refer to sec. 27-43 for definition of "grand tree."		
[2] Refer to sec. 27-284.1.2(d)(3) for specific conditions for camphor ( <i>Cinnamomum camphora</i> ).		

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## SECTION C.

### LIST OF EXEMPT TREE SPECIES (Sec. 27-284.1.2)

*Exempt trees – city wide.* Exempt trees, as defined in sec. 27-43 of the city code, **shall not require permit for removal** and shall adhere to the following requirements:

- (1) **All Category I species**, as listed on the *Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council's 2017 List of Invasive Plant Species* (inset below), with the exception of camphor (*Cinnamomum camphora*), shall be required to be removed concurrent with any site work-related permit, unless otherwise approved by the natural resources coordinator or designee. Category I species shall not be factored into Tree Retention-Mitigation Equivalency Tables (see Technical Manual Section D), as set forth in sec. 27-284.4.1, for any project or development. Refer to (3) below for specific requirements related to camphor.
- (2) **All Category II species**, as listed on the *Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council's 2017 List of Invasive Plant Species* (inset below), if existing may remain in place or be planted as new, but no credit shall be factored into the Tree Retention-Mitigation Equivalency Tables (see Technical Manual Section D), as set forth in sec. 27-284.4.1, for retention or planting such species.
- (3) The **camphor tree** (*Cinnamomum camphora*) is classified as a Category I invasive species, according to the *Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council's 2017 List of Invasive Plant Species*. This tree species, however, has been successfully planted and maintained, under certain conditions, throughout the city. With strict adherence to the following criteria and conditions, the camphor tree provides benefits and ample crown footprint to the overall city urban forest canopy, and shall be deemed 'protected' for purposes of mitigation (replacement) calculation and can reach 'grand' status for same, subject to the following:
  - a. Standard 'credit' awarded for retaining any camphor tree rated in excellent or good condition (protected or grand), that is not located within or proximate to (within 50' of) any environmentally sensitive land (i.e. river, lake, bay, wetland, upland habitat, or significant wildlife corridor);
  - b. Standard 'credit' awarded for planting any camphor tree (Florida Grade No. 1), that is not located within or proximate to (within 50' of) any environmentally sensitive land (i.e. river, lake, bay, wetland, upland habitat, or significant wildlife corridor);
  - c. Any camphor tree that is located within or proximate to such environmentally sensitive lands shall be required to be removed, and shall be factored into Tree Retention-Mitigation Equivalency Tables (see Technical Manual Section D), as set forth in sec. 27-284.4.1, as a 'debit'; and,
  - d. Regardless of size or location, camphor trees can be removed without performing any applicable public notice or any site development redesign, but shall adhere to mitigation requirements.

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**CATEGORY II (continued)**

Scientific Name**	Common Name	Gov. List	Zone
<i>Tradescantia spathulata</i>	oyster plant		C, S
( <i>Rhoeo spathulata</i> , <i>Rhoeo discolor</i> )			
<i>Tribulus terrestris</i>	puncture vine, burr-nut		N, C, S
<i>Vitex trifolia</i>	simple-leaf chaste tree		C, S
<i>Washingtonia robusta</i>	Washington fan palm		C, S
<i>Wisteria sinensis</i>	Chinese wisteria		N, C
<i>Xanthosoma sagittifolium</i>	malanga, elephant ear		N, C, S

**Recent changes to plant names**

Old Name	New Name
<i>Aletrisites fordii</i>	<i>Vernicia fordii</i>
<i>Aristolochia littoralis</i>	<i>Aristolochia elegans</i>
<i>Brachiaria mutica</i>	<i>Urochloa mutica</i>
<i>Hibiscus tiliaceus</i>	<i>Talipariti tiliaceus</i>
<i>Macfadyena uruguays-cati</i>	<i>Dalichandra uruguays-cati</i>
<i>Melaleuca viminalis</i>	<i>Callistemon viminalis</i>
<i>Panicum maximum</i>	<i>Urochloa maxima</i>
<i>Phymatosorus scolopendria</i>	<i>Microsorium grossum</i>
<i>Sapinum schferum</i>	<i>Triadica schferera</i>
<i>Wedelia trilobata</i>	<i>Sphaeralcea trilobata</i>

Current nomenclature can be found at [florida-plantatlas.usf.edu](http://florida-plantatlas.usf.edu)

\*\*Plant names are those published in "Guide to Vascular Plants of Florida Third Edition," Richard P. Wunderlin and Bruce F. Hansen. University of Florida Press. 2011. Plant names in parentheses are synonyms or misapplied names that have commonly occurred in the literature and/or indicate a recent name change. Not all synonyms are listed.

**FLEPPC List Definitions:** **Exotic** – a species introduced to Florida, purposefully or accidentally, from a natural range outside of Florida. **Native** – a species whose natural range includes Florida. **Neutralized exotic** – an exotic that sustains itself outside cultivation (it is still exotic; it has not "become" native). **Invasive exotic** – an exotic that not only has naturalized, but is expanding on its own in Florida native plant communities.

**Abbreviations: Government List (Gov. List):**

Possession, propagation, sale, and/or transport of these plants is regulated by: F=Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; U=United States Department of Agriculture

**Zone:** **N** = north, **C** = central, **S** = south, referring to each species' general distribution in regions of Florida (not its potential range in the state). Please refer to the adjacent map.



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*Daniel F. Austin and Daniel B. Ward*

Daniel F. Austin (2015) and Daniel B. Ward (2016) recently passed away. Both Dans were instrumental in maintaining, managing, and providing insight into Florida's many invasive plants. They first volunteered for this effort before it was even formalized as the FLEPPC, participating from that beginning through retirement. Their sage comments and wit are missed.

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**Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council's 2017 List of Invasive Plant Species**

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Note: The FLEPPC List of Invasive Plant Species is not a regulatory list. Only those plants listed as Federal Noxious Weeds, Florida Noxious Weeds, Florida Prohibited Aquatics Plants, or in local ordinances are regulated by law.

**Purpose of the List**

To provide a list of plants determined by the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council to be invasive in natural areas of Florida and to routinely update the list based on information of newly identified occurrences and changes in distribution over time. Also, to focus attention on –

- the adverse effects exotic pest plants have on Florida's biodiversity and native plant communities;
- the habitat losses in natural areas from exotic pest plant infestations;
- the impacts on endangered species via habitat loss and alteration;
- the need for pest-plant management;
- the socio-economic impacts of these plants (e.g., increased wildfires or flooding in certain areas);
- changes in the severity of different pest plant infestations over time;
- providing information to help managers set priorities for research and control programs.



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**SECTION D.**  
**TREE REMOVAL ZONE (“TRZ”);**  
**MITIGATION FORMULA – TABLE OF DEBITS & CREDITS;**  
**MITIGATION TABLES**

## D.1 TREE REMOVAL ZONE ("TRZ")

(Secs. 27-43, 27-284.2.4, 27-284.2.5)

**Tree Removal Zone (TRZ):** That portion of a zoning lot, which remains after the principal structure yards (setbacks), plus five (5) feet on the front, side, side street, and corner yards, and ten (10) feet on the rear yard, have been deducted.

**Tree Removal Zone (TRZ) eligible lot:** A lot of record, in any zoning district, that meets all of the following dimensional standards: a. Lot Width: ≤ 65 feet; b. Lot Depth: ≤ 130 feet; and, c. Lot Area: ≤ 6,500 square feet. Refer to sec. 27-43 for specific definitions and sec. 27-161 for applicable lot measurement standards. Lots within the Parkland Estates Overlay District, set forth in sec. 27-242, are controlled by Chapter 29126 Laws of Florida, as amended by 2003 HB 0731, and shall not be deemed TRZ eligible lots by the City, for any reason.

## D.2 TREE MITIGATION FORMULA – TABLE OF DEBITS & CREDITS

<b>TREE MITIGATION FORMULA FOR REPLACEMENT CROWN FOOTPRINT "RCF"</b>				
<b>(CF) X (CR) X (SR) = RCF</b>				
(Crown Footprint "CF" [as Square Feet]) X (Species Rating "SR" [as Percent]) X (Condition Rating "CR" [as Percent]) = Replacement Crown Footprint ("RCF") [as Square Feet]				
<b>NOTES:</b>				
[1] Crown as defined in 27-43 means "foliated".				
[2] Deciduous trees: Measure longest and shortest "live" or "foliated" branches.				
<b>KEY:</b>				
DBH ["Diameter at Breast Height"]: Tree measured by industry standard method, at 4.5' above grade; recorded in INCHES				
HGT ["Height"]: Overall height of tree, measured from existing grade surrounding base of tree to highest point of tree canopy; recorded in FEET				
SLD ["Short Length Diameter"]: Shortest length of tree canopy measured horizontally; recorded in INCHES				
LLD ["Long Length Diameter"]: Longest length of tree canopy measured horizontally; recorded in INCHES				
CS ["Crown Spread"]: Average of SLD and LLD measurements; recorded in INCHES for Grand Tree Points & converted to FEET for Tree Mitigation [Formula: CS=(SLD+LLD)/2]				
CF ["Crown Footprint"]: Area of crown, using Crown Spread; calculated using 'area of a circle' as a standard geometric shape; recorded in SQUARE FEET [Formula: CF=(CS/2)² X π]				
CR ["Condition Rating"]: Rating using Tree Hazard Evaluation Method (Matheny and Clark 1994); recorded as a PERCENT ['A'=100%, 'B'=90%, 'C'=75%, 'D'=40%, 'F'=0%]				
SR ["Species Rating"]: Rating denotes comparative value by species, based on suitability & performance as 'urban trees', using FL ISA's Tree Species Ratings (2016 or most current); recorded as PERCENT				
RCF ["Replacement Crown Footprint"]: Area of Crown Footprint required to be replaced using 5-year PARITY, recorded in SQUARE FEET (Refer to Look Up Tables for Equivalent Replacements)				
CROWN SPREAD "CS": Average Diameter Factor	AREA OF CROWN FOOTPRINT "CF": Use Area of Circle Formula	SPECIES RATINGS "SR": Reduction Factor for Crown Footprint "CF"	CONDITION RATING "CR": Reduction Factor for Crown Footprint "CF"	CONDITION RATING "CR" Equivalent Factors** (Council of Tree & Landscape Appraisers "CTLA")
$(SLD + LLD) \div 2$	$\pi(CS/2)^2$	Refer to most current ISA Florida Chapter Species Ratings List for Central Region	A = 100% B = 90% C = 75% D = 40% F = 0% ["Dead"]	4 = No Apparent Problems 3 = Minor Problems 2 = Major Problems 1 = Extreme Problems 0 = N/A (Dead)

(Sec. 27-284.4.1.)

(a) *Tree equivalency credit for removal or replacement.* In determining the number and size of trees that shall be used in the calculation of mitigation of the protected tree or grand tree, Table 284.4.1-A below shall be used. Table 284.4.1-A1 shall be used

- (1) All existing, non-exempt/non-grand tree species to be retained and/or removed shall be added to the Table 284.4.1-A below, by applicable tree type (Type 1, 2, 3, or Palm), as set forth in the *2017 State of Florida Grades and Standards for Nursery Plants*.

## D.2 TREE MITIGATION FORMULA – TABLE OF DEBITS & CREDITS (cont'd)

- (2) All existing grand tree species to be retained and/or removed shall be added to the Table 284.4.1-A grand tree table below.
- (3) All resulting debits shall be replaced with tree species from the tree Type (i.e. 1, 2, 3, Palm). Palm trees shall be replaced one (1) for one (1), with any tree type (Type 1, 2, 3, or Palm), as set forth in the 2017 *State of Florida Grades and Standards for Nursery Plants*. Refer to Table 27-284.4.1-B for equivalency ratios between tree types.
- (4) At least sixty (60) percent of the replacement trees planted on a parcel shall be native trees.

TABLE 284.4.1-A: TREE RETENTION-MITIGATION EQUIVALENCY TABLES BY TREE TYPE [6]				
TYPE 1 – TALL & WIDE				
Trees Retained		Multiplier for Credit		Multiplier for Debit
<i>Diameter (inches) / Dripline (feet)</i>				
5" to 10"		-1		1
11" to 20"		-2		2
21" to 25"		-4		3
26" to 31"		-12		4
‘Grand’ species – (refer to Grand Tree Tables below)				
TYPE 2 – TALL & NARROW				
Trees Retained		Multiplier for Credit		Multiplier for Debit
<i>Diameter (inches) / Dripline (feet)</i>				
5" to 17"		-1		1
18" to 29"		-2		2
30" to 31"		-3		3
‘Grand’ species – (refer to Grand Tree Tables below)				
TYPE 3 – SHORT/WIDE-MULTI-STEM				
Trees Retained		Multiplier for Credit		Multiplier for Debit
<i>Diameter (inches) / Dripline (feet)</i>				
5" to 7"		-1		1
8" to 17"		-2		2
18" to 29"		-3		3
30" to 31"		-12		4
‘Grand’ species – (refer to Grand Tree Tables below)				
TYPE – PALM				
Trees Retained		Multiplier for Credit		Multiplier for Debit
Palm, any species with 6' clear trunk		1		1
GRAND TREE TABLE [5]				
COMMON NAME	GROWTH RATE	TREE TYPE	CONDITION RATING	RISK RATING
<i>Enter tree name</i>	Moderate [1]	<i>Enter 1, 2, 3</i>	<i>Enter A, B, C, D, F</i>	<i>Enter 1-12</i>
DBH (in)	HGT (ft)	SLD (in)	LLD (in)	SR (%) [2]
<i>Enter #</i>	<i>Enter #</i>	<i>Enter #</i>	<i>Enter #</i>	<i>Enter #</i>
CS (ft)	CF (SF)	CR (%)	RCF (SF)	Equivalent # OF 2.5" Cal Trees [1]
Auto-Calculates	Auto-Calculates	Auto-filled [3]	Auto-Calculates	Auto-Calculates
NOTES:				
[1] All grand tree species calculated at “moderate” growth rate and using 10" caliper tree as standard 5-Year Parity (i.e. 154 SF replacement Crown Footprint per 2.5" caliper tree planted).				
[2] Species Rating % standardized to mid-point of range. SR ["Species Rating"]: Rating denotes comparative value by species, based on suitability & performance as 'urban trees', using FL ISA's Tree Species Ratings (2016); recorded as PERCENT. If SR not available, use CR value (see Table 284.3.2-A City of Tampa Tree Matrix).				

[3] CR ["Condition Rating"]: Rating using Tree Hazard Evaluation Method (Matheny and Clark 1994); recorded as a PERCENT ['A'=100%, 'B'=90%, 'C'=75%, 'D'=40%, 'F'=0%].

[4] Refer to Table 284.4.1-A1 Range of Species Ratings below.

[5] Credit for grand tree retention is calculated in the same manner as debits.

[6] All mitigation trees measuring less than 5" shall be factored into this table as a 5" tree.

Reference: "ft" means "feet;" "in" means "inches;" "SF" means "square feet;" "cal" means "caliper."

**TABLE 284.4.1-A1: RANGE OF SPECIES RATING [WITH EXAMPLE EMBEDDED FOR REFERENCE]**

COMMON NAME	CROWN SPREAD "CS" (ft)	CROWN FOOTPRINT "CF" (SF)	CONDITION RATING "CR" (%) [1]	SPECIES RATING "SR" (%) [2,3,4]	REPLACEMENT CROWN FOOTPRINT "RCF" (SF) [3]	EQUIVALENT # OF 2.5" CAL TREES REQ'D [5]
LAUREL OAK	74.8	4388	1	1	4388	28
				0.95	4169	27
	<b>DBH (in)</b>			0.9	3950	26
	<b>49</b>			0.85	3730	24
				0.81	3555	23
			0.9	<b>0.8</b>	<b>3950</b>	<b>26</b>
				<b>0.75</b>	<b>3752</b>	<b>24</b>
				<b>0.7</b>	<b>3555</b>	<b>23</b>
				<b>0.65</b>	<b>3357</b>	<b>22</b>
				<b>0.61</b>	<b>3199</b>	<b>21</b>
			0.75	0.6	3291	21
				0.55	3127	20
				0.5	2962	19
				0.45	2798	18
				0.41	2666	17
			0.4	0.4	1755	11
				0.35	1668	11
				0.3	1580	10
				0.25	1492	10
				0.21	1422	9

**NOTES:**

[1] 1 = A; 0.9 = B; 0.75 = C; 0.40 = D.

[2] SR% based on tree evaluation. ISA ranges: 100%-81%, 80%-61%, 60%-41%, 40%-21%, 20%-0%.

[3] Arborist, following field evaluation, shall use a specific Species Rating % applicable to current condition of existing tree and location in which it grows.

[4] If Species Rating not available from Florida ISA (see Table 284.3.2-A City of Tampa Tree Matrix), use Condition Rating factor as Species Rating factor in Mitigation calculation for specimen and grand trees; use 0.75 for all other trees, as applicable.

[5] If 2.5" Caliper or equivalent

### D.3 TREE MITIGATION FORMULA – TABLE OF DEBITS & CREDITS (cont'd)

Tree Mitigation “Look Up” Tables – by Tree Type

FL Grades & Standards - Type 1 Matrix - TALL & WIDE FORM ["moderate growth rate"]			
Range of Protected DBH [4]	"Parity" / "Replacement in 5-year Period" Scenario		
	Equivalent 2.5" Caliper Crown Area	# of Replacement Trees / Equivalent Credit Multiplier for Retention [1,2,3]	Total Replacement Inches
31	169	4	10
30	156	4	10
29	156	4	10
28	156	4	10
27	143	4	10
26	143	4	10
25	130	3	8
24	130	3	8
23	130	3	8
22	117	3	8
21	117	3	8
20	104	2	5
19	104	2	5
18	104	2	5
17	91	2	5
16	91	2	5
15	78	2	5
14	78	2	5
13	78	2	5
12	65	2	5
11	65	2	5
10	52	1	3
9	52	1	3
8	52	1	3
7	39	1	3
6	39	1	3
5	26	1	3

[1] When the resulting calculation for mitigation tree(s) is less than 1.0 but more than 0, then the result shall be rounded up to 1.0. Otherwise, when the result is .5 or greater, the total will be rounded up to the next whole number.

[2] Minimum planting size required: 2.5" caliper/45 gal. Replacement tree results use the 2.5" caliper as a baseline and extrapolate caliper & crown area for equivalent replacement trees, over a 5-yr growth period, as PARITY.

[3] PARITY over 5-year period, for Type 1 Tall & Wide, at Moderate Growth Rate = 5.5" Caliper Canopy Area.

[4] All onsite trees measuring 32" DBH and larger are deemed 'grand' trees and will be individually evaluated to determine condition and mitigation requirements, as applicable.

FL Grades & Standards - Type 2 Matrix - TALL & NARROW FORM ["moderate growth rate"]

Range of Protected DBH [4]	"Parity" / "Replacement in 5-year Period" Scenario		
	Equivalent 2.5" Caliper Crown Area	# of Replacement Trees / Equivalent Credit Multiplier for Retention [1,2,3]	Total Replacement Inches
31	13	3	7.5
30	13	3	7.5
29	12	2	5
28	12	2	5
27	11	2	5
26	11	2	5
25	10	2	5
24	10	2	5
23	10	2	5
22	9	2	5
21	9	2	5
20	8	2	5
19	8	2	5
18	8	2	5
17	7	1	3
16	7	1	3
15	6	1	3
14	6	1	3
13	6	1	3
12	5	1	3
11	5	1	3
10	4	1	3
9	4	1	3
8	4	1	3
7	3	1	3
6	3	1	3
5	2	1	3

[1] When the resulting calculation for mitigation tree(s) is less than 1.0 but more than 0, then the result shall be rounded up to 1.0. Otherwise, when the result is .5 or greater, the total will be rounded up to the next whole number.

[2] Minimum planting size required: 2.5" caliper/45 gal. Replacement tree results use the 2.5" caliper as a baseline and extrapolate caliper & crown area for equivalent replacement trees, over a 5-yr growth period, as PARITY.

[3] PARITY over 5-year period, for Type 1 Tall & Wide, at Moderate Growth Rate = 5.5" Caliper Canopy Area.

[4] All onsite trees measuring 32" DBH and larger are deemed 'grand' trees and will be individually evaluated to determine condition and mitigation requirements, as applicable.

FL Grades & Standards - Type 3 Matrix - SHORT/WIDE & MULTI-TRUNKED FORM [moderate growth rate]

Range of Protected DBH [4]	<i>"Parity" / "Replacement in 5-year Period" Scenario</i>		
	Equivalent 2.5" Caliper Crown Area	# of Replacement Trees / Equivalent Credit Multiplier for Retention [1,2,3]	Total Replacement Inches
31	91	4	9.460784314
30	84	4	10
29	84	3	8
28	84	3	8
27	77	3	8
26	77	3	8
25	70	3	8
24	70	3	8
23	70	3	8
22	63	3	8
21	63	3	8
20	56	3	8
19	56	3	8
18	56	3	8
17	49	2	5
16	49	2	5
15	42	2	5
14	42	2	5
13	42	2	5
12	35	2	5
11	35	2	5
10	28	2	5
9	28	2	5
8	28	2	5
7	21	1	3
6	21	1	3
5	14	1	3

[1] When the resulting calculation for mitigation tree(s) is less than 1.0 but more than 0, then the result shall be rounded up to 1.0. Otherwise, when the result is .5 or greater, the total will be rounded up to the next whole number.

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