



County of Fairfax, Virginia

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DATE: January 30, 2009

TO: Certified Arborists, Urban Foresters, Project Foresters

SUBJECT: No cost Training Session provided to Project Arborists regarding the new Fairfax County Tree Conservations Ordinance

Background: On October 20, 2008 the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors adopted amendments to the *Public Facilities Manual* (PFM) and the *Code of the County of Fairfax, Virginia* (County Code) related to the conservation of trees during the land development process. The amendments include a new chapter of the County Code, Chapter 122 (Tree Conservation Ordinance).

New Tree Conservation

The new Tree Conservation Ordinance provides for the conservation of trees during the land development process. The ordinance establishes new standards for tree preservation, tree planting, calculating 10-year tree canopy requirements, and using off-site tree banking and/or contributing to a tree planting fund in lieu of meeting onsite tree canopy requirements.

Starting January 1, 2009 developers will be required to submit an existing vegetation map; a tree inventory and condition analysis; and, a tree preservation plan and narrative as part of most proposed development plans. This information will be used by County staff to validate compliance with tree conservation requirements and to reveal which trees are suitable for preservation and which trees should be removed to address risk management concerns.

Note: *The new ordinance requires that all tree inventories and condition analyses must be prepared by an ISA Certified Arborist or Registered Consulting Arborist.*

This free one-day training opportunity has been scheduled for March 2nd, 2009. If you're interested in attending this session, or have questions related to the amendments, please contact the Urban Forest Management Division at **703-324-1770**. Training will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., in Room #107 of the Herrity Building located at 12055 Government Center Parkway. Reservations are necessary due to limited space.

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