



Land Development News

Technical Bulletin

Subject: Review of Tree Conservation Ordinance Requirements

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Summary: As allowed by the Tree Conservation Ordinance, both deviations to the tree preservation target and modifications of the tree conservation plan requirements can be requested as part of the submission of a grading, site or subdivision plan.

Effective Date: Immediately.

Background: Tree preservation target calculations and tree conservation plans have been required on grading, site and subdivision plans since 2009 and are described in Chapter 12 of the Public Facilities Manual (PFM).

Requirement: Grading, site and subdivision plans are reviewed for compliance with the Tree Conservation Ordinance.

The site review engineer in the Site Development & Inspections Division will review the tree preservation target calculations and tree conservation plan components of grading plans, as well as site and subdivision plans unencumbered by proffers or conditions, that include the following note:

I certify this plan meets both the tree preservation target (PFM 12-0501) and the tree conservation plan (PFM 12-0502) submittal requirements; no deviations or modifications to these requirements are being requested.

Plans submitted without this note will be distributed for review to an urban forester in the Urban Forest Management Division. In the absence of this note, it will be assumed that a deviation to the tree preservation target, a modification of the tree conservation plan requirements or both has been requested. Deviations to the tree preservation target are described in PFM 12-0508.4. Modifications to the tree conservation plan requirements are described in PFM 12-0503.3.

Further information on these requirements is available from two sources. An urban forester is available in the Urban Forestry Management Division during business hours at **703-324-1770, TTY 711**, or in person in Suite 518 of the Herrity Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Another contact is the Site Development & Inspections Division's Engineer of the Day at **703-324-1575, TTY 711**, or at the EOD Station on the 5th floor of the Herrity Building from 8 a.m. to Noon and 1- 4 p.m. on weekdays.

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