



**TOWN OF DAVIDSON
LIVABILITY BOARD
TOWN HALL BOARD ROOM, 216 S. MAIN STREET
7:00 P.M.
NOVEMBER 20, 2018**

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. WELCOME AND RECOGNIZE NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS

III. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

IV. ADOPT MINUTES

- (a) October Meeting Minutes

V. OLD BUSINESS

- (a) Tree Ordinance Update
- (b) Staff/Subcommittee Updates



Agenda Title: October Meeting Minutes

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Davidson Livability Board

Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, September 18, 2018

Members Present

Dave Cable, Patrick Coleman, Chloe deBeus, Jim Dumser, Cheri Foreman, Amy Hartz, Deborah Keenan, Steedman Lyles, Martin Metzker, Jason Parker,

Members Absent

John Cock, George Berger, Stephanie Shryock

Staff Present

Charlene Minor, Kathryn Spatz,

Guests Present

Trey Akers, Town of Davidson Planning Department; Paul Freestone, North Towns Regional Representative for the Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Commission; The Honorable Mayor Rusty Knox

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM with nine members present

Chair Steedman Lyles called the meeting to order and welcomed guests and members of the Livability Board. No modifications to the published agenda were made.

A motion to approve the Minutes from the September 18, 2018 Livability Board meeting, with no changes, was approved unanimously by a vote of 9–0 with no abstentions.

Mr. Trey Akers shared a presentation that provided an overview to the Town of Davidson Comprehensive Plan. The Town of Davidson is in the early stages of drafting a new comprehensive plan, which will act as the leading policy document and a planning tool to ensure that the Town of Davidson continues sustain a thriving population of residents. Three members of the Livability Board—Dave Cable, John Cock, Patrick Coleman—serve as liaisons to the planning team responsible for managing the process of drafting and finalizing the comprehensive plan. The RFP process is now completed, and a team of consultants led by Clarion Associates. Additional information will be shared on the [Town of Davidson website](#).

Chair Lyles shared that there is currently [a survey to gather input on the proposed North-South Parkway available online](#), and encouraged the Livability Board members to share this resource.

Director Kathryn Spatz provided an update about the naming process for the Park at Bailey Springs. Three names were selected as possibilities, and the survey responses are open for two weeks. A motion to recommend to the Town of Davidson Board of Commissioners that the park take the name of the top selection of the options contained within the survey passed unanimously, 10–0.

Martin Metzker and Director Spatz provided an update on the presentation of the Livability Board's recommendations on how to allocate the approved and budgeted \$50,000 allocated for the Town of Davidson Non-Profit Grant Program. The Town of Davidson Board of Commissioners approved \$45,500 in funding based on the recommendation of the Livability Board, with the Town of Davidson Board of Commissioners set to discuss whether and how to allocate the remaining budgeted \$4,500 to nonprofits that had previously submitted application requests prior to the deadline.

Director Spatz and Charlene Minor shared an update on the planned opening of the new park on November 10, 2018. Trees Davidson will be planting trees at the park, and other activities will be available for residents and community members. Livability Board members are invited and encouraged to invite friends, neighbors, and colleagues to participate.

Dave Cable shared an update on the Beaty Street Task Force following a weekend retreat. The Task Force vetted all of the information gathered through the initial public input process, and completed a collaborative exercise to identify features and benefits of the park, as well as a potential design aesthetic for the park. The

pond and the dam on the property continue to be a challenge—the Task Force did not believe that they had received enough information to make an optimal decision about what of two decisions was the proper one for the park. The Task Force will work with an engineering firm to further discover and understand the implications of the two options to remove the dam or to renovate and improve the dam.

Director Spatz shared that the Town of Davidson purchased new signs for a number of parks in Davidson.

Trees & Natural Assets Subcommittee Chair Dave Cable provided an update from the Trees & Natural Assets Subcommittee about the so-called “Trees Ordinance.” The Subcommittee is working with members of the Town of Davidson Planning Board and the Town of Davidson Planning Department.

Charlene Minor shared her experience attending the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new affordable housing development at Bailey Springs.

No further updates from staff or Subcommittees occurred.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM with a unanimous vote, 10–0.



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TEXT AMENDMENTS UPDATE

DPO 9 TREE PRESERVATION, LANDSCAPING, & SCREENING

PURPOSE

Healthy, Mature Canopy

Improve/Calibrate Standards

Preserve, Protect, Enhance

Enduring Compliance

HIGH LEVEL TOPICS

- Arborist Involvement
- Tree Fund
- Landscape Bonds/Warranty
- Canopy Preservation & Establishment
- Permitting/Removal Criteria
- Remediation Provisions

ARBORIST

- **Purpose:**
 - Secure Expertise
 - Involve Early/Throughout
 - Facilitate Best Practices
 - Educate Landowners/Staff
- **Options:**
 - No Arborist [Current Practice]
 - Town Contracts
 - Shared Resource/Other Towns



TREE FUND*

- **Purpose:**
 - Fund Arborist Involvement
 - Provide Grants to Support Organizations/Initiatives
- **Options:**
 - No Fund [Current Practice]
 - Fully Funded from Day 1 by Town
 - Initial Funding from Town, then Dev. Projects
 - Initial Funding from Dev. Projects [Time to Build Up]

**Requires Initial/Ongoing Revenue*

LANDSCAPE BOND

- **Purpose:**

- Est. Clear Responsibility
- Ensure Execution of Plans
- Provide Enforceable Recourse

- **Options:**

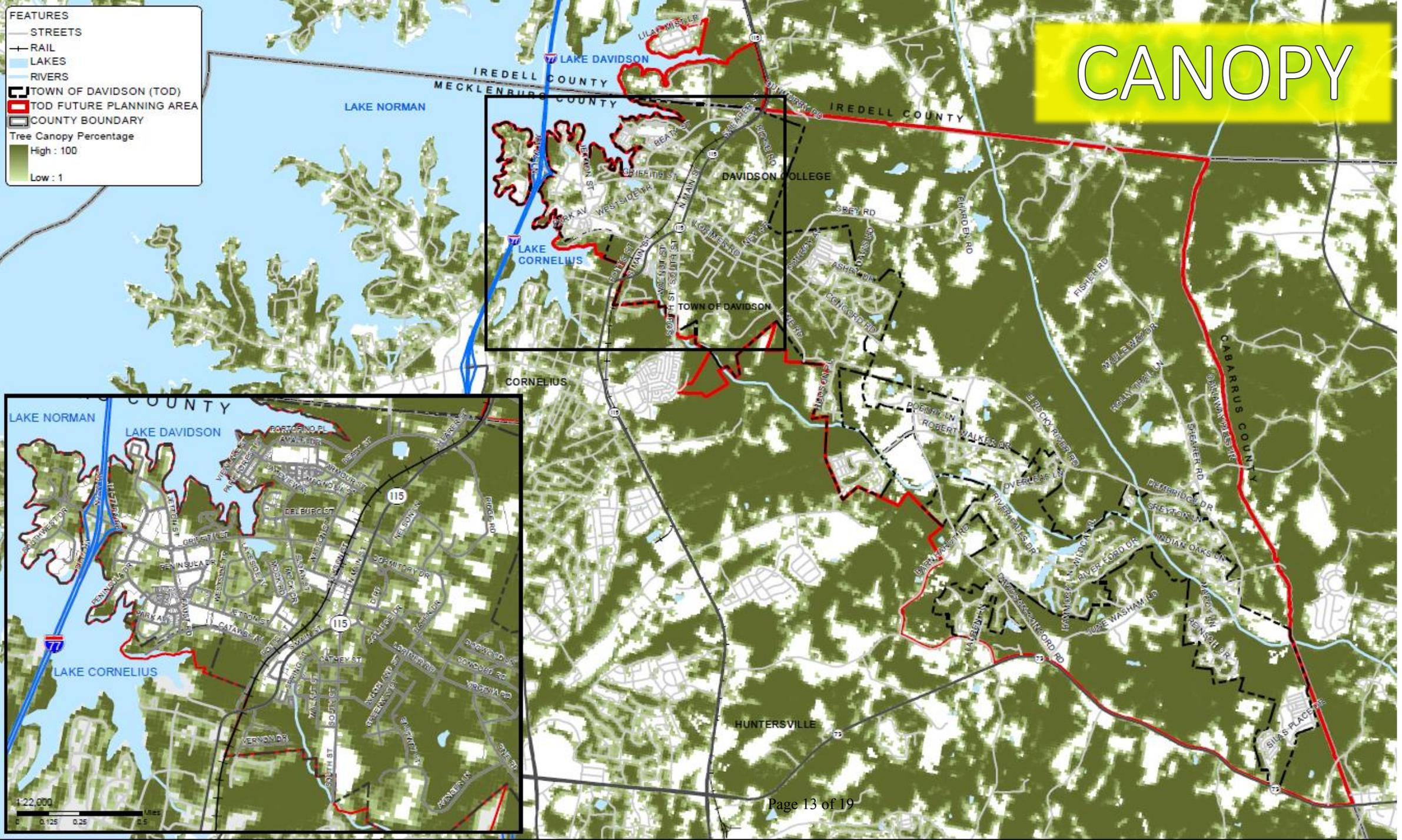
- Enhanced TOD Bonds [125% of Landscape Cost]
- Meck. County Bonds [Current Practice, 80% of Total Cost]

CANOPY

- Canopy Coverage Goal: Data-Driven, Policy-Aligned/Enforced
- Preservation & Establishment:
 - Ex: Rural Landscape with Limited Trees
- Prescriptive & Descriptive Approaches:
 - Prescrip: Case Studies Needed (X Trees/SF)
 - Descrip: Project Level vs. Lot Level [or ROW]
- Preservation: Mature Tree Canopy Min.

CANOOPY

- FEATURES**
- STREETS
 - RAIL
 - LAKES
 - RIVERS
 - TOWN OF DAVIDSON (TOD)
 - TOD FUTURE PLANNING AREA
 - COUNTY BOUNDARY
- Tree Canopy Percentage**
- High : 100
 - Low : 1

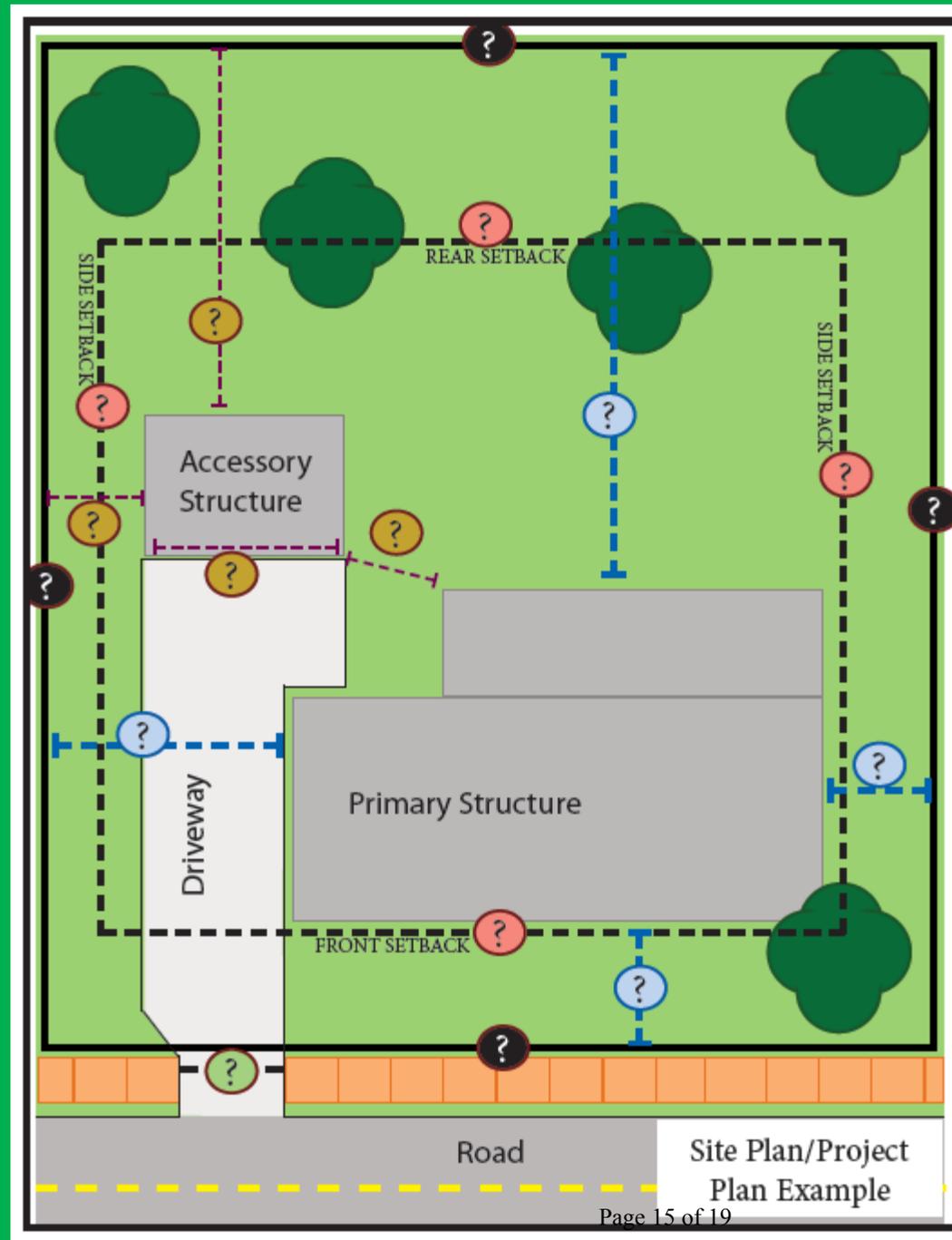


CANOPY – STREET TREES

- Street Trees: Important Specimens/Worth Attention
- Inventory: Underway; Mgt. Potential
- Focus Areas:
 - Public vs. Private
 - Planting Strip



TYPICAL LOT DIAGRAM



* Existing Lot/Not Part of a Master Plan

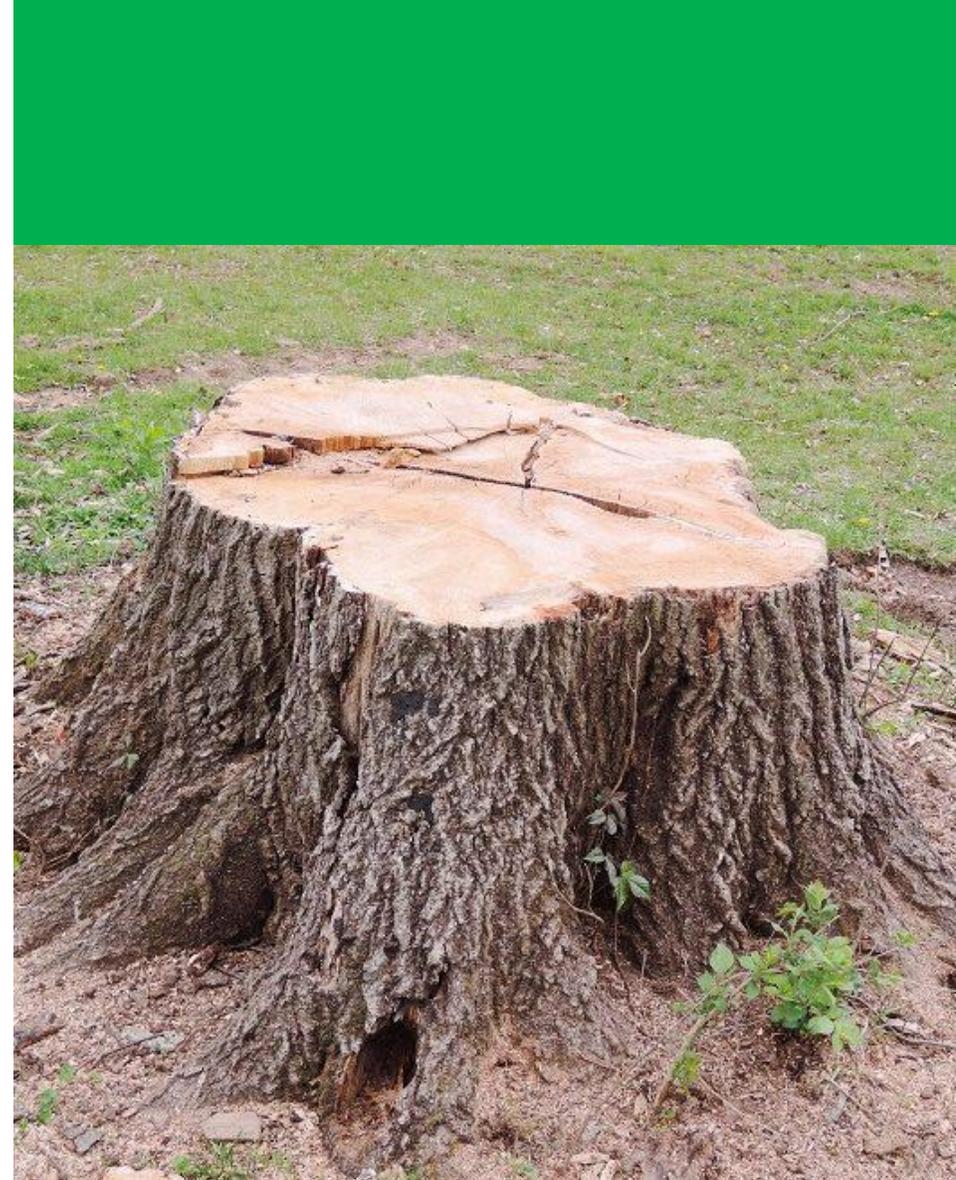
TREE REMOVAL

- **Purpose:**

- Improve Permitting/Arborist
- Qualifying/Non-Qualifying Tree

- **Options:**

- Minimal Review [Current Practice]
- Enhanced Review/Permitting
 - Arborist Consultation Req'd
- Historic District





REMEDIATION

- **Purpose:**
 - Master Plans: Maintained as Approved
 - Qualifying/Non-Qualifying Tree
- **Options:**
 - Flat Fee: \$50 [Current Practice]
 - Calibrated Fee: \$XX/DBH + Age
 - » Location Factor: Front/Rear Yard
 - Violations: Fee/Replacement
 - » [Link to Tree Fund](#) [Not Schools]

NEXT STEPS

Continued Research
Sustained PBOC Engagement
Planning/Livability Board Review
Additional Modifications
Public Hearing
Planning Board Recommendation
BOC Consideration of Approval



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