



# Greensferry, McDaniel & Stockade Sewer Separation Projects

## Tree Removal & Replacement Fact Sheet

The Greensferry, McDaniel and Stockade Sewer Separation Projects will require the removal or trimming of trees that are within the City's easement or right-of-way or where heavy equipment is obstructed.

### What Trees Fall Under The Tree Removal And Replacement Requirement?

These requirements apply to hardwoods six inches and larger and pines 12 inches and larger. Smaller trees do not have to be replaced. If the City determines that an existing tree is dead or very likely to die within five years, it does not have to be accounted for or replaced.

Once a preliminary approval to remove trees is given, the impacted trees are to be marked with orange paint, and yellow notice signs soliciting public comment will be posted for 15 days. If no comments are received or after all appeals are satisfied, then the permit will be granted. No trees are to be cut until this procedure has been completed. Although not a requirement, the Department of Watershed Management Communications Division will mail notices to residents within the general area.

### How Does This Apply To Trees On Street Rights-of-Way And Parks Property?

Tree removal and replacement within City street rights-of-way and on City Park property is regulated by the Parks Department. The requirement states that each tree removed or lost must be replaced on an inch-per-inch basis. For example, if a 15-inch tree is cut, it could be replaced with six two-and-one-half-inch trees. The preference is to plant new trees at the location where the existing trees were cut, but, if this is not feasible, the Parks Department will designate other City or Park property on which to plant the replacement trees.

### How Does This Apply To Trees On Private Property Or Public Property (other than Parks)?

Tree removal and replacement on private property and public property, other than City Parks property, is regulated in accordance with applicable city codes by the City Arborist. The preference is to plant new trees on the property where the existing trees were cut to the extent practical. The City values trees at \$100 per tree and \$30 per inch caliper (diameter measured at 4.5 feet above ground) for trees cut or replanted. If sufficient trees cannot be replanted on site, the contractor must pay the monetary difference into the tree fund. This money is used to purchase and plant new trees on other public or private property within the city, preferably within the same neighborhood Planning Unit.





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In general, private property owners are not compensated monetarily for tree loss. New trees are planted on their property.

Any monetary compensation associated with tree loss on a particular property must be addressed as a stipulation to the easement agreement.

The replanted trees may not be placed within 10 feet of the proposed sewer centerline to minimize future problems with root intrusion or maintenance of the sewer line.

For more information about tree removal and replacement or to receive a copy of the tree protection ordinance, contact the city arborist at 404-330-6874 or William Horton, the Sewer Separation Public Information Manager, at 404-330-6036.



For more information or to report a project-related problem, please call the Project Helpline at (404) 529-9211

