

MISSION OF THE COMMITTEE

To provide a forum for discussion of ideas, concepts, and methods to preserve trees and protect the tree canopy,

To make recommendations to County Council to encourage the preservation and replacement of trees which may be lost in the process of residential and commercial real estate development and to propose minimum standards for Council to consider, and

To provide educational and other useful information about historic and significant specimen trees and tree categories and to encourage people to preserve and nurture trees so classified.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Keeping the GREEN in GREENville

[Click here](#) to complete online survey about tree protection in Greenville County

[Click Here](#) to participate in Jeanne Brooks' (Greenville News) blog

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Greenville County Tree Policy Advisory Committee Unanimously Agrees to Recommend Comprehensive Countywide Tree Policy

At its August 17 workshop, the Committee unanimously agreed to recommend that the Greenville County Council adopt a comprehensive tree ordinance that applies to all new development in the unincorporated areas of Greenville County. This significant



accomplishment establishes the foundation for the rest of the Committee's work, most of which will focus on the many critical specific details about tree preservation and/or replacement requirements, definitions, exceptions, and other components that can be easily transformed into a formal ordinance by the Greenville County Planning Commission. Once the Committee's recommendations are finalized, they will be submitted to the County Council for approval and adoption. The deadline for

submittal is November 1.

Some of the other recommendations that will be included in the Committee's report to Council thus far are:

- to establish a new section for the county's website that includes information on trees and their care during and after construction
- to include a list of recommended tree species and planting guidelines as an appendix to the ordinance
- that the county hire a trained tree specialist to oversee the implementation and enforcement of the ordinance, once adopted

While much remains to be done, the Committee is working hard to develop recommendations that are meaningful and can be converted to a strong and effective ordinance. Because time is short and because many critical issues must still be covered, they will hold an extra meeting on September 11 beginning at 4:00 p.m. Regularly scheduled meetings will also be held at 8:00 a.m. on September 14, 28, October 12 and 26. Please make an effort to attend any or all future meetings.

**UPCOMING
COMMITTEE
MEETINGS**

SEPTEMBER 11
4:00 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 14 & 28
8:00 A.M.

OCTOBER 12 & 26
8:00 A.M.

Conference Room A
Greenville County
Square

Public Comment
Welcome During
First 15 Minutes

All meetings are
open to the public

BENEFITS OF URBAN STREET TREES

Urban designer Dan Burden has recently published a paper citing the 22 benefits of urban street trees. They include reduced and more appropriate urban traffic speeds; safer walking environments; increased security; improved business; less drainage infrastructure; lower ozone; added value to adjacent homes, businesses and tax base; longer pavement life; softening and screening of necessary street features such as utility poles; reduced harm from tailpipe emissions; and lower urban air temperatures.

For more details about these and other benefits of urban street trees, download Mr. Burden's report at http://www.walkable.org/download/22_benefits.pdf