

Tree Preservation Policy Bedford Planning Board

This Tree Preservation Policy shall apply to subdivision applications, special permit applications and site plan reviews before the Planning Board. The purpose of this policy is to preserve significant trees located in new developments in town in order to preserve the small town character of Bedford.

The Planning Board shall determine what significant trees shall be preserved on the site. The trees to be preserved shall be designated on the plan. Appropriate measures shall be taken to preserve these trees as outlined in the attached "Tree Protection from Construction Damage".

Tree Preservation: Soil compaction is one of the most common killers of trees. Stockpile materials, heavy machinery and excessive foot traffic damage soil structure and reduces soil pore space. Roots suffocate if they are not protected. Because of this I suggest the following condition of approval: Designate on the plan existing trees that will be saved and are located adjacent to areas that will be under construction. Calculate the root zone to be protected by measuring in inches the trees diameter 4.5 feet above the ground. For each inch of tree diameter allow for one foot of root radius to be protected. Install bright orange polypropylene fencing and post "Off Limits" at the root zone radius to be protected.