

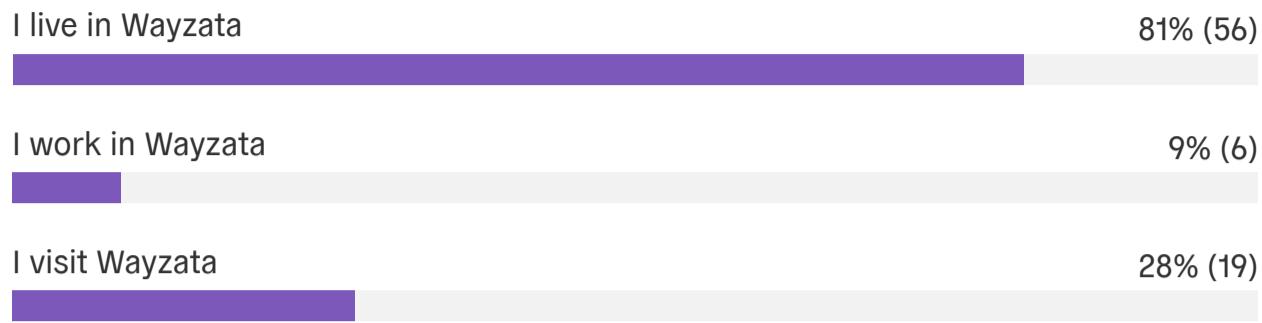


Tree Preservation Ordinance Survey Questions

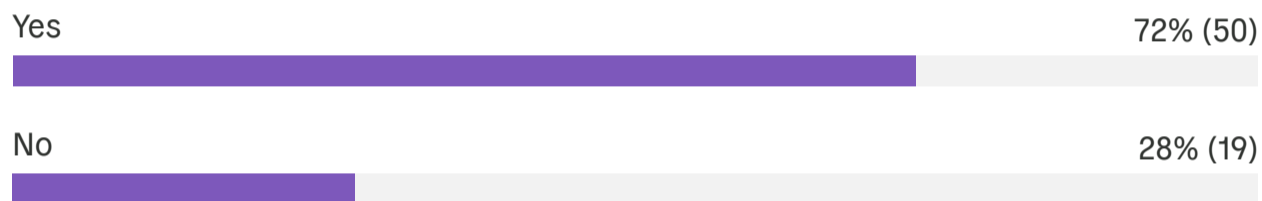
Survey Results
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Help us get to know you...



Should there be more restrictions placed on tree removal in Wayzata?



Please explain your answer to Question #2

- Tree removal should be justified -- not just out of convenience to a builder or project
- This city is too lax in allowing large tree take downs for new construction. Have been for too long. Check out Savannah Ga stance on their live oaks. Savannah wouldn't have the charm if it weren't for those trees and preservation of existing structures and space
- Trees add value to properties as well as clean the air.
- I would have to know what further restriction was proposed. Not an expert!
- There are to many restrictions already.
- The trees bring character, shade our streets and yards, reduce erosion, provide healthy air, reduce cooling and heating costs, etc.
- I feel we have more than an adequate supply of trees in Wayzata, and many are being planted every year by the city and by the citizens.
- Before they even moved in, our neighbors cut a100 old oak tree down simply for an extra parking spot
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- Trees are costly to replace and are a critical part of natural Wayzata.
- I don't see it as a problem. Simply put, and force the regulations that we currently have. Also look at the horrible tree plantings that have been done along Lake Street. Already or safety hazards on both sides of the street to pedestrians cars and site lines. Also blocking visit Bility of our struggling commercial district.
- Trees and beautiful and important for the environment and wildlife

It would be best as feasible to keep with the natural MN landscape

The age and variety of the trees in our community are part of the charm and history.

Trees provide shelter, oxygen and beauty.

Trees that are "saved" by changing building design often result in less than ideal design. In many cases these heritage trees end up compromised anyway due to their new surroundings. We should focus more on incorporating new trees into designs would produce a better (long term) result for our community.

I believe in property rights, properly maintaining trees is both expensive and/or requires physical hard labor. We have restrictions in place that have worked for some time, further restrictions should not be something to entertain. Many of these larger trees look okay at a distance, but up close are in tough condition. This needs to be considered when it comes to requiring replacement. If a tree has reached it's useful life, the property owner should have the choice to replace or not replace. If there are folks who love trees within the city, they are free to purchase property, plant trees or donate trees to other property owners. Stiff requirements drive up the cost of purchasing property. Reasonable coverage on cleared lots as is required today seems adequate.

I live across the street where a house replaced at least 5 or 6 70+ year old oaks and maple trees. While I appreciate land owners rights to use their property it really sickened me to see all those trees taken down when the home could have been built to preserve at least a few of the trees.

Would like to see a new tree planted for every one take. Down

Tree removal for profit by a predatory property management ...

Mature trees cannot be replaced, so strong consideration should be taken.

Example: New Starbucks goes in. They cut down significant trees along Wayzata Blvd. I call city planner and tell him. He tells me "they said they will replace them." THEY NEVER DID! Now we have a naked space along the blvd. Why???

There's too many in my neighborhood, with new construction (ripping down old), that have taken down large HEALTHY mature trees in an attempt to make their teeny yards look bigger. One neighbor just took down a very large healthy maple to put a swingset up.

Particularly on new construction or teardowns tree removal should be limited and with replacement requirements. Those would preferably be on site but could also be planted elsewhere. It should be based on total caliper inches, i.e. don't replace a big Maple with twig trees or small ornamentals.

Too many beautiful mature trees are being taken down

I dont want to see projects like the one on central avenue where so many beautiful trees were taken out to put in six large houses.

Trees, meeting defined criteria for size and health should be protected and preserved at all cost. No trees should be removed for development.

To hopefully save some of the remaining essence of Wayzata. There is very little left. Let's call it Condotiwn And of course to help the environment

Shade and clean air are very important benefits. Healthy trees will benefit us all now and in the future.

Based on my understanding of the current ordinance provides that right balance of community protection of natural resources versus property owner rights.

Having recently gone through a teardown and rebuild on our own lot that involved tree replacement, the language of the tree ordinance is too restrictive and doesn't always encompass "the spirit" of what owners are doing to replace in good faith, while balancing the size and scale of lot, trees and needed replacement inches. Also, the ability to simply PAY instead of replace favors wealth in our community while disadvantaging those who can't simply pay an egregious amount of money but who again, replace and replant in good faith but are required to plant more trees than is sustainable on their smaller lots, simply in order to meet the required # of inches.

There's already more than ample restrictions, and I don't like how some are unforced.

We are allowing developers and homeowners to take down way too many trees!

One of the key parts of why we moved to Wayzata (compared to Plymouth, Maple Grove, parts of Minnetonka) is the mature tree canopy. Trees are known to significantly increase property value and are huge asset to higher valued properties. I could get a lot more house for a much lesser value if I chose a home in a new construction neighborhood with no trees in the towns listed above. Trees are very valuable to me.

Old growth trees should not be removed by developers

Often tree removal is replaced with a new generation of trees and better landscaping

The preservation of heritage trees is important, however with the confirmation of EAB, it could be advantageous to the City to be more lenient on the removal of ash trees.

I have seen many trees disappear in Wayzata and neighboring cities over my lifetime.

I believe that trees are extremely important and re planting should definitely be encouraged perhaps required.

Too many trees are gone the past 10 years, mostly from development / construction damage / inadequate protection of the root zones. Replacement trees are too often improperly planted, and into poor soils.

All of our trees are precious and valuable to the earths health and ours!

We need trees. Not only do they help clean the air, they provide habitat for animals, and provide beauty and shade.

I am not familiar with the existing restrictions on tree removal in Wayzata so the question is hard to answer. I have a belief that Wayzata is fully built; therefore, excessive tree removal is not an issue. Whether this is true or false, I still have some opinions on trees. I believe removal of scrub trees should be encouraged. A cottonwood would be categorized as Heritage by your definition, but is undesirable and not an heirloom tree. This type of tree should be removed and not fall under restrictions. The removal of dead trees and fallen trees should be incentivized. This is a lesson learned from the Greenwood wildfire. Lastly, residents should have the opportunity to buy Significant and Heritage trees.

To many old trees are taken down. We will soon be a City without trees.

Government has enough to do already

There are so many benefits to trees in the landscape - from soil to climate, a lot happens beneath the turf and up at the canopy. Trees are essential to our ecosystem and we must be good stewards.

Wayzata and western suburbs are built in an existing forest. In order to keep the natural benefits of trees (CO2, shade/cooling/ erosion control) we have the responsibility to preserve the forests.

There is an over abundance of concrete! Definitely need more green and shade and beauty.

Although trees will ultimately die, they do have an expected life which if at all possible, but without draconian measures being applied, should be preserved if there is some extended useful life remaining. The key is to create sensible and not draconian preservation ordinances.

No "clear cutting" of lots without approval from the city.

It is hard to answer the question because I don't know what the restrictions are now.

Restrictions should be removed for HOMEOWNERS for softwoods/crappy trees like Cottonwood and Silver Maples. Restrictions for all trees should be tighter for tear down / rebuild to prevent deforestation in the name of fancy new homes.

I think that if a development investment company wants to develop a lot that has an existing building on it, it should be assumed that already 75-80%% of the Heritage Trees and 75-80% of the Significant Trees have been removed from the lot (unless it can be proven otherwise). I think no further Heritage Trees should be removed from

such a site, except by variance. I think that all neighbors within a city block should be notified if such a variance is being sought.

Developers should not be allowed to pay a fine, as an option to replacement, when removing trees.

Trees are being taken down that are 100s of years old and give shade to more than one homestead. They are irreplaceable. They change the character of the neighborhood when are removed. It may also affect the property values in a neighborhood.

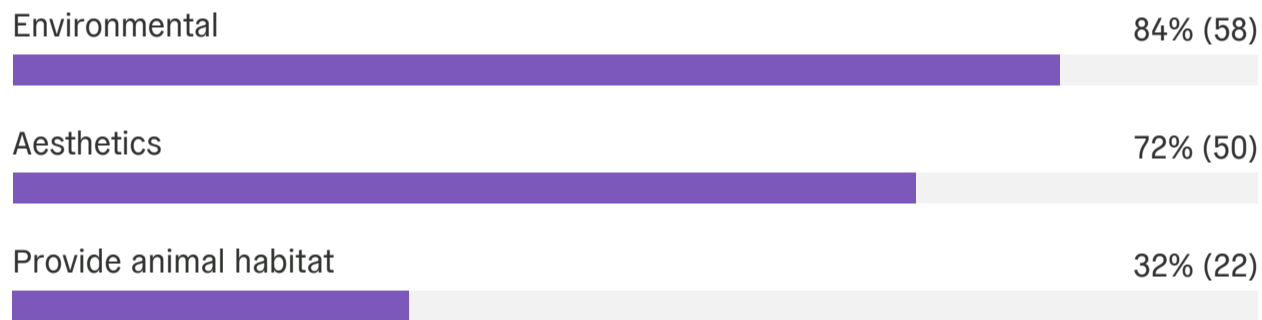
Some attempt should be made to preserve large trees

So many of our mature, beautiful trees are getting knocked down. Leaving the ground less stable and water tables subject to movement.

Removal of diseased, dead, and dying trees is vital to the health of our wooded areas.

Should be no exclusion for replacement of healthy trees. Replacement should match the size of removal.i.e. Up to 5" use same diameter; over 5" use multiples of 5" or for coniferous the actual height up to the tallest that can be transplanted - 18-30' depending on species.

What are the main benefits of trees in Wayzata



Are there other benefits to trees in Wayzata that are not listed above?

I would include animal habitat Also , specifically soften all the extensive over use of concrete going up,

Preservation of deep rooted plants and trees that retain water for the future.

They grow slowly and last a long time, some longer than humans.

See my response to question 3

Shade which is pleasant as well as saves energy

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Carbon negative

Shade on hot days

Privacy.

Sounds are dampened.

This may be considered environmental - but trees do a nice job cutting down the wind, which makes being outdoors more pleasant, along with providing shade.

Unfortunately, that can come at a cost when they blow over and damage property.

Animal habitat (since I could only pick 2 above) - these are all important with the environment being #1.

Biodiversity

... a robust and thriving tree canopy ...

Shade. Property values.

Shade to cool the environment and pedestrians

it's an old mature town and our trees should reflect that, it's not a suburban land tract that sprouted up in a cornfield.

Shade, atmosphere, carbon trapping, beauty, calming

Shade, beauty

History, bio diversity, oxygen

Shade in summer

leaves are important to clean water and the eco system.

shade

Shade, aesthetics, cleaning pollutants (leaves, bark and roots), using less energy, better mental health.

Heritage trees/significant trees provide significant shade to lower heating costs in the summer months

Cuts cooling bills, increases property values

No

Historical Benefit: By preserving large trees and strands of Big Woods (like in the Big Woods Reserve), residents are allotted a glimpse into what Wayzata was like in the past. Furthermore, keeping older trees around can provide insight into local climatic changes by looking at their rings.

Trees help clear out carbon footprint. Plant more trees and save and preserve existing trees. Trees provide shade and help keep us cooler. Trees help deaden noise from traffic and protect from soil erosion.

Psychological benefits are well proven. Lower crime, higher property values, more community bonding, improved water quality and stormwater management.

Shade and therefore energy savings.

Shade. They are host plants to our native insects which provides food for our native songbirds. That is, as long as they are MN native trees.

Trees provide a calm and have a restorative effect. Studies show that the level of the stress hormone, cortisol, is lower when walking in nature.

Increases home value

Shade

Exchange Carbon Dioxide. Soil aeration. Reduce cooling costs. Privacy.

CO2 reduction (air pollution), shade (cooling of the local/planet, runoff (trees retain 50% of the rainfall reducing erosion and allowing rainfall to replenish the groundwater.

Shade, protection from weather.

They mitigate erosion

Noise abatement

Animal habitat, atmospheric scrubbing,

We know from studies that a higher level of tree shade protects property values of the neighborhood. We know that protecting trees and their canopies also protects bird habitat and the insects that birds depend upon., and it seems that Wayzata would want to protect bird habitat. We know that trees protect the air we breathe by absorbing carbon and taking it out of the air. Trees cool our neighborhoods with their canopies and make it more pleasant to be outside. Trees help build good

neighborhoods and the Heritage Trees in neighborhoods should be protected at a higher level.

Economic - enhances property values and saves homeowners on energy costs in the summer.

property values, shade, mental health

Economic. Our tree cover plays a large part in the charm of our community. The least charming parts of our city are the areas with the fewest trees. Charm plays a huge role in bringing people to Wayzata. Aesthetic impacts us economically.

Aesthetics

We want to preserve the look of our beautiful area with all the mature trees.

Noise and light pollution mitigation. Increases property value.

What are the specific goals or results you would like to see accomplished from the review of the Tree Preservation Ordinance?

Make sure Wayzata trees are protected for future generations

Balance of aesthetics, saving large trees with construction around them/ including them.

education about the regulations

Stop wanton elimination of existing tree cover

Comparison with other ordinances to uncover gaps. If any, in current ord

Less strict.

Provide an appropriate review of proposed tree removals to reduce the clear cutting and/or unnecessary removal of trees.

I suppose replace trees that are lost.

Prevent owners removing not only historical trees but trees that provide privacy without any plan to replace

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Focus on native trees and maintaining a woodland feel where appropriate for Wayzata

No that the review should be of following the guidelines that are currently in place of the city and county for that matter. There's much oversight already and too much governance as it is becoming it's just crazy. Spend less money and less time. Keep things simple and have people take responsibility for their actions. You can enforce that.

Keep significant and heritage trees

How this ordinance connects the landscape with the traditional Native American roots of the city. Wayzata is a Dakota word, is there anything related to this preservation work that relates to the actual word Wayzata? Pines in the north.

Preserve the trees and quaintness of our city

That all properties, especially condo/townhouse communities be included.

More flexibility.

Property rights first for those who live in their home and have to manage trees on their property. If the city wants to mandate new plantings, they should subsidize those requirements. Same for removal, my property, my trees should equal my rights. Again,

there is a large cost to managing trees on our property which amounts to several thousand dollars a year when done correctly.

More restrictions on tree removal. More consequences for removal - such as fees, required replacement.

Should have a good mix of species as to help control the spread of invasives and disease

... a robust and thriving tree canopy ...

I'd love to see more trees planted along the streets to create a canopy for pedestrians

I don't want anyone to be able to get away with what Starbucks did. It's an outrage.

protect healthy older trees

Limit tree removal for new/reconstruction sites. Limit removal of healthy trees on current residential property to one or two per year unless diseased. More than that would require some mitigation but not as severe as new or reconstructed sites.

People would need to justify taking down trees that affect the look and feel of a neighborhood; it shouldn't be just to have a clean lawn, expand hard surface, or put in a pool.

Careful consideration to projects impact on the big woods and trees.

Efforts to replant trees or plants when trees along the street/ front yards must be taken down.

none

Primarily the preservation; trees that have been in place longer than any of us have been here must be protected. Continue to preserve and protect existing trees and accelerate the planting of diverse trees for the future.

Preserve the charming nature of Wayzata.

Goals set forth by committee

Safely plant trees

That we think before we cut trees down.

I believe City needs a reasonable balance between protecting our natural environment and property owners rights to use their land as they see fit.

A more balanced approach, a recognition for good faith efforts without strict black/white rules and less ability of wealthy residents to side-step the spirit of the ordinance to preserve and replace.

Consistency

na

Holding developer accountable and adding restrictions and fines if a building is built and a major tree is destroyed and dies within 5 years after the developer completes the project. Both the Planning Commission and the Council need to be educated about the value of trees and maybe revise parking requirements if it means taking down more trees.

I would love to see greater focus on tree preservation. It takes many decades, even centuries, to grow many of the trees we have in Wayzata. Along with the lakefront, our trees are a major asset that sets us apart from higher density, newer developed towns and neighborhoods. When a new construction clear-cuts a lot in our well-established neighborhood, it sticks out like a sore thumb,

You need to state what the problem is that caused you to review the tree ordinance before anyone can state goals or results

Reasonable thought from tree and landscape professionals not just personal opinions.

No clear cutting of urban forest Forward thinking protection from development (continue making developers who cut down trees replace them with a similar net DBH) Shift towards the preservation of forests and the urban forest ecosystem as a whole in addition to individual trees

please preserve our trees. You cannot replace a large tree with a small baby tree. I'd like to see it illegal to cut any trees down for development.

Common sense should be applied.

Talk with ISA certified arborists, not just developers. Have new tree planting inspected, same as plumbing or electrical etc.

More trees protected and planted.

I hope that only MN Native trees are planted. No Ginko from Japan or other crummy and invasive and over planted trees like Japaneze Amur Maple. Stop with the trees from other continents!

Many more maple and birch trees and coniferous evergreen trees (Zero cottonwood trees)

I would anticipate that the Ordinance be updated with the knowledge that we have today.

Less tree removed. Large tree used for replacement

Allow property owner to manage his own trees

That landscapers/developers consider trees as existing infrastructure, instead of clear cutting to build a castle with a golf course.

Every tree removed needs to be replaced with a new tree and a chicken coop or bee hive.

Reduction of cutting down large shade trees as proposed, eliminate clear-cutting by builders who cut all the trees to make it easier to make a profit building. Require developers and builders to pay a significant fee for each significant and heritage tree removed. Study and enforce the tree's need for root protection. A saved tree that dies two years later should be the responsibility of the builder, paid from an escrow. Study the damage of grading to the property line damaging up to 50% of a tree's root system. If the neighboring trees die from a builders activity, they should pay the fine through an escrow.

Studies of what trees are best suited for the location as far as height, survival and blocking views on streets.

That clear-cutting is not allowed.

Tree replacement

Continue to enhance the beauty and environment in Wayzata.

Prioritize trees over development.

I think the definitions of Heritage and Significant Trees should be re-evaluated to include age and projections for the species which will thrive in climate change. I think that if my neighbor's Heritage Tree casts significant shade in the street or in my yard, that my neighbor needs to inform the city of their plans and request a permit. In such cases, I think the city should inform everyone who lives within a city block about that permit request, so that we can build good neighborhoods where talk to one another, so that we can come together to protect the property value of neighborhoods. I think that ultimately a resident should have a right to remove a Heritage Tree, I just think that the resident needs to talk to their neighbors before doing it.

less clear cutting of lots by developers and add teeth to the ordinance.

conversations with neighbors before a large living tree is removed.

Fewer trees being taken down

Not necessarily banning any cutting down/moving of trees, but particularly (1) preserving notable trees or areas of trees that take so long to grow and (2) keeping thoughtful/ consistent portfolio of trees (e.g., if Lake Street mostly has one type of tree, ensuring we're keeping to that or similar trees)

An awareness of the value of old/large trees

Approval required BEFORE any more trees are knocked down.

update outdated rules

See above. Must make it much more difficult to remove significant trees and extremely costly to remove heritage tree. Eliminate cash in lieu of replacement.

**In Wayzata, what areas lack a robust and thriving tree canopy?
(i.e. specific neighborhoods, corridors, streets, parks, etc.)**

Wayzata Blvd - still very young

All of Lake street on the north side, south Barry near lake on either side, between bell tennis courts and the pump station. , Wayzata west school next to 394, across from their on the Luce line,

Lake Street where new condos have been built and in commercial areas. The oversized new condos give Lake Street a harsh appearance with no trees in front of them. Also the NW corner of the Wayzata Blvd/Central Avenue intersection and commercial areas along Wayzata Blvd from 101 North to 101 South at Bushaway Road.

Lake Street. Colonial Square, near Any large paved areas, or parking lots.

None

Main Street and the Promade.

As an example. Well, in the last 3 years, many trees have been cut down on Central Avenue, LaSalle, and Hampton street which have significantly and negatively impacted our tree canopy. For example, the most recent removal of a heritage oak tree on Hampton street (several weeks ago)and 6 other trees that provided shade, character, and improvement of views between neighbors.

I can't think of any areas except for Lake Street which lost trees with the Panoway project. The trees have for the most part been replaced but are too small yet to provide shade to pedestrians..

Hampton Street now that a neighbor cut all his trees down

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downtown, Eastman

NA. Just right as it should be today. Other than the newly Lake skipped bathrooms, Plaza redevelopment project also removal of tree is still there a good site lines towards our new historic house. So people don't have to walk through they can just view it from a far. Keep it simple. Simple lasts forever

Areas where houses have been torn down and rebuilt

Dakota Rail Regional Trail and the Panoway

n/a

Panoway.

Panoway area and the Promenade Development

Wayzata has proper tree coverage, many large trees look good from a far, but up close need a lot of expensive maintenance. Mandating new home owners or those who tear down an old home and build new should be reasonable. Homes are getting larger which drives up values which leads to an increased property tax base. We need to be welcoming as a city, use common sense. Home owners shouldn't be required to plant or replant a forest because someone did it 35 years ago.

Everywhere that we have increased hardcover - bigger homes, bigger developments.

Nothing specific

... no answer intended ...

Lake street, downtown neighborhoods near post office. Anywhere near a surface parking lot

Frontage road from Bushaway to Holdridge. Central north of Wayzata Blvd.

Go down Gardner Street -- lost all the matures trees in both front and back yards due to new construction.

Not sure. I think we're generally doing OK. Manitoba and Rice Sts have had a lot of trees removed over the years.

Lake street (Panoway!); LaSalle/ Central Ave - frog hollow neighborhood.

House development on Woodale

The beach is an area that is need of more shade options.

none

Downtown/lake street. Too much hard space

Unsure

Panoway.

Lake Street

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none to my knowledge

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Pan o way

Lake Street

The tree canopy is slowly being reduced with each individual project. I think if we counted up the tree lost in the last 5 years, we would be horrified...if you're a "tree hugger"!

The North Neighborhood (Klapprich park) has lost a significant amount of trees due to construction, as well as the neighborhood on Circle A Drive. I am disappointed with how many trees were removed on Lake Street to accommodate for the new Panoway.

Lake Street lake front area

Corridors

The Highcroft neighborhood

the coastline of Lake Minnetonka in the Frendale neighborhood. Some yards have been cleared of all trees and it looks horrible and unnatural for our area.

?

Lake St.; lake front,; Wayzata Blvd from 101 to Ferndale.

Don't know

Wherever developers (who are too lazy these days) cut every tree down to build.

101

I can't think of anything.

Neighbors downtown

Not that familiar with whole city

I am not sure I havent been in all areas.

Downtown

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The PANAWAY is lacking any color or flowers...way too much concrete and lack of parking and road due to concrete!

Locust Hills, Wayzata Blvd. corridor

Commercial development

Panoway Park

Any Pillar homes property.

Central Wayzata is under threat from development investment companies. Specifically, the areas of Chicago Ave, Broadway Ave., Park Ave. , Rice Street, Wayzata Blvd.

Wayzata blvd betwwen 101 and Bushaway. More trees along the Panoway park would be nice.

Park St E

All of the neighborhoods are losing trees with the new builds. I live in the Highlands neighborhood and there have been 4 houses torn down in the last year with so many trees and at least one more home taken down soon. This is happening in all of the neighborhoods. The new buildings in downtown Wayzata have certainly maximized their space and minimized natural surroundings. Even the Lake Effect took so many trees down. It's hard to believe there is any tree ordinance at all. Also, planting trees in straight lines along roads does not make up for taking down natural growth trees. It is not even close to the beauty and charm of the old growth trees in natural patterns.

New development areas, particularly between Wayzata Blvd and Lake St.

None that I know of

N/A

The Panoway.

Downtown corridor- the new panaway ! Almost all new home construction as the size of the homes continue to grow and trees are an afterthought at best.

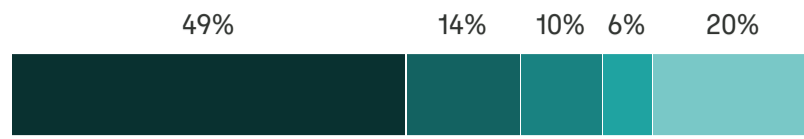
Which types of projects should have the most strict tree replacement requirements? (Rate each project type on a scale of 1-5, 1 being the most strict requirements.)

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New single-family home construction	35%	20%	19%	6%	20%
Single-family home addition	25%	16%	20%	17%	22%
Public infrastructure projects	36%	20%	20%	9%	14%
Land grading projects	39%	16%	16%	7%	22%
Renovate existing building	28%	17%	25%	14%	16%
Demo and rebuild of new building	39%	23%	16%	4%	17%

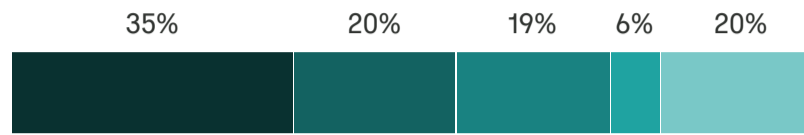
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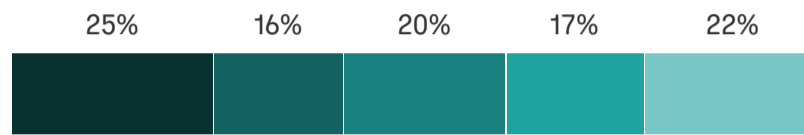
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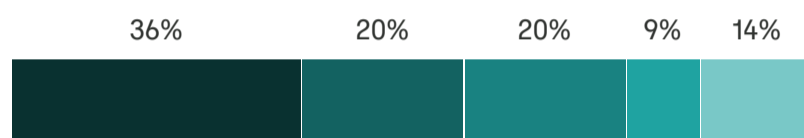
New single-family home construction



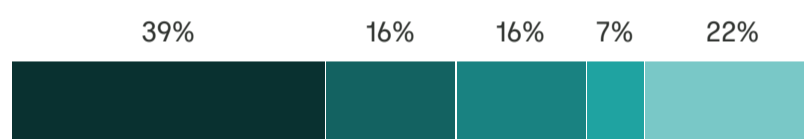
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Public infrastructure projects



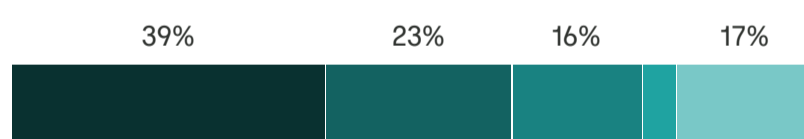
Land grading projects



Renovate existing building



Demo and rebuild of new building



Beyond the types of projects listed in question 8, are there additional types of projects this tree ordinance should apply to?

All projects should have a tree review

Homeowners who cut down trees which are not on their property, without obtaining agreement from neighbor

Our Parks, width of medians, amount of space equal to potential canopy so tree roots can thrive, mulching like a donut 🍩 not like a 🌋 volcano

Not that I know if

Any projects within Wayzata that impact the geography/land around the project/entity.
For example, school and church additions/renovations/etc.

New rooftop gardens and plantings

Multi family housing

Residential landscaping changes

Townhouse/condo communities.

Much of the lakeshore, as viewed from the lakeside appears to be clear cut.
Reasonable plantings could be established to help control run off.

Park improvement projects

Homeowner Associations

They should all be strict

Wayzata Blvd

Replanting trees similar to ones that have had to be removed. I was disappointed to see some beautiful coniferous trees come down in the neighborhood.

no

Clearing land for new home construction

none they I can think of

na

Any project that takes down trees or causes a tree to die because of poor practices need heavy fines and/or replacement of trees, 2:1 caliper inches, and not 2 saplings for one mature Oak.

No

Regional trail construction

the tree ordinance should apply across the board with zero exceptions.

Over-treed residential lots of scrub trees.

PUD

Street reconstruction

wetland and high runoff areas, lakeshore buffer area (the first 100' should retain the trees for runoff and erosion control plus leaving the lake in a natural state.

Unknown

Previously unimproved land

I think in cases of renewable energy on an existing building, the priority should be weighed against the value of the Heritage Tree to the neighborhood. I think in cases of renewable energy included in the plans of an investment development company to re-develop a lot with existing buildings on it, the existing Heritage Trees should be prioritized.

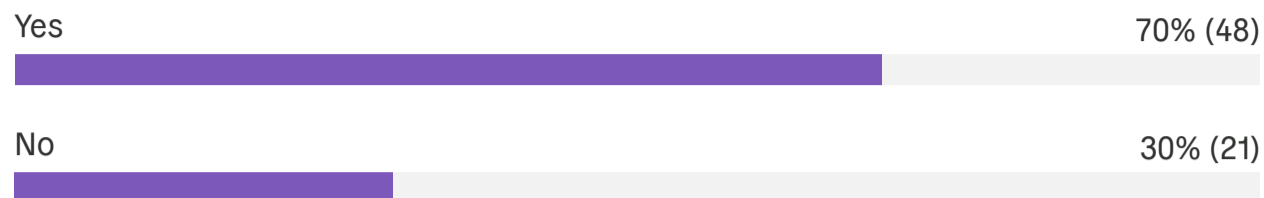
Adding mulch around trees is the most effective way to protect our bird populations (mulch provides a place for caterpillars, and other insects birds eat, to complete their life cycle. Birds need this food source to raise their chicks and grass beneath trees does not allow this.

Not that I can think of

Utilities

All commercial development .

Should Heritage trees continue to be replaced at a 2 to 1 inch ratio?



Explain your answer to Question #10

I trust that is the correct ratio - but I'd support more robust ratio

I'm not sure about this question

I don't understand the question

They are treasures!

Every situation should be decided individually, It doesn't make sense to replace a 30" tree with 15 2" trees.

Well - if you mean they need to be replaced by a tree that is 1/2 as big as the heritage tree, that is a step in the right direction. But it would be best to just keep the heritage tree.

Case by case

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That means we transplanted a heritage tree from some other heritage site to replace a heritage tree that we cut down and removed. Makes no sense. When's the right time to plant a tree? Yesterday.

I personally don't think heritage trees should be allowed to be torn down

Sounds like a good idea, but I am not up on both sides of that conversation.

Strength and a fuller canopy.

1:1 would seem more appropriate, given that new trees will grow over time.

Good trees take time to grow and prosper, if they are removed and a replant is required, a one tree to one tree ration should be satisfactory. Overgrowth, of which there is plenty can also be a problem.

I am not sure why you're asking the public for this answer. It was deemed appropriate at one time. What has changed?

With the increase of the threat to the life and health of trees by disease and invasives this gives the best chance to keep a strong and thriving urban forest

... a robust and thriving tree canopy ...

We need more trees in Wayzata!

Does that mean cut down a 5"/replace with a 10"? I don't understand, but if that makes them consider the results of their decisions I'm for it.

leave heritage trees alone if they are healthy and not causing any peril to structures

You lose so much when one of the heritage trees is removed. We need that capacity replaced. In addition we need to disincentivize their removal.

Too many mature trees are being taken down

I am not sure if two to one is necessary but there should be a commitment to replacing all trees that are removed with new ones.

good

If I understand question 10 correctly, replacing a heritage 30" dbh tree with a 15" dbh tree would be necessary to provide similar benefits to the environment and the community without 20+ years to regrow

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In my experience this is a financial hardship on land owners and developers. Often times the number of replacement trees is so great that there is not enough places to plant them.

I could say yes/no to #10 - again, I think the full picture of the lot, heritage trees that might remain and the long-term view of what the lot might look like after A LOT of trees mature should be a factor and consideration.

It should depend on the size of trees being used to replace trees

good policy

Softwood trees keep water from flooding basements as they are constantly keeping the water at bay. Raptors use large trees for hunting and nesting and fox, skunks, and other carnivores use old trees for dens and these groups keep the rodent population under control.

I have several heritage trees on my property, as do my neighbors. I have several homes near me that have been torn down/redeveloped by developers and they often clear-cut lots to not have to work around trees. Those lost canopies are never replaced in this lifetime and have drastically changed the feel of our neighborhood.

Slow growth and unpredictable survival rate

Next generation trees should be a priority

If anything, the ratio should be higher.

any large tree greater 6 inches in diameter should be preserved. Heritage trees should be named and mapped and celebrated.

Obviously large trees are more important than smaller versions.

Such a small percentage of trees survive 20 years, much less to full maturity, two to one is even inadequate.

One large tree would do.

More cover faster.

I see no need to take down Heritage trees unless they are unhealthy or compromised. You can't buy a tree from the nursery that will get that big or live that long. Heritage trees are to be cherished and nurtured.

Plant what is owner's choice

It's normal that some of them will be lost to natural causes.

It takes 20 years to equal the tree radius at a 2:1. We need to think of our trees as the 150 years it took to grow to what they are. It was the clearcutting of the Big Woods by (James J Hill) to build the railroads in the 1870s that give us a hard date as to how long it took to regrow the forest.

Don't know It all depends on location and circumstances.

I actually think the ratio should be higher than 2 to 1

Once again it's difficult to answer the question. Without knowing what a heritage tree is.

1:1 is good as long as they are more hardwoods. If it isn't a hardwood it should be 3:1. Stop planting pine trees!

The evaluation and questions around Heritage Trees should change to include: What importance is this tree to climate change adaptation and resilience, AGE of the tree, Size of the canopy, Where the canopy falls: on what nearby properties, does it affect the streets nearby and if so, how is that street used (biking, walking, driving), and What value is that tree to the community.

The current ordinance is worthless because developers simply pay a fine rather than comply.

I am not sure what this means.

No strong opinion

It's always a good thing to replace trees

If not 3:1 or more!

Minimum replacement should be using largest that can be transplanted. In addition to 2:1 replacement a fine of \$ should be added so removal would become a rare event.

In what ways should the City require or encourage planting a diversity of trees?

Make list of recommended trees

All projects are subject to a tree review with established rules

The city should plant trees around the new bathroom structure next to COV. That structure is an eyesore and needs camouflage.

Require replacement of any trees larger than 6feet. Do you know how long it takes a tree to grow to mature size?

Require a variety of preferred trees at a reasonable proportion to size of property. Avoid the nursery sample yard approach

I don't know, it's hard to out guess what trees may have trouble in the future. Such as Elms, Oaks, Ash?

Encouraging diversity could be done through education and some potential partnerships with a few local businesses who sell trees.

Education.

Not important to me.

Not important to me.

Focus on native trees

Impossible

Plant native trees, not walls of Colorado blue spruce that will be dead on the inside in 10 years

social media campaign and public education meetings

Part of permit?

Require replacement where appropriate; encourage by providing recommended trees for private properties to choose from.

Education - recommended tree list on City website.

Education, not all of us are experts on the variety of trees. Many will buy what is suggested by their landscaper or what is least expensive.

No comment

Tree sale, property tax reduction

... permit requirement ...

Part of zoning variance, required of all new developments, any property with x number of parking spots

Have a suggestion list of good performers such as Autumn Blaze Maples. STRONGLY discourage weed trees such as weeping willows.

Maples and oaks do well really here -- why change it?

I wouldn't require diversity, but i would as part of something like design standards indicate preferred species and to recommended that not all be of the same type.

Have available a list of trees that thrive and grow relatively quickly

Provide information about various trees might help people be interested to try some variety.

I suppose education in what trees are native but are becoming "endangered" with recent storms or construction.

done

City should encourage diversity through public education and annual city funded subsidized tree sale to residents, as well as requiring all contractors to protect, preserve, add and or replace all trees with specific height, dbh, and diversity requirements

Unsure. Education could be one way.

Evergreens

Free trees

Take a tree replace a tree

I think it is reasonable for the City to require a diverse mix of trees and to not except tree that are climate appropriate and not vulnerable to disease

Tree events like the one earlier this year when trees were given away, donated by Cargill. Also, ability to plant on neighboring land that is adjacent/next to private residences, but might be city right-of-way.

Publish a list of probable trees, it's hard to out guess what tree might fail in the future. Try not to get a too many of the same kind.

educate people

Inform the population about the importance for the health of our city. Maybe have a neighborhood competition to find the largest heritage tree and what type it is. i.e. Old Holdridge neighborhood has the oldest Cottonwood tree, Piety Hill neighborhood has the oldest and largest Maple tree while Highcroft has the oldest and largest Oak tree. Or this public park, space has the largest and oldest Black Walnut tree in the city. That could promote some awareness.

Have a list of suggested trees for replanting for landscapers.

Offer a tree sale with the approved trees available

None

No single species of tree should account for more than 50% of the total trees on a property; ranging from residential properties to city parks, to city boulevards

Do NOT allow new trees to be planted in place of established trees. A quality architect is able to work around existing trees. Offer tree sales through the city for residents like Minnetonka does.

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Talk with arborists!

Classes in tree selection and benefits.

As long as they are MN Native trees, offer discounts. Perhaps have the city help with planting. People are intimidated with planting their own trees and they often don't do it properly (root bound and such).

Many more maple and birch trees and coniferous evergreen trees (Zero cottonwood trees)

Provide guidance, the correct tree options and the opportunity to buy the trees to the residents.

Hard woods need to be planted. No arborvitae

Good idea to provide some choicesi

work with existing orgs to find info people can use to find the right tree for their lots
There is plenty of info out there, from the U of M and other places.

The city should have a list of acceptable trees. Some people just pick the cheapest ones they can get ahold of to satisfy the requirement to replace, but they can also be the ugly ones.

The state has identified a proper selection of native trees to rebuild a forest.

Have an expert on board and research.

Have an educational brochure available for all projects where tree planting is planned and check in with the owners.

Arbor day programs

Either by code or buy once a year selling trees at a discount.

Focus on hardwoods

Education events, free tree giveaways in April with free speakers, have the parks & trails board undertake a tree plan for protecting the canopy on parks and streets in Wayzata

Hold tree sales events and educate on the benefits of native and diverse species.

They should somehow consult with an arborist from U of MN extension before deciding on which trees to plant.

Look to other cities that have been effective at this and follow their lead.

No strong opinion. Not sure pros and cons of similar vs. diversity of trees

Low or no cost trees

Leave this to the tree experts

Provide indigenous trees at no charge.

City arborist should be consulted on all projects.

Should a tree be required to be planted in the front yard of every new single-family home?

Yes 52% (36)



No 48% (33)



How should the City ensure compliance with the already approved tree preservation plans and also ensure the health of the trees throughout the years? (Select your top one or two)

Stricter fines and penalties 51% (35)



Education 53% (36)



More frequent inspections

69% (47)

Are there other options, not listed above, that would help ensure compliance?

Rules of construction, remodeling, development etc in place

Have a Forestry position in the city, like Robbinsdale, a far less affluent city than Wayzata. Refigure your budget and don't push it onto Parks and Trails the way you did with sidewalks.

Enforce what is already in place, which is not being done now. Hotel landing!

work with local utilities who are asked by home owners to remove trees. There are many other things that can be done - burying lines, effective tree trimming., etc.

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Relax requirements

Consequences and enforcement are the key. Also consequences for tree removal companies.

... unknown ...

Make them, such as Starbucks, comply!

assess the new homeowner with a large tree replacement for the one they knocked out

Encourage residents to report tree removals that they think are excessive so that the city arborist can plug in before they are all gone.

All building applications and renovations should receive and be notified of the ordinance.

none

Allow building permits to be stopped if builders do not follow tree preservation ordinances

Fines

Maybe

A more nuanced wording/consideration of ordinance goals and outcomes

If you're going to do more inspections then you have to follow up and enforcement, which doesn't seem to be happening.

nana

Heavy fines and the tree must be living 5 years beyond the point it was preserved or the developer is responsible for removing and replacing the tree along with fines. Each DBH inch will cost \$1000. if it is killed because of carelessness! We must make this tough!!! Also in Question 14- education for all community members including staff, Council and PC!

I think strict fines are the greatest way to hold people accountable.

Public shaming

Incentives such as small tax breaks or subsidies could be offered to ensure compliance. Lead with carrots, not sticks.

Do not allow new construction at the cost of woods. Preserve our woods at all costs. There's plenty of room for new developments on old farm lands that are already

cleared of trees.

Offer incentives

Letting residents know they can report an issue. Neighbors love to police their neighbors.

Developer not allowed to build when they clear cut lots.

Free tree consultation g

Education is really important. You might ask a u of m extension forester to give some public talks on forest management etc, teach people how to properly prune, and other practical things.

A 24 hour hotline to report violations.

Every city needs an arborist who works with the city to properly plan and retain the forest.

Photo taken of property and then sent to owners with suggestions for improvement.

As a resident, homeowner and worker here, I would like the city to live the value of protecting Heritage Trees by requiring residents to get permits to take down Heritage Trees. I would like to see the city notify all neighbors within a city block. This would help ensure the health, safety and welfare of our neighborhoods because we know that neighborhoods with denser canopies are healthier for the people there. We also know that the neighborhoods with good tree cover have higher property values than neighborhoods where tree cover is lacking.

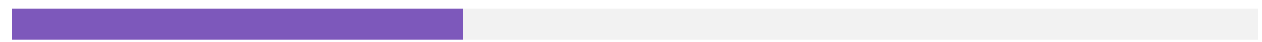
Yes, three (or maybe even two) strikes and you're out. If you have ignored or disregarded the ordinance three times you are no longer able to develop properties in Wayzata.

Again, look to cities with effective tree ordinances and follow their lead.

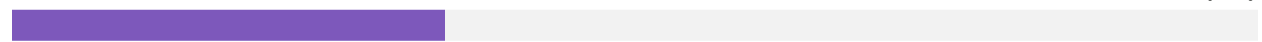
If found not in compliance landscape company performing work to be given one warning with appropriate fine. Second offense loss of ability to operate in the city.

Should the City employ an additional staff member to review Tree Preservation Plans, ensure compliance with the Ordinance, and inspect trees in the City. '(Keep in mind this would require additional funding)

Yes 36% (25)



No 35% (24)



Unsure 29% (20)



What should the penalty be for not following the approved plans (i.e. taking down additional trees, not replacing the necessary number of trees, etc.)?

Large fines and requirement for planting

Canceling of their permit

The state law allows 10 times damages for cutting down a tree you don't own. Fine should be ten times the value of the tree.

A fine equal to the cost of planting including a good tree

Revision of planting

I don't know, money doesn't seem to bother big developer's, just like parking ordinances they just buy their way out.

not sure - I'd like to see some options. Dollar fines, restriction of ability to continue building in Wayzata (if a developer), are a few options

I don't know.

Fines and forced replacement

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Replacing trees that were removed and fines

Yes. Cease-and-desist

Fines

\$1K fine

fine

Replace and cost to the property assessed.

Requirement to replace with new or face a fine, revoke other city privileges (i.e. use of city dock slip, use of beach sticker, etc)

There is not a one size fits all approach. We have a one acre lot, with high tree density. These trees are 30+ years old, several are not well and will die in the short term. As this happens, we will plant back some trees, but would not want as many as are here today. Too much of a good thing, I guess. If the City wants more trees, they can choose to incentivize home owners to plant them, requirements should be kept at a minimum. With new developments, follow our existing ordinances. For homeowners tearing down an old house and building new, the requirements should allow them to build a home that is popular today in look and size while being reasonable with new planting requirements.

Not sure what is in place now or if new consequences are needed or old ones adequate (and just need enforcing)??

Property tax hike

... stricter fines and penalties ...

Fine. Required to plant x number of trees

Fines based upon # of trees?

Assessment for larger tree replacement - bring in brand new LARGE tree from nursery. It will continue if there's no penalty.

A stiff monetary fine per caliper inch in violation, and require a new review of building plans in light of the violation. The problem is developers who act first and ask for forgiveness later. If it's just a fine, they can look at it as a cost of doing business. If their whole project would be cycled back through city approval and scrutiny with the delays that would cause, they would be less sanguine about it all.

Add fine to their city taxes or water bill until work is completed.

monetary fines.

Fines that fund the city to replant the quantity of trees that were supposed to go in elsewhere in the city.

fine and required replacement

Building permits pulled or stopped.

refusal of future permits to the companies involved.

\$500

Not replacing

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if an adequate explanation is not provided the penalty should be the cost to replace on a 2 to 1 caliper inch basis

Fines, tree replacement elsewhere, education

Don't know.

hefty fines

Heavy fines! Per DBH inch!

Fines that hurt a developer's bottom line, along with greater tree replacement requirements.

Public shaming

None

In the event this was done by a contractor, penalty would be the revocation of license to work in Wayzata (after the second offense)

death by public hanging... just kidding. Seriously the wealthy should not be allowed to just pay a fine. They don't care and that won't deter them. More education?? Perhaps a contest of who has the oldest healthiest trees, prettiest tress etc -make it a competition. I don't know how to get through to self centered home owners who could give a tip about our environment.

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Fines, mandatory community service, mandatory urban forestry classes.

Just that they need to follow through and offer them assistance.

Big fines, though in Wayzata, that might not be a deterrent.

Depends on if it's a company or individual

Have the city plant the tree and bill the resident. Not sure if this is reasonable.

Cannot receive future building permits.

Submit revised plan that corrects matter

Maybe 3 times the value of the tree taken down.

Fines. Community service. Public shaming at the next council meeting.

\$1000 per inch of significant and heritage trees for clear cutting, and \$500 per inch for discretionary removal. This should apply to all existing trees, if the tree is healthy and a property owner removes it, this fee should apply.

Don't know

Enforce remedy if possible (e.g. planting more trees) or a fine appropriate for non-compliance

Fines to an arbor fund

Find the homeowner or property owner. Escalating.

BIG fines and assessments. Red Tag projects.

Among residents: I think that except in cases of willful negligence, the goal has to be education. I think that a permit must be required to remove Heritage and Significant Trees and the city can require a 1-hour annual education and short exam of all city-licensed tree contractors so that homeowners avoid being in a penalty situation. I think investment development companies must get a variance permit to remove heritage and significant trees and that if it is granted, the company should be expected to pay to remove Heritage and Significant Trees based upon the value of the trees to the neighborhood, the canopy, the age of the tree, the species of it and how important the tree(s) are to climate change adaptation, and not based only upon the DBH and not only upon replanting plans.

Depends on if it is a developer or homeowner - developer's fines should be high enough to significantly interfere with the profitability of the entire project. To keep this simple, permits should be required to take down any tree. The permit would be free for very small trees and a variance would be required for large ones - this would give the city an opportunity to understand what is happening to the private tree canopy in our city and protect it where necessary.

\$1000 fine first offense, \$2000 fine second and you're out third.

Follow the lead of cities with effective tree ordinances.

Something that is actually a disincentive, such as \$1,000/year for being in violation for homeowner, and \$10,000/year for developer. None of this \$200 fine stuff - developers would happily pay that

No opinion

monetary penalty or withholding building permit

Fines

See above #15

Provide any additional comments on the Tree Preservation Ordinance.

Be tough from the get go do people can't ask for forgiveness. It takes a long time to grow a large tree.

The cow is out of the barn. Panoway increased our hard surfaces by 50%. We desperately need shade by the water! We need protection from the wind.

Use volunteers.

When you ask a question like - should every new house be required to plant a tree in the front yard, the question doesn't cover various scenarios (like the landscape/geography/etc., so it isn't a fair question to ask.

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Good luck with trees. You've struggled so dearly with buildings. Look at Lake Street from End to end. OMG there's no fixing that

Thank you for your work on this project

Keep the ordinance simple. Replace heritage trees 1:1.

Common sense approach, consider costs of the homeowner for those with high tree density, property rights matter.

no other comments

... climate aware relevant activity ...

Let's start by forcing Starbucks to comply.

Watch builders/developers -- one came in our yard and "shaved up" our evergreen trees for the new construction next door. They were 15 feet into our property and not hanging over into theirs. Again, an attempt to make their green space much larger than it really truly is. Maybe the real problem is that we shouldn't be shoehorning such large new houses on tiny .17 acre lots, and wiping out all the trees in the process?

The current system is too weak. It must be tightened.

Reinstate Tree Preservation Committee or whatever it was called. These could be volunteers of residents that have a passion for this along with a city employee to assist them.

None

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I think that the natural environment in Wayzata is excellent and don't sense a significant diminishment in our tree canopy or see a need to increase it. That being said I think there are circumstances where Planning and the City Council should require some reasonable tree preservation but also understand that there is often a trade-off between trees/grading and density/tax base.

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We need to STOP cutting down trees and start planting more for future generations!

Heritage and significant trees are very important to the aesthetic and feel of the city of Wayzata.

Typically, those that respond to this issue are extremely passionate and create overreaching personal opinions that don't necessarily reflect the best future and/or opinions of property owners, and impose restrictions on property that is not owned by them or the City and not creating the best future designed by landscaping professionals.

We think it's super cool that the City of Wayzata has a tree ordinance!

Good luck saving the precious trees! thanks!

Trees are vital infrastructure, just like sewer and water, roads and bridges, electric grid and energy distribution.

Trees are so important! Thank you for your efforts to renew, save and protect them.

Wayzata will soon look like a suburb that used to be a corn field. No large trees will be left and it will take generations for new trees to replace the current old trees.

Offer trees to home owners to plant on their property

Thanks for offering this poll.

Trees are life.

There is significant information at the U of M, State, and Federal governments studies.

I am pleasantly surprised that people are even taking notice of this. I wasn't aware there even was an ordinance, make it known.

There has to be a balance between preservation and overly strict, draconian measures.

I think a more far reaching Tree Preservation Ordinance will help residents retain and increase the property values of neighborhoods.

Thank you for asking residents their opinion on this topic. Also, could increasing the fines pay for the time it takes to enforce this by city personnel?

The developers are so greedy that you must watch them like hawks, and enforce the three strike rule. Otherwise they are so rich they will continue to just pay fines as the cost of doing business.

Time is critical to get these changes implemented. By end of year please!!

