

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Green Acres Program

Tree Removal Evaluation Form

Applicant: _____ Block/Lot: _____
Project Name: _____ Location: _____
Municipality (*If different than applicant*): _____

Trees can provide a variety of ecological, social, and cultural services, including habitat for wildlife, public recreation, water filtration, decreasing ambient air temperatures, and carbon sequestration and storage. To ensure that park development projects support these benefits, applicants shall provide detailed information regarding any tree removal proposed as part of the project, as well as a discussion of alternatives to removing the trees. Projects that propose excessive tree removals will not be eligible for funding. **If more than 10 trees over 6" DBH* or more than 50% of the tree inventory at the project site are proposed to be removed, please contact Green Acres to discuss the proposed project.**

Alternatives Review

- Please discuss whether the proposed removal of any tree listed below could be avoided by relocating proposed facilities on the site:

- Please discuss whether the proposed removal of any tree listed below could be avoided through trimming or securing (cabling, bracing):

Please estimate the current total number of trees in the project site: _____

Municipal Tree Ordinance

All applicants should adhere to any existing ordinance that governs tree removal while administering their park development or stewardship project, even if the ordinance would otherwise exempt the proposed project.

Tree Characteristics

Please complete the requested information for each tree over 6" DBH that is proposed to be removed.

Species	DBH	Condition (<i>Healthy, Diseased, Damaged, Dead</i>)	Exceptional Specimen?	Historically Significant?	Significant Ecological Value?	Located in Riparian Zone?	Located on Steep Slope?	Additional Notes

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*** Definitions:**

DBH = Diameter at Breast Height – Tree diameter measured 4.5 feet from ground level on the downhill side of the tree.

Exceptional Specimen – A tree that is particularly impressive or unusual example of a species due to its size, shape, age, or any other trait that epitomizes the character of the species.

Historically Significant – A tree that is associated with a notable local or regional historic event, person, structure, or landscape.

Significant Ecological Value – A tree that provides greater than average ecological benefits, e.g., by providing food or shelter to threatened or endangered wildlife.

Riparian Zone – Land and vegetation within and directly adjacent to all surface water bodies including, but not limited to lakes, ponds, reservoirs, perennial and intermittent streams, up to and including their point of origin, such as seeps and springs.

Steep Slopes – Areas with slopes greater than 15 percent.

Certification

I certify that information provided is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. (*Signature does not imply an endorsement of the proposed project.*)

Signature

Date: _____

Print Name

Title (check one): ☐ Chairperson, Shade Tree Commission
☐ Chairperson, Environmental Commission
☐ NJ Licensed Tree Expert